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mRNA vaccine delivery

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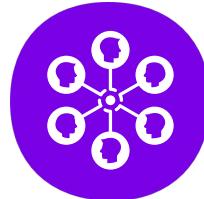
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Building Sanofi's *mRNA Center of Excellence*

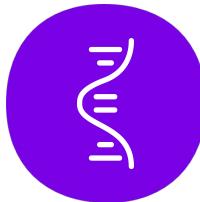
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2 main hubs in the
United States & France



Building a global
team of 450+



A core of research &
innovation for mRNA



An internalized
end-to-end mRNA
platform



Investment of
€ 400m per year



Building on our
strengths & expertise

Bridging Knowledge Gap on mRNA Vaccines



- Boostability in Response to Strain Change



Efficacy & Tolerability beyond pandemic stains



- Multivalent & Combination Vaccine Delivery



Appropriate level of immuno-stimulation



Thermostability & Storage



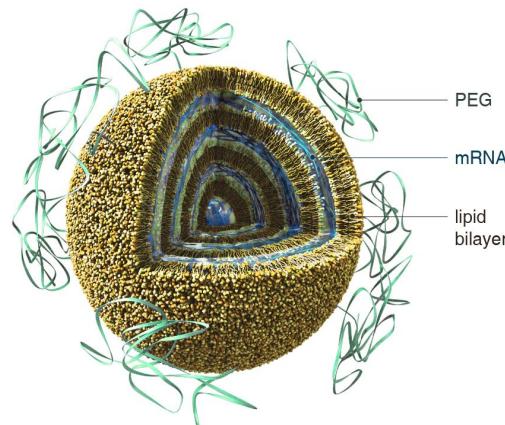
Industrialization & Manufacturing footprint

mRNA-LNP Design Attributes

Potency & stability



Stability



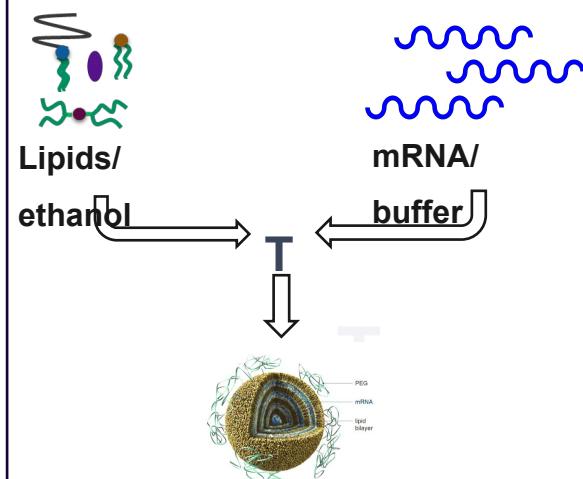
- Comprehensive array of platform variants
- Aimed to modulate stability, translation efficiency, and immune-stimulatory profile
- Targeting a fully integrated well-established manufacturing platform

LNP formulation development

Formulation processes



Proprietary, robust, scalable LNP formulation processes



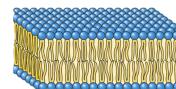
Formulation optimization



Improvements through both SAR and formulation optimization to maximize expression

How do we achieve that ?

- Composition changes
- Process changes
- New helper lipids and PEG lipids
- Excipients, buffers, antioxidants etc.



Formulation development



Optimizing stability profile of the 'lead' formulations for clinical development and ease of use

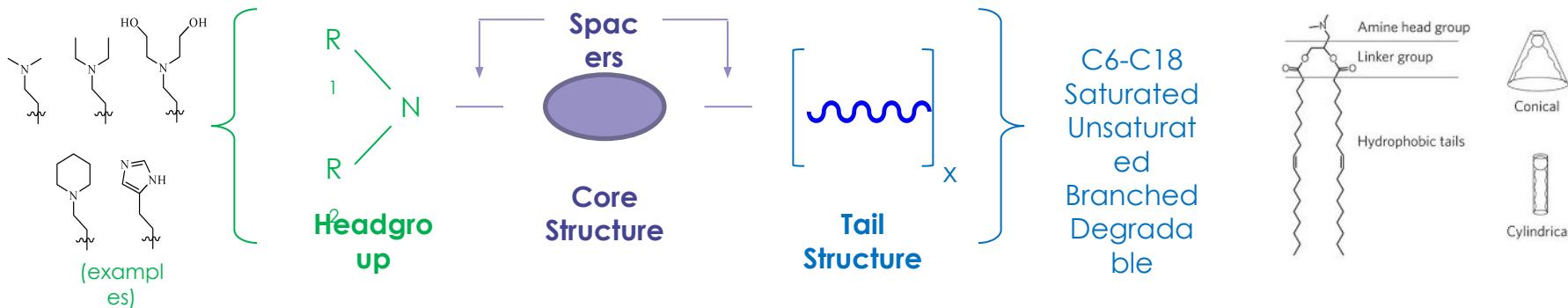
Development of cryo stable & lyophilized formulations for different presentations at different storage temperatures



Novel lipid design, screening, and selection

Building a suite of diverse lipids to enable current and accelerate future programs

Library Approach:

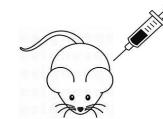


Balancing synthesis of novel tails with functional linker groups and core structures

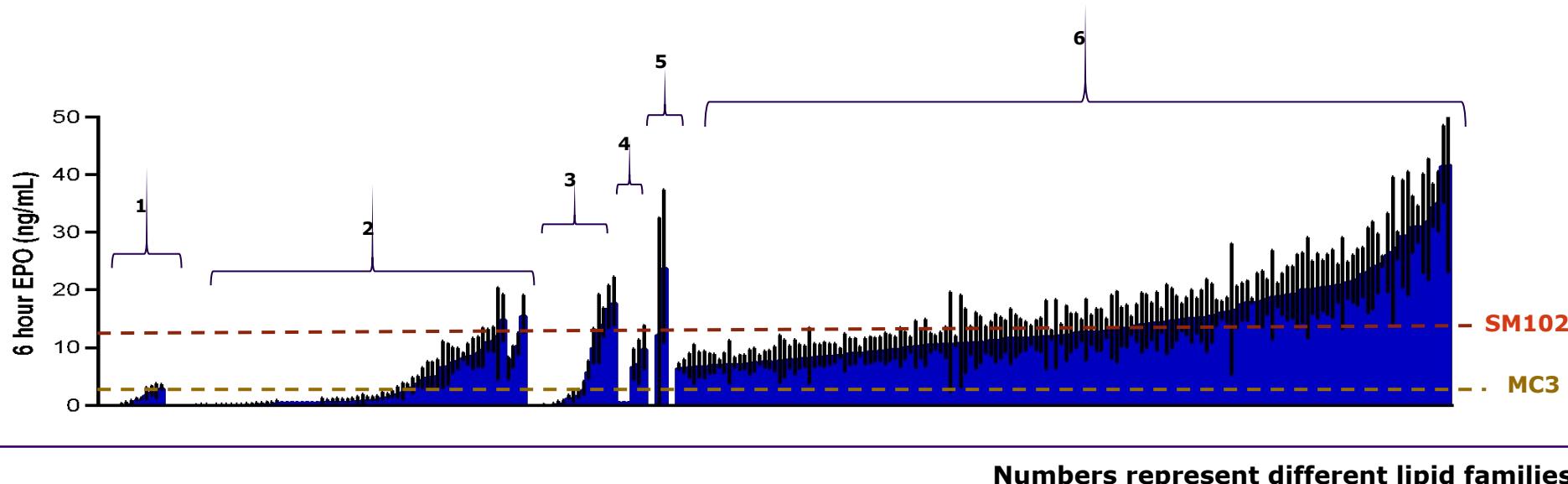
Build on *in vivo* data generation to establish SAR to maximize optimization for best candidates

High-throughput LNP screenings that enable broad applicability through multiple ROAs

Intramuscular ROA

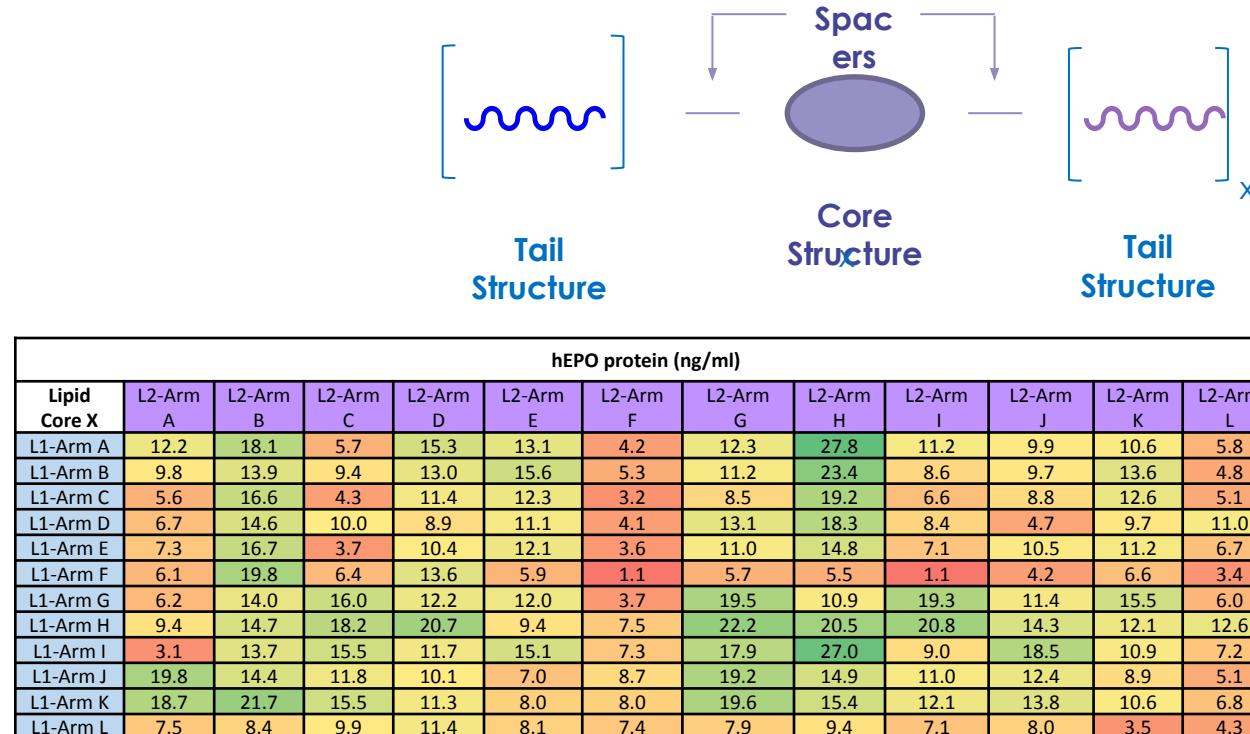


Multiple lipids families showing high EPO expression



Determining structure activity relationships (SAR) within a library matrix for selecting optimal lipid candidate

- Structure- activity relationship (SAR) approach
- Screening of alkyl chain length, linker type & length, saturation, branching etc.
- 'Heat map' identifying lipid hits and optimal designs in the family
- Deepen understanding and apply for novel designs



LNP process is highly scalable

- Create small scale LNP processes that mimic our large scale process needs
- This ensures comparability from research grade to large scale GMP and beyond

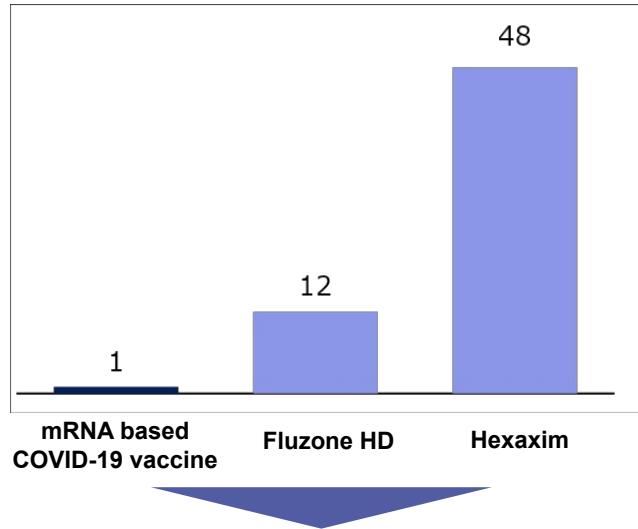
**Successfully completed multiple 100g scale single batch
LNP drug products**

	100 mg scale	5g Scale	100g Scale
Size	55-60 nm	55 nm	50 nm
PDI	<0.2	0.10	0.16
Encapsulation	80-90	90%	91%



Overcoming mRNA thermostability challenges

Storage at 4°C is needed for vaccines outside pandemic



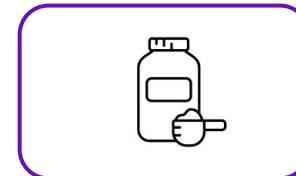
Stability of lyophilized mRNA drug product achieved



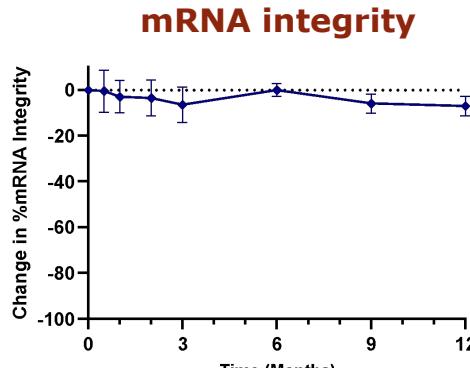
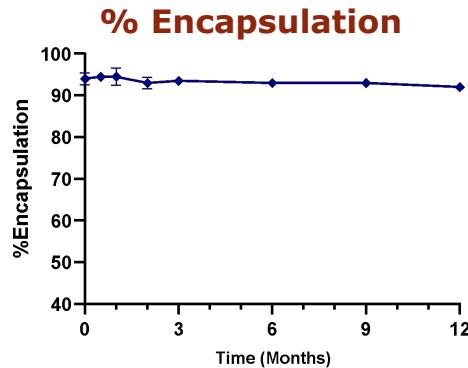
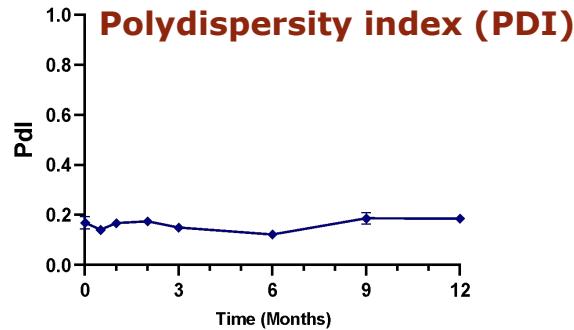
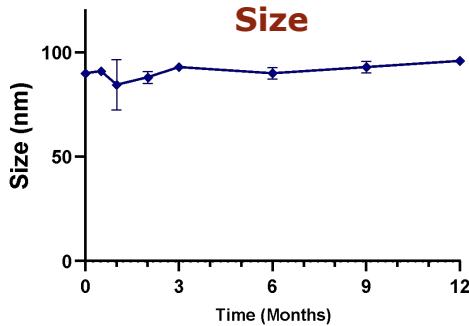
Development of fully liquid formulation underway



Evaluation of dry powder as novel delivery system

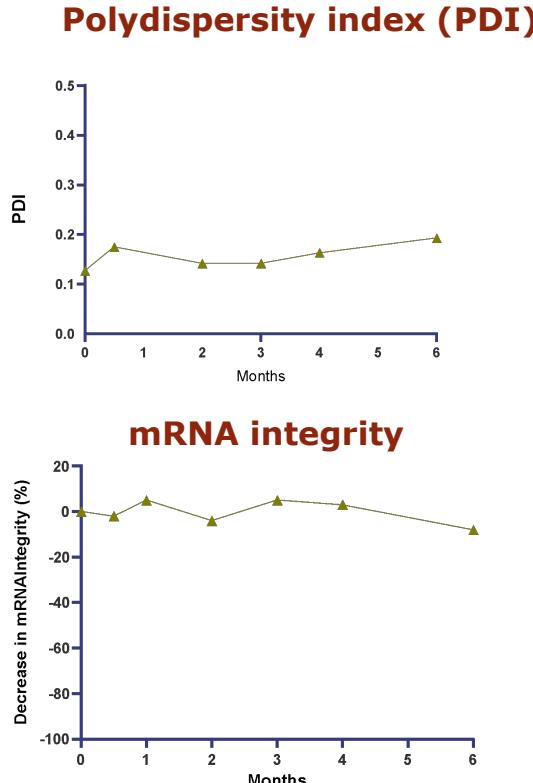
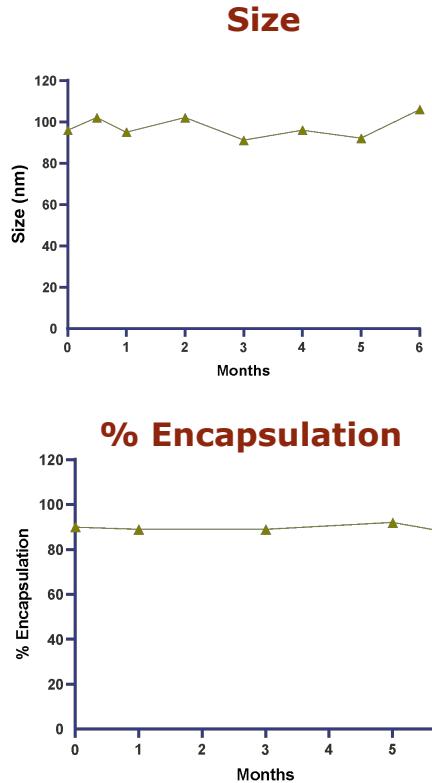


Optimized lyophilized formulation for 2-8C storage



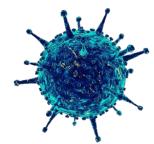
Promising 1 year
stability at 2-8 C
storage

Dry powder formulation for 2-8C storage



Exploring dry powder formulation for expanding mRNA applications and improvement in thermostability

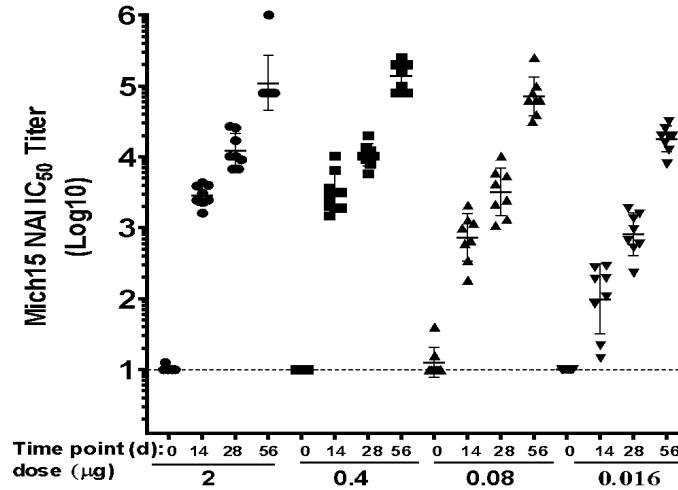
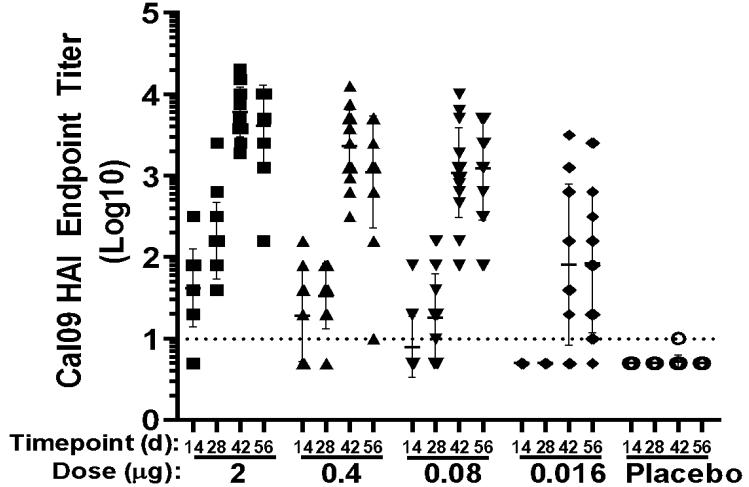
Dose response of influenza (HA & NA) vaccines in mice



**Influenza
(HA/NA)**

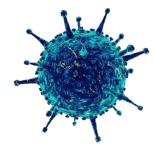


- Mice given 1 or 2 doses (d0, d28) of hemagglutinin (HA) or neuraminidase (NA) (0.016 - 2ug)



Clear dose response observed from 0.016 – 2ug for both HA & NA LNP vaccines

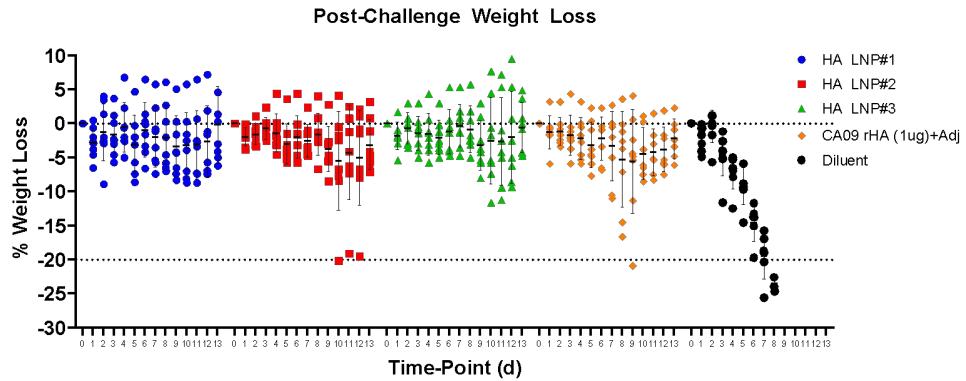
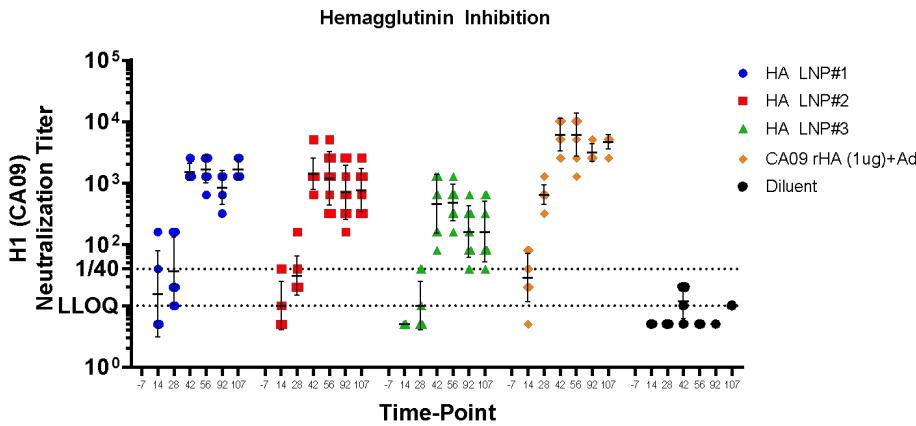
HA Challenge Study in Mice: *Protection from lethal challenge observed with multiple LNPs*



Influenza (HA)



- Mice challenged with Belgium09 influenza (day 93 post-dose) and monitored for weight loss/survival
- 3 different LNPs (0.4 ug) tested against rHA subunit controls



Protection with all three LNPs after 0.4 ug dose

Breaking Barriers to Go Beyond

	mRNA 1.0	mRNA 2.0	mRNA 3.0
Immunogenicity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High
Reactogenicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate to high	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tolerability profile in line with established vaccines	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tolerability profile in line with established vaccines
Thermostability	<input type="checkbox"/> ~1 month shelf life (2-8°C)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lyophilized or 9 – 12 months fully liquid	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lyophilized or 9 – 12 months fully liquid
Duration of expression	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 3 days	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 3 days	Extended halflife
Next Gen features	<input type="checkbox"/> -	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multivalent and combination delivery without interference	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Efficient cell & organ specificity
			
	Applicable to pandemic market	Required profile for vaccines beyond pandemic	Optimal profile for therapeutics



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