

# ARCTURUS THERAPEUTICS

Building the Next Generation of RNA Medicines

Development of a self-transcribing and replicating (STARR™)  
mRNA vaccine candidate against SARS-CoV-2

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# Company Highlights



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**Arcturus is a Clinical-Stage mRNA Vaccines and Medicines Company**

## Publicly Traded (Nasdaq: ARCT)

- Headquarters: San Diego, CA
- Number of Employees: 97
- Founded: 2013

## Promising Therapeutic Candidates

- LUNAR-COV19 (COVID-19 Vaccine)
- LUNAR-OTC (Ornithine Transcarbamylase Deficiency)
- LUNAR-CF (Cystic Fibrosis)
- Additional Earlier Stage Programs



**Arcturus Technologies Validated by Multiple Strategic Partners**



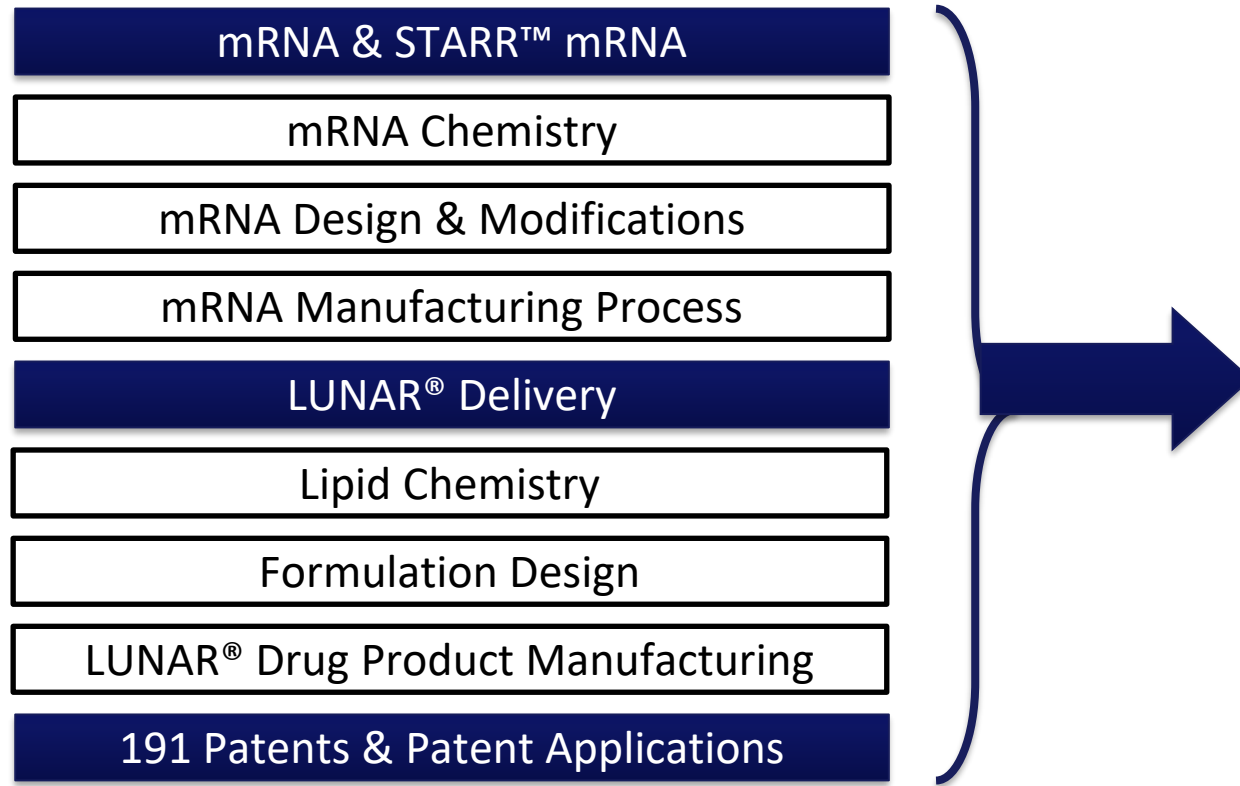


# Proprietary mRNA Technologies Driving Promising Therapeutic Programs

*Broad and Strong Intellectual Property Portfolio*



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Program	Indication
LUNAR-COV19 (ARCT-021)	COVID-19 Vaccine
LUNAR-OTC (ARCT-810)	Ornithine Transcarbamylase (OTC) Deficiency
LUNAR-CF	Cystic Fibrosis
LUNAR-CV	Rare Cardiovascular Disease
LUNAR-MD	Rare Metabolic Disease
ADDITIONAL EARLIER STAGE PROGRAMS	

Value Drivers include Clinical Pipeline, Patents, mRNA & STARR™ and LUNAR® Delivery Platforms

# Arcturus Partnered Programs



Program	Partner	Indication	Arcturus Chemistry	Arcturus Delivery	Program Status
LUNAR-GSD3		Glycogen Storage Disease Type III	mRNA	LUNAR® Hepatocytes	Target IND 2020+
LUNAR-RARE		Undisclosed Rare Disease	mRNA	LUNAR® Hepatocytes	Preclinical
LUNAR-HBV		Hepatitis B	RNA	LUNAR® Hepatocytes	Preclinical
LUNAR-NASH		NASH	RNA	LUNAR® Stellate Cells	Preclinical
LUNAR-RPL	Large Pharma	Infectious Disease Prophylactic Vaccines	SGI's Replicon RNA	LUNAR®	Preclinical
LUNAR-AH	Large Animal Health Pharma	Infectious Disease Prophylactic Vaccines	SGI's Replicon RNA	LUNAR®	Preclinical

Arcturus Partnered Pipeline is Across Diverse Indications, Chemistry and Cell Types and Soon to Be in the Clinic

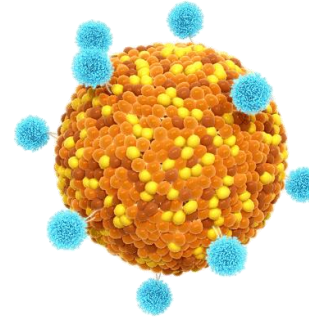


# Arcturus Pipeline of mRNA Medicines

Name	Indication	IND/CTA Estimated Timing	Clinical Stage	Route of Administration	Target Organ	Target Cells	Prevalence Worldwide
<b>LUNAR-OTC (ARCT-810)</b>	Ornithine Transcarbamylase (OTC) Deficiency	IND & CTA: Trials Allowed to Proceed	U.S. Phase 1b N.Z. Phase 1	Intravenous (i.v.)	Liver	Hepatocytes	> 10,000
<b>LUNAR-COV19</b>	ARCT-021 Vaccine	HSA Approved CTA: Allowed to Proceed	Singapore Phase 1/2 Clinical	Intramuscular (i.m.)	Muscle	Myocytes Dendritic Cells	Global
<b>LUNAR-CF</b>	Cystic Fibrosis	IND 2021	Preclinical	Inhaled Aerosol	Lung	Bronchial Epithelial Cells	> 70,000
<b>LUNAR-CV</b>	Rare Cardiovascular Disease	IND 2022	Preclinical	Intravenous (i.v.)	Liver	Hepatocytes	Undisclosed
<b>LUNAR-MD</b>	Rare Metabolic Disease	IND 2022	Preclinical	Intravenous (i.v.)	Liver	Hepatocytes	Undisclosed

- **LUNAR-OTC (ARCT-810): Phase 1b & Phase 1 Clinical Trials Allowed to Proceed Under IND & CTA, Respectively**
- **LUNAR-COV19: CTA Filing Target Summer 2020**
- **LUNAR-CF: IND Application Filing Target 2021**

# Arcturus LUNAR-COV19 Vaccine is Differentiated



## STARR™ mRNA & LUNAR® Delivery

### Key Differences from other mRNA vaccines

- Self-replicating STARR™ mRNA Technology, not conventional mRNA
- Proprietary LUNAR® Nanoparticle Delivery Technology
- Novel, proprietary and integrated Manufacturing Processes for mRNA Drug Substance and Drug Product

The integration of all three capabilities that are proprietary to Arcturus and the iterative process required creates significant challenges for a self-replicating mRNA to be developed

# Arcturus COVID-19 Vaccine has Significant Advantages



## Potential Single Shot

- Small, single intramuscular injection, devoid of adjuvants
- Simpler logistics for vaccinating large populations
- Lyophilized formulation further simplifies distribution

## Very Low Dose

- Reduced potential side effects, e.g. ISR's
- Means potentially more people vaccinated per manufactured batch

## Utilizes STARR™ mRNA (self-transcribing and self-replicating mRNA)

- STARR™ mRNA produces 30X more protein than conventional mRNA
- Lasts longer, booster shot may be unnecessary

## Contains No Viruses or Viral Material

- No dead viruses, no attenuated viruses, no virus or viral vectors (AAVs) used to deliver the mRNA vaccine
- LUNAR® Delivery Technology is Non-Viral

## Readily Manufactured

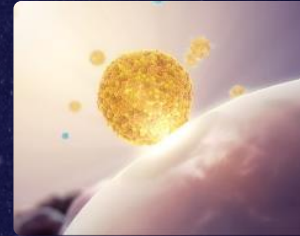
- Arcturus Proprietary Processes
- Proven; Scalable; High yields; High purities
- Capacity established in EU and US



# LUNAR<sup>®</sup> Delivery Technology



**LUNAR Associates  
with Cell Membrane**



Enters Cell  
Via Endocytosis

**Lipid Particle in  
Endosome**



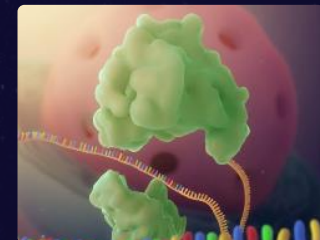
Increased Acidity as  
Endosome Ages

**pH-Mediated  
Disruption**



Rapid Biodegradation  
of Vehicle

**RNA  
in Cytosol**



RNA Processing  
and Translation

# Arcturus Developing LUNAR-COV 19 Vaccine with Duke-NUS



## Arcturus Duke-NUS Partnership Initiated March 4, 2020

- Duke-NUS Medical School: an academic world leader in coronaviruses and infectious diseases
- Funded up to \$10M by Duke-NUS

## Arcturus COVID-19 Vaccine Benefits From Duke-NUS Genetic Correlation System

- Helps Arcturus learn more quickly about the LUNAR-COV19 efficacy and safety profile
- Specific gene changes correlate with efficacy and safety
  - Level of neutralizing antibody titers
  - Safety-related adverse events (headache, fever)
- Gene expression changes can be measured within the first 5 days following vaccination

Data generated from the Duke-NUS system gives Arcturus the ability to more efficiently select the dose and streamline the vaccine development program

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# STARR™ RNA Technology



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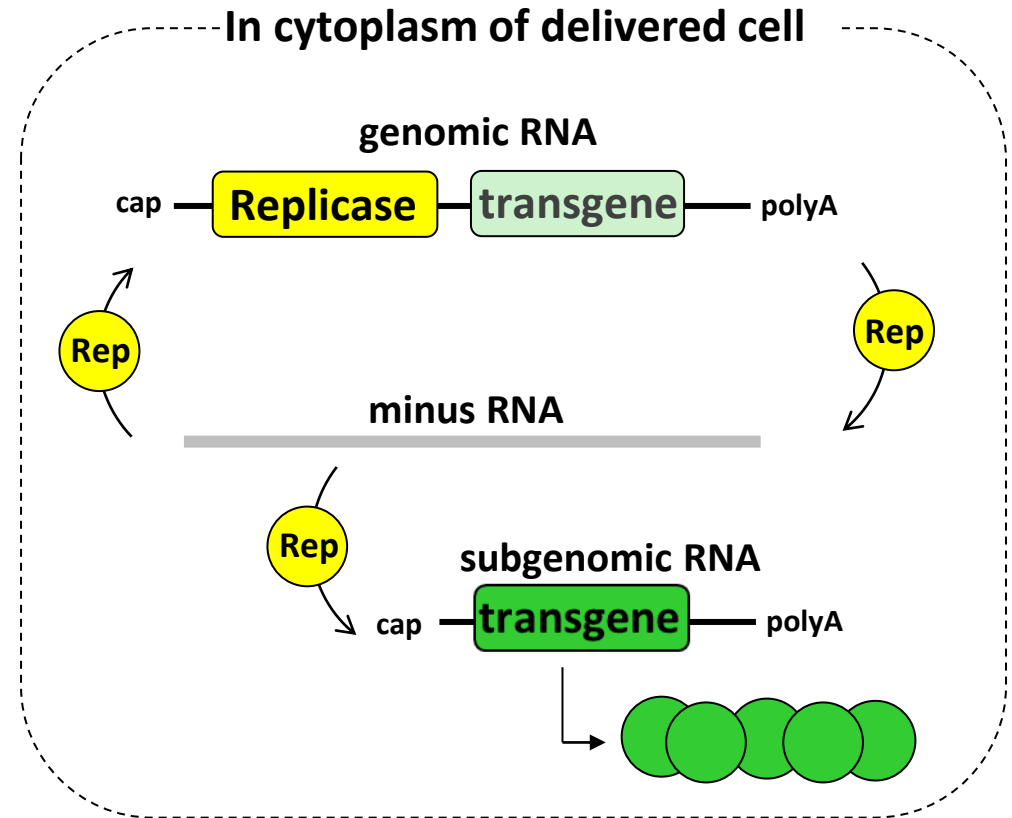
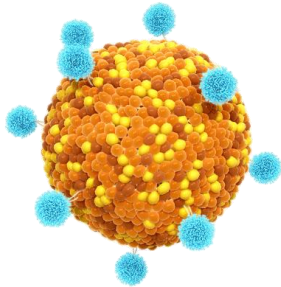


Cargo: Synthetic IVT

Self-Transcribing and Replicating RNA (STARR)



Delivery Vehicle: LUNAR®



STARR™ technology can be used to generate a protective immune response or drive therapeutic protein expression

# mRNA vs Replicon RNA



## Conventional mRNA



## Replicon RNA

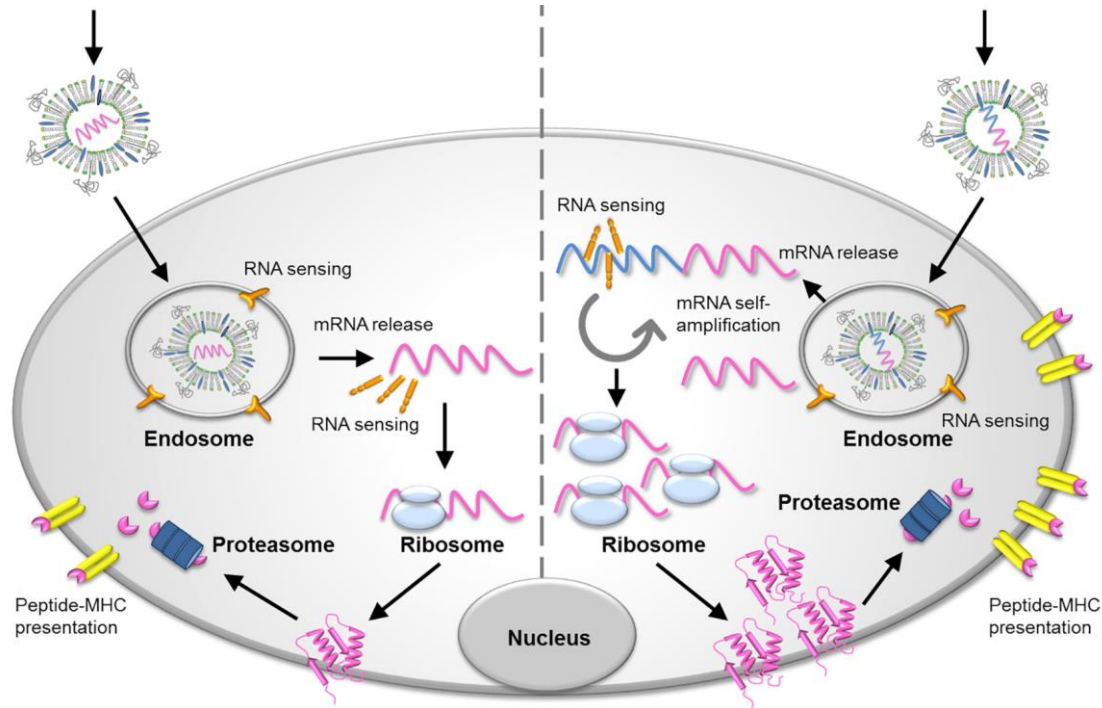


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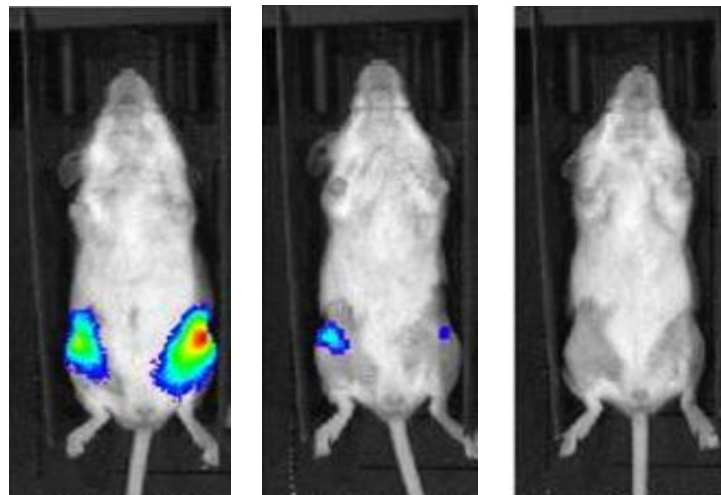
Different profiles of transgene expressions



# STARR™ mRNA Superior to Conventional mRNA

*Self-Transcribing and Replicating mRNA (STARR™) delivered with LUNAR® provides higher protein expression and potentially longer-lasting duration of protein expression in mouse*

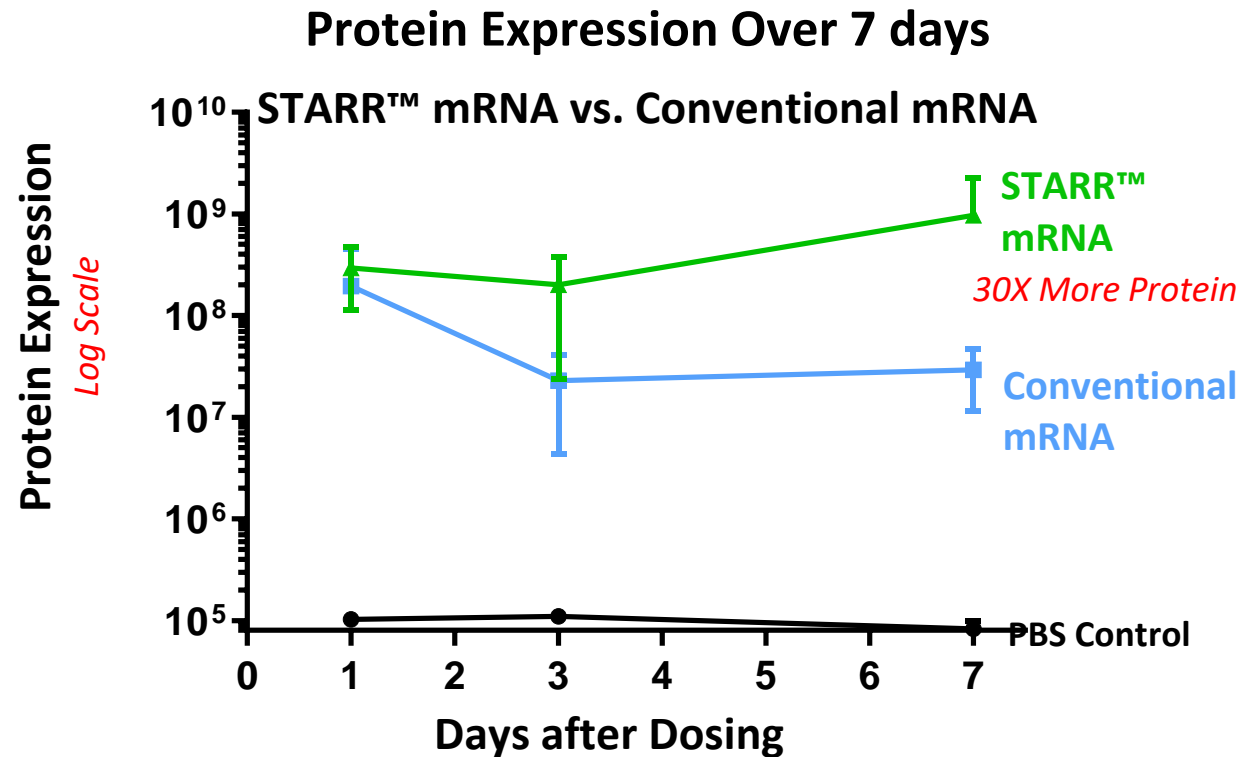
**STARR™ Technology**  
**30-Fold Higher Protein Expression**



STARR™  
Technology

Conventional  
mRNA

PBS  
Control



- BALB/c mice were administered a 2 mg dose of either STARR™ RNA or mRNA expressing luciferase in a 50 mL injection volume.
- Protein expression was measured on days 1, 3 and 7 after administration.

**STARR™ protein expression increased ~10 fold whereas mRNA decreased ~100 fold over 7-day period**



# **STARR™ mRNA SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine**

# Immunogenicity Study Design



Type of Construct	Antigen	Dose ( $\mu$ g)	Dosing Schedule	Bleed Dates (Day)	# of mice/group	Assays
<b>STARR™</b>	Full Length Spike (1278 AA)	0.2, 2.0, 10.0	Day 0 <del>Day 28</del> <sup>c</sup>	10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60	5	Neutralizing Ab Titer <sup>a</sup> Total Anti-S IgM <sup>b</sup> Total Anti-S IgG <sup>b</sup>
<b>mRNA</b>	Full Length Spike (1278 AA)	0.2, 2.0, 10.0	Day 0 <del>Day 28</del> <sup>c</sup>	10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60	5	Neutralizing Ab Titer <sup>a</sup> Total Anti-S IgM <sup>b</sup> Total Anti-S IgG <sup>b</sup>
<b>Negative Control</b>	PBS		Day 0 <del>Day 28</del> <sup>c</sup>	10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60	5	Neutralizing Ab Titer <sup>a</sup> Total Anti-S IgM <sup>b</sup> Total Anti-S IgG <sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Neutralization assay conducted on Vero-E6 cells with a SARS-CoV-2 Singapore Clinical Isolate.

Serum diluted 1:10 and neutralization criteria was no CPE after 4-day incubation at 37°C

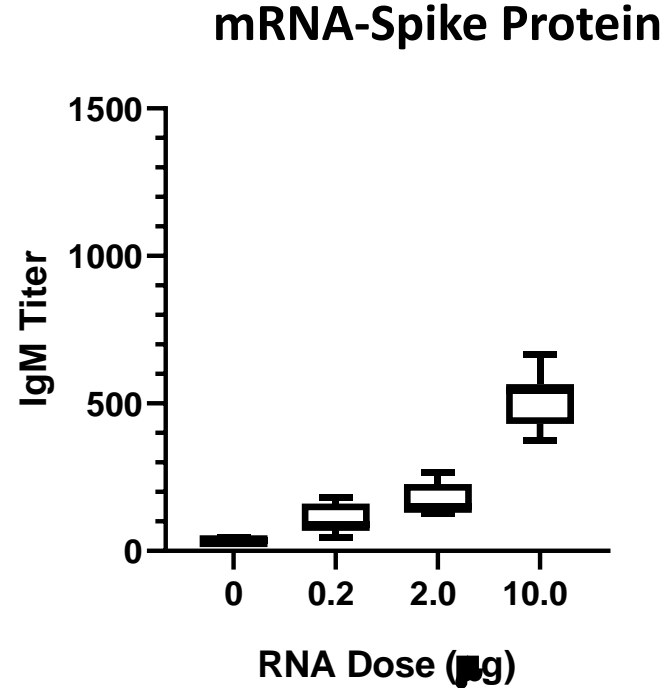
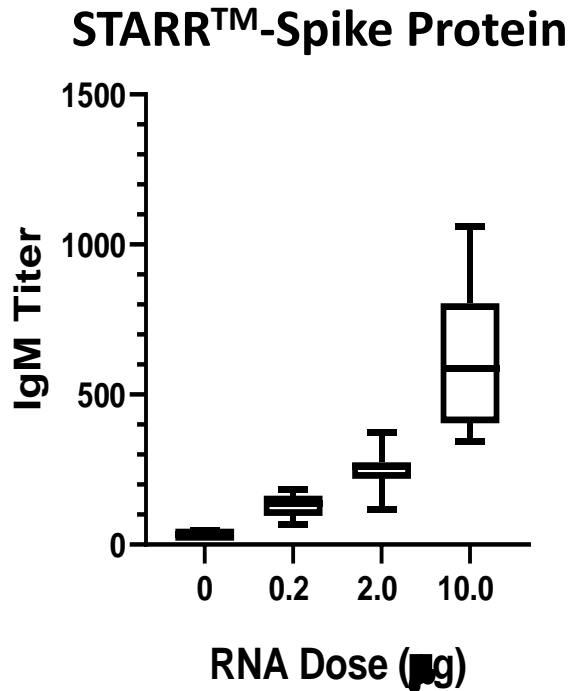
<sup>b</sup>Spike specific IgM and IgG responses will be assayed by Luminex Binding Assay

<sup>c</sup>Boost at day 28 as was not given due to steadily increasing Ab levels

**Dr. Eng Eong Ooi's Lab at Duke-NUS independently conducted all immunogenicity Assays**

# Anti-Spike Glycoprotein IgM Immune Response

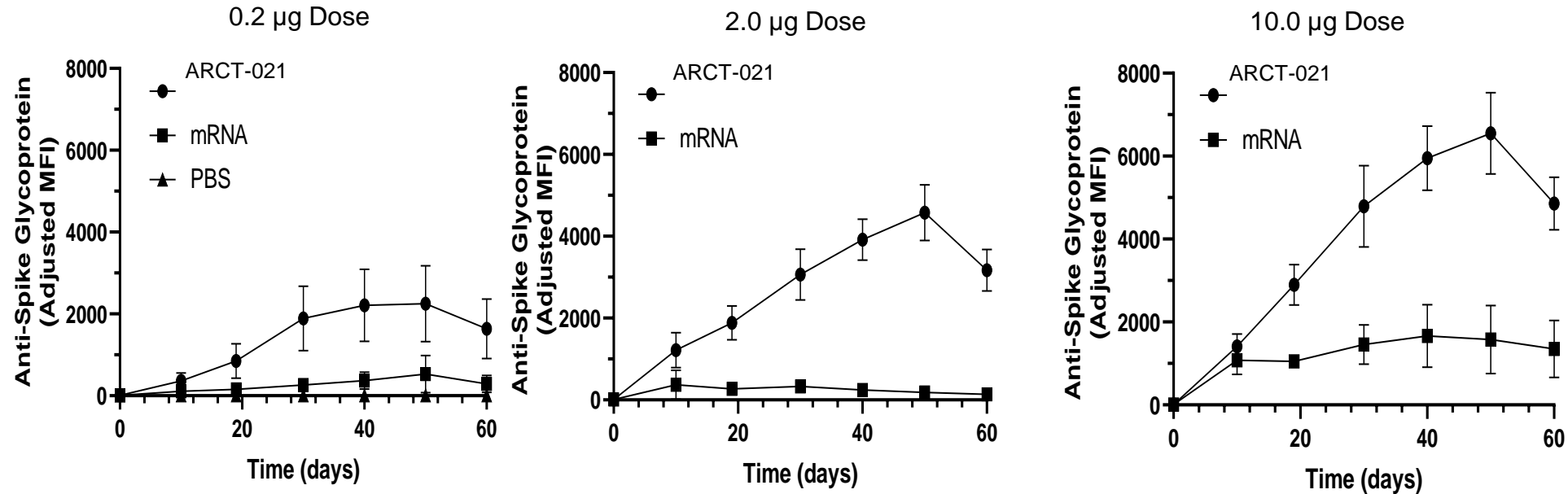
## 10 Days Post Vaccination



### Summary of Anti-Spike Protein IgM Titer Results

- Increase in IgM titers with increasing RNA dose for both STARR™ and mRNA Spike protein post immunization
- Higher IgM titers observed for STARR™-Spike compared to mRNA-Spike at equivalent RNA doses

# Anti-Spike Glycoprotein IgG Antibody Titers



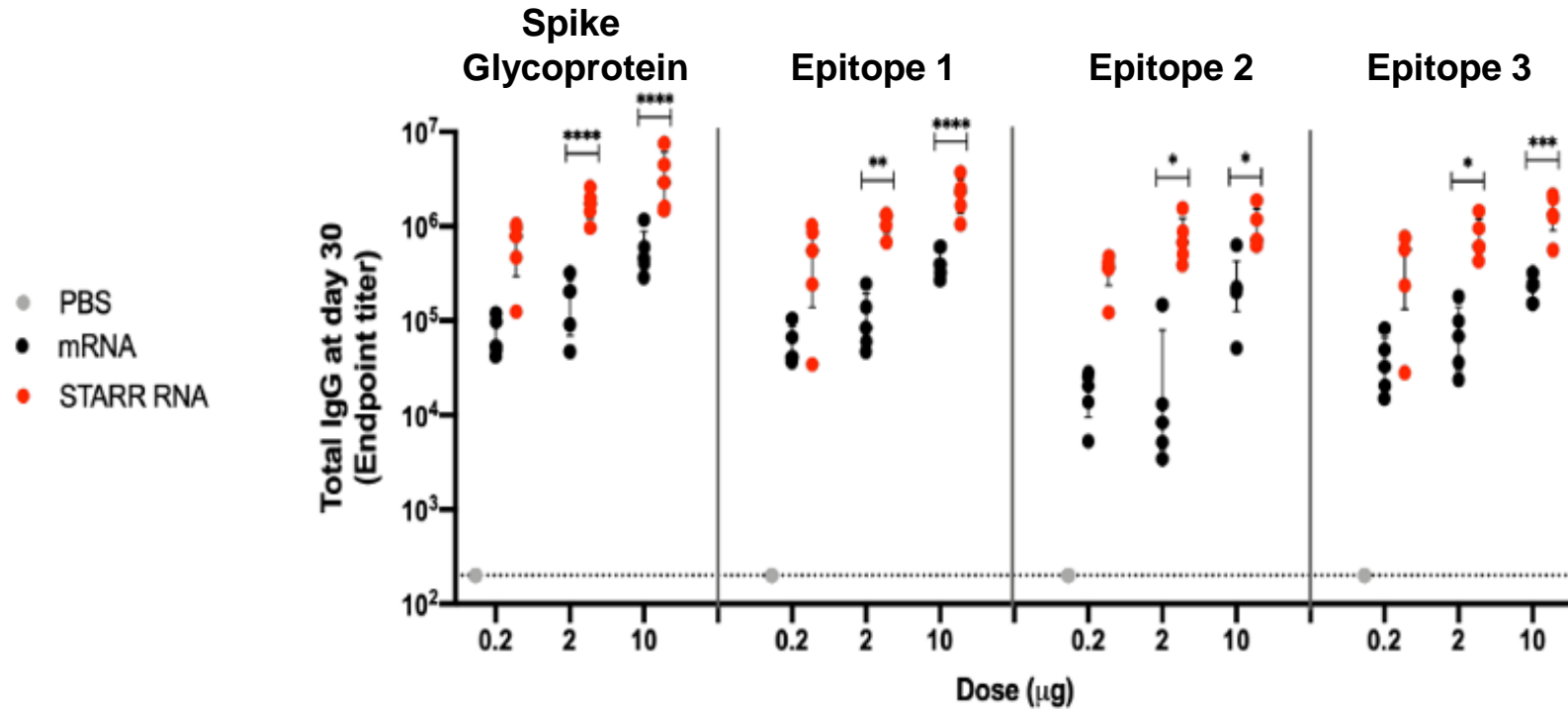
## Summary of Results

- Higher anti-SARS-CoV-2 Spike Glycoprotein IgG elicited by STARR<sup>TM</sup> RNA compared to mRNA after single vaccination
- IgG produced by STARR<sup>TM</sup> vaccination continues to increase up to day 40 for the 0.2 µg and day 50 for the 2.0 µg and 10 µg RNA doses, whereas the IgG levels produced by the mRNA plateaued at day 10



# STARR vs mRNA SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine

## 30 Day Endpoint Titer Epitope Mapping

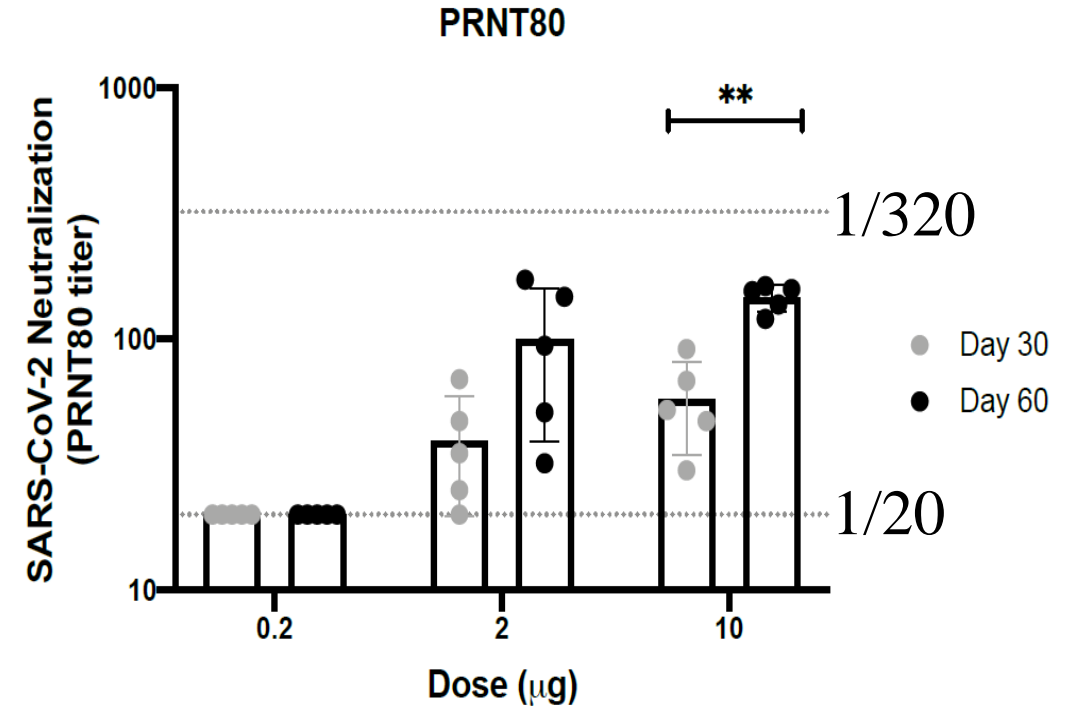
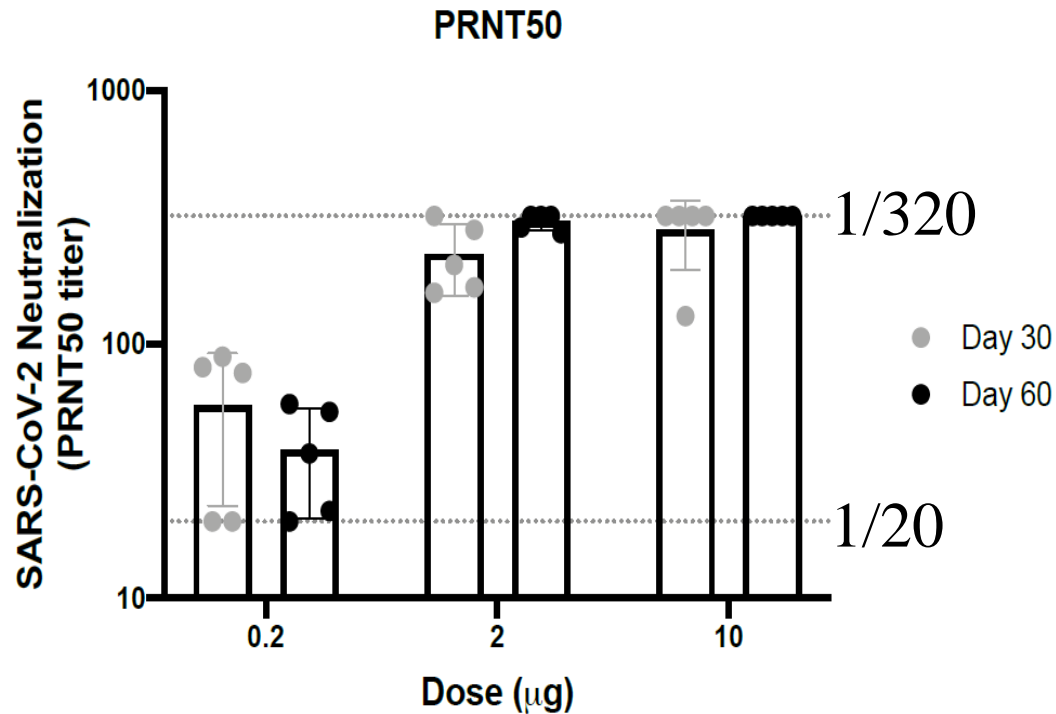


- STARR-based vaccine produced 10-fold higher anti-full-length spike glycoprotein IgG compared to mRNA-based vaccine
- STARR-based vaccine IgG titers against epitopes 1, 2 and 3 representing different spike protein domains were at least 10-fold higher than mRNA-based vaccine IgG titers
- STARR-based vaccine IgG titers for 0.2 µg RNA dose were equivalent or greater than anti-spike glycoprotein IgG titers obtained with 10.0 µg mRNA vaccine indicating a 50 fold greater potency

# Day 30 and Day 60 Mouse Neutralizing Antibody Titers



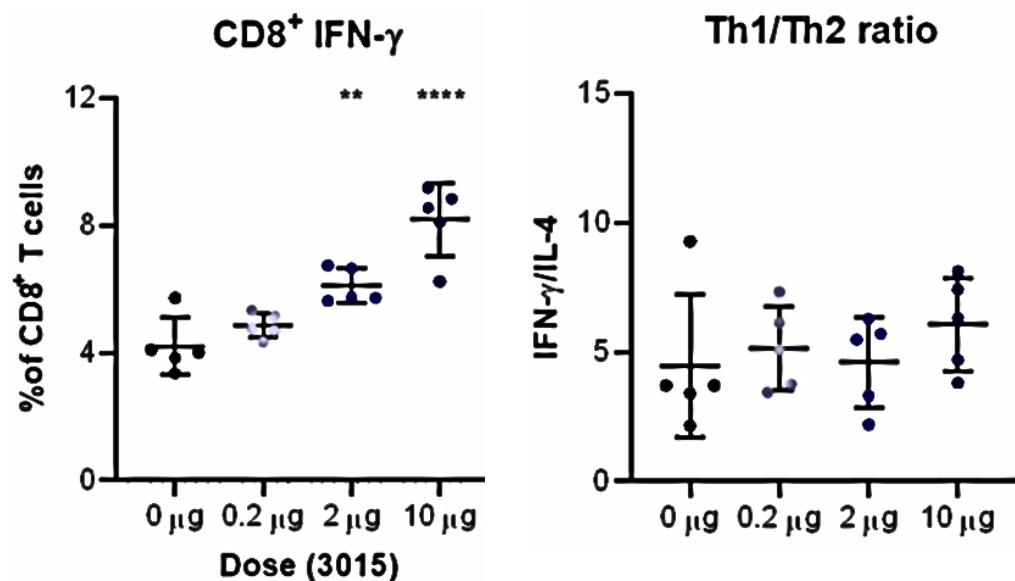
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- 0.2 µg RNA dose showed 80% seroconversion by day 30 and 100% seroconversion by day 60 post vaccination
- 2.0 µg and 10 µg RNA doses yielded 100% seroconversion by day 30 and maintained 100% seroconversion by day 60 post vaccination
- PRNT 80 neutralizing antibody increased ~2-fold from day 30 to day 60 for the 2.0 µg and 10 µg RNA doses



# Arcturus Vaccine elicits a Balanced Cell Mediated Immune Response



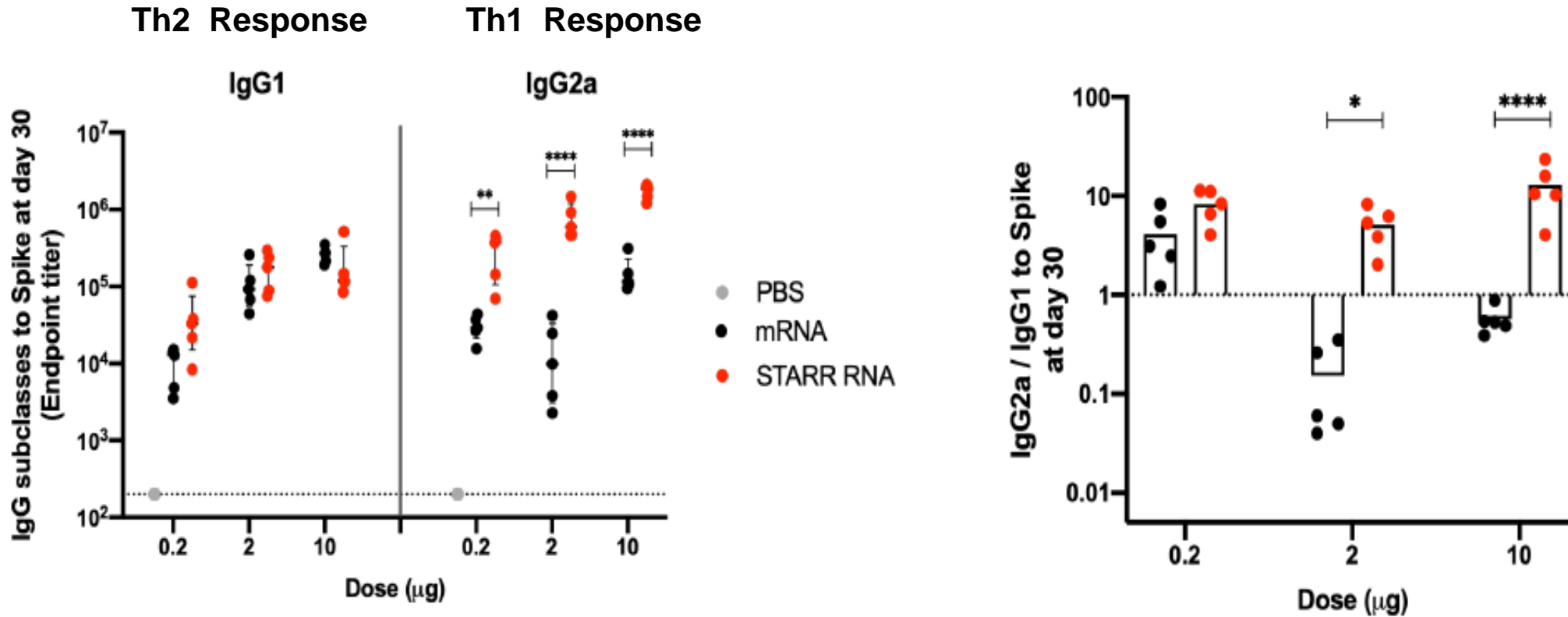
RNA Dose ( $\mu$ g)	% IFN-g + CD8 <sup>+</sup> T Cells	CD4+ Th1/Th2 (IFN-g/IL4)
0.0	4.0	4.6
0.2	4.5	5.3
2.0	6.0	5.0
10.0	8.0	6.0

## Results Summary

- RNA dose dependent increase in IFN-g positive CD8<sup>+</sup> T-cells
- Th1 biased CD4<sup>+</sup> response and lack of change in Th1/Th2 ratio with increased RNA dose indicate balanced cell mediated immune response

# STARR vs mRNA SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine

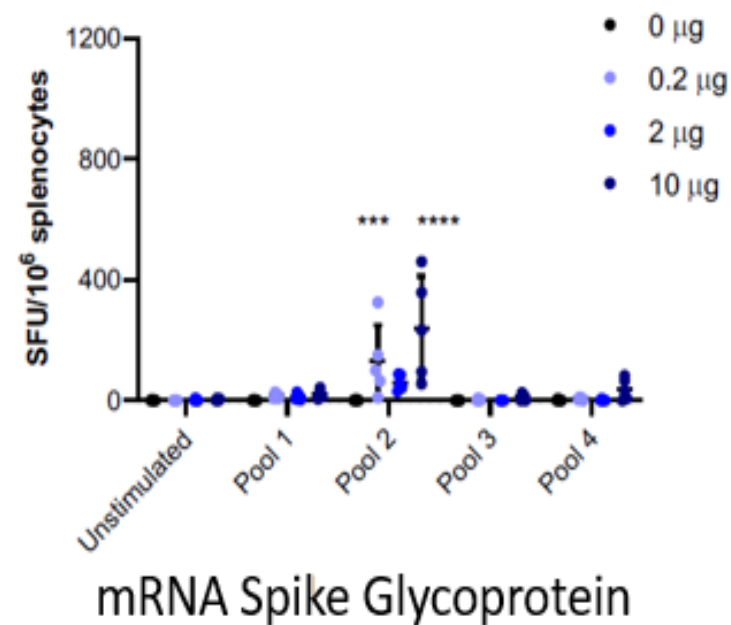
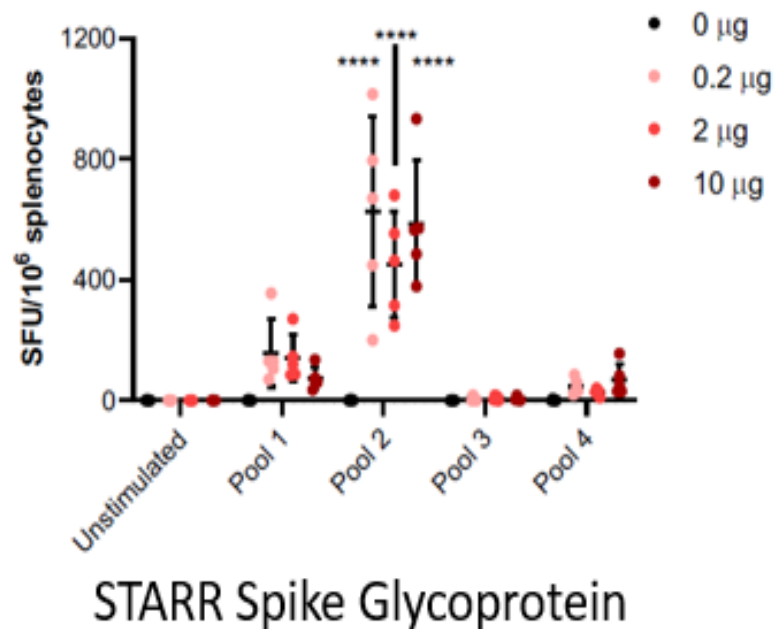
*Th1 response vs. Th2 Response in Balb/c Mice*



- STARR and mRNA-based vaccines have a Th1 response at the 0.2  $\mu\text{g}$  RNA Dose ( $\text{IgG2a}/\text{IgG1} > 1$ )
- 2.0  $\mu\text{g}$  and 10  $\mu\text{g}$  RNA doses show STARR based vaccine maintain a Th1 response whereas mRNA-based vaccine has a Th2 response ( $\text{IgG2a}/\text{IgG1} < 1$ )

# STARR vs mRNA SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine

## *Spike Glycoprotein Specific T Cell Immune Response*

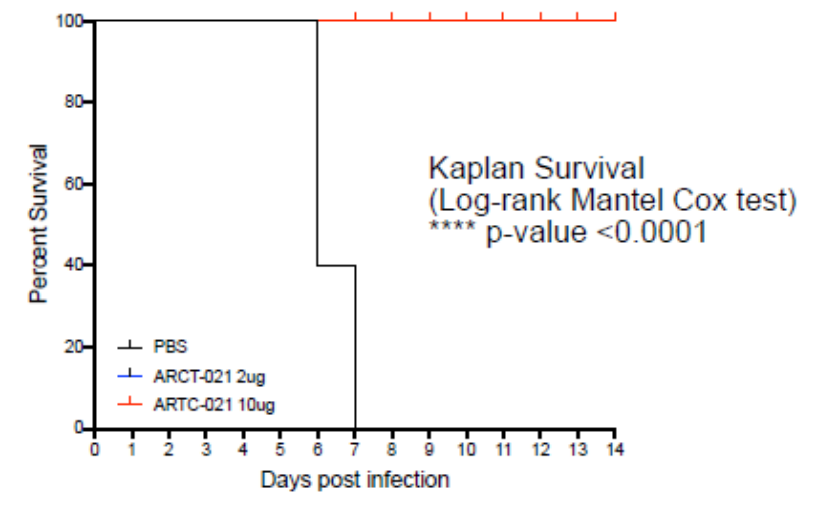
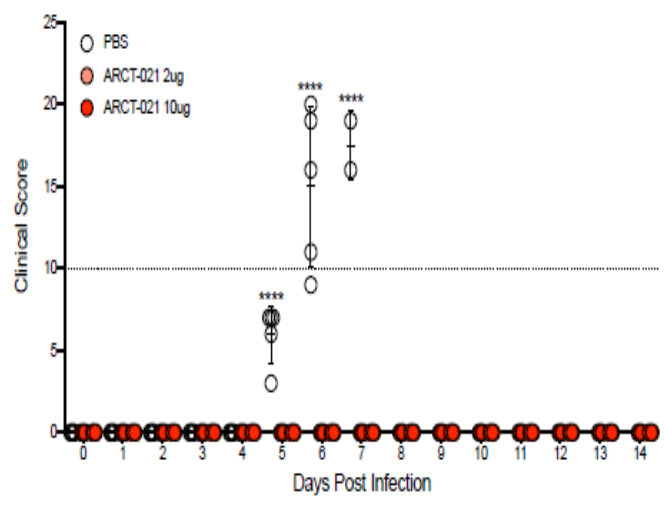
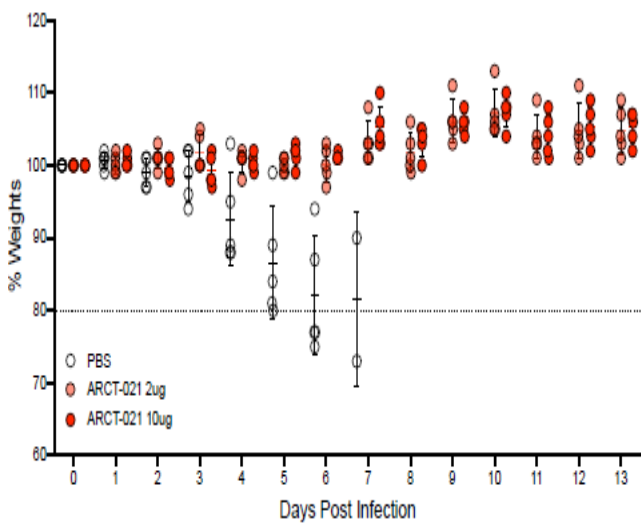
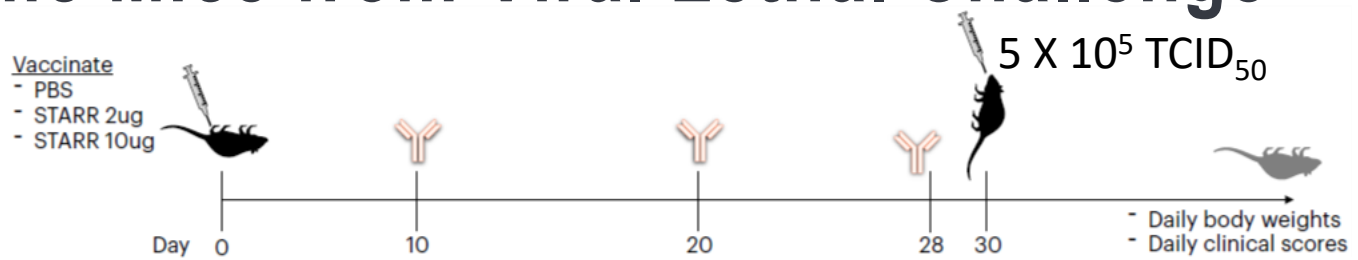


### ELISPOT Results

- STARR based vaccine produced higher number of spike glycoprotein specific T cells than mRNA-based vaccine
- The highest response was observed for Pool 2 and to a lesser extent to Pool 1



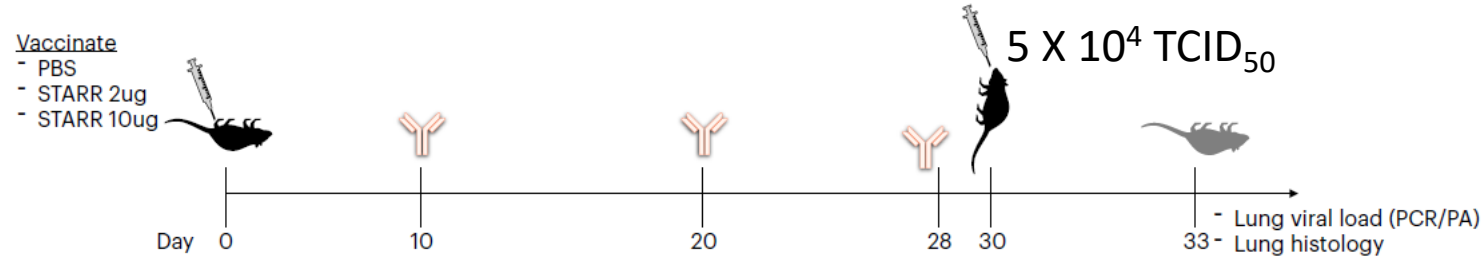
# Single Vaccination of ARCT-021 Completely Protects Transgenic Mice from Viral Lethal Challenge



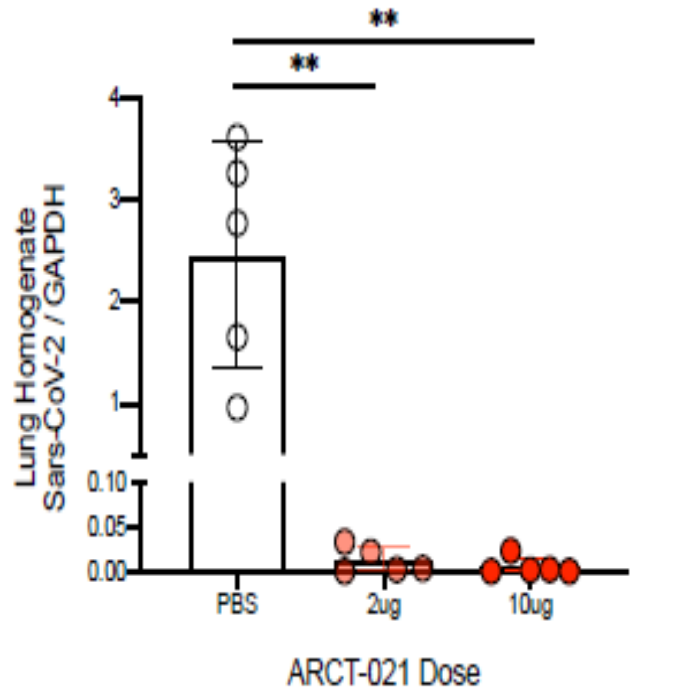
## SARS-CoV-2 Virus Challenge Results

- Transgenic mice vaccinated with a single dose of either 2 μg or 10 μg RNA dose of ARCT-021 were completely protected from SARS-CoV-2 infection for 14 days post viral lethal challenge and showed no sign of infection based on body weight, clinical scores and behavior

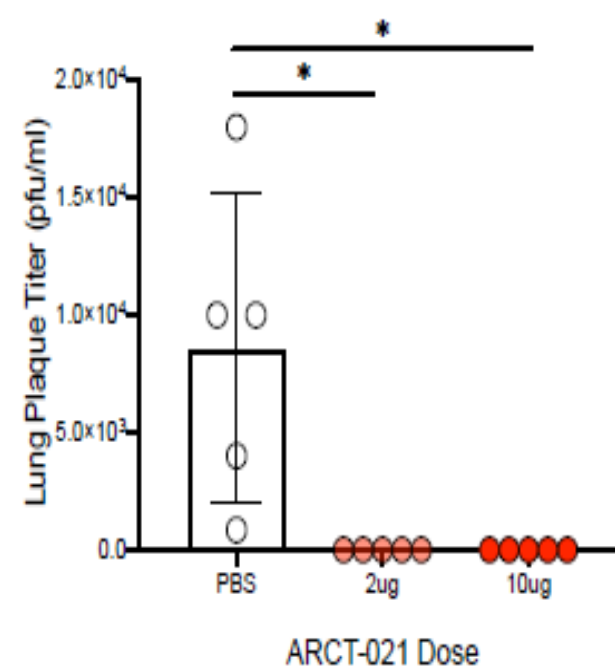
# No Viral Infection Detected in Transgenic Mouse Lungs Vaccinated with ARCT-021



### Lung Virus Copy Number



### Lung Infectious Virus



No RT-PCR detectable viral RNA and no infectious virus detected in transgenic mouse lungs 5 days post sublethal viral challenge



# LUNAR-COV19 Data Summary

- **Very low dose:** Strong neutralizing antibody response with just a single dose of 0.2 – 10 µg STARR™ RNA
- **Strong humoral response:** continuous increase in neutralizing antibodies beyond Day 60
- **Strong T-cell response:** dose response increase in IFN-g positive CD8<sup>+</sup> T-cells
- **Complete protection** against viral lethal challenge 30 days post single vaccination
- **No indication of Vaccine Associated Immune Enhance Respiratory Disease (VAERD)** in vaccinated transgenic mice following lethal and sublethal virus challenge
- **Balanced cellular immune response** – minimizes potential for enhanced respiratory disease (ERD) and lower dose may yield lower local and systemic reactogenic events suggesting a promising safety profile
- **Superior** immunogenic profile of STARR™ compared to conventional mRNA
- **No virus material, adjuvants, preservatives or antibiotics:** reduces public concerns

**Arcturus LUNAR-COV19 is a most promising COVID-19 vaccine**



# Drug Substance / Drug Product CMC



# Drug Substance: mRNA Design

## Arcturus' proprietary mRNA optimization platform

### Optimized conditions

- mRNA sequence
- Chemistry
- Process optimization

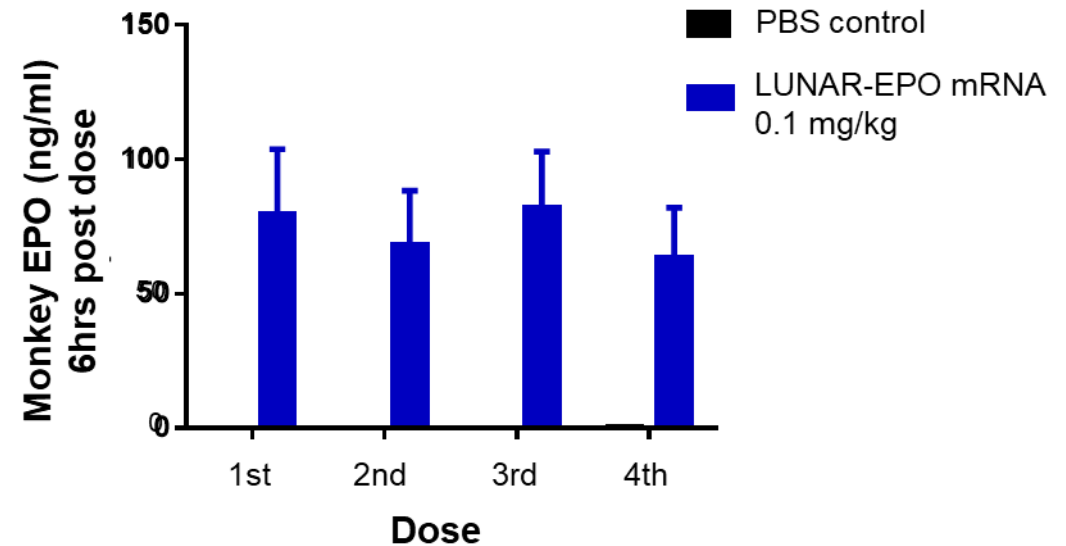


- Improved protein expression and duration
- Improved functional activity



## Sustained hEPO activity in NHPs upon repeat dosing

### Weekly Dosing in Non-Human Primates



Proprietary mRNA Optimization Platform Demonstrates Sustained Activity Upon Repeat Dosing in NHPs



# Drug Substance (mRNA) Manufacturing



Features	Benefits
<b>Optimized IVT Method</b>	Reduced Cost; Higher Purity
<b>Improved Capping Reaction</b>	Reduced Cost of Goods
<b>Proprietary Purification Process</b>	Higher Purity in a Shorter Time
<b>Efficient</b>	Entire Process Less Than One Week
<b>Scalable to &gt; 1Kg</b>	Access Large Patient Populations
<b>Adaptable</b>	Can Utilize a Variety of Modifications

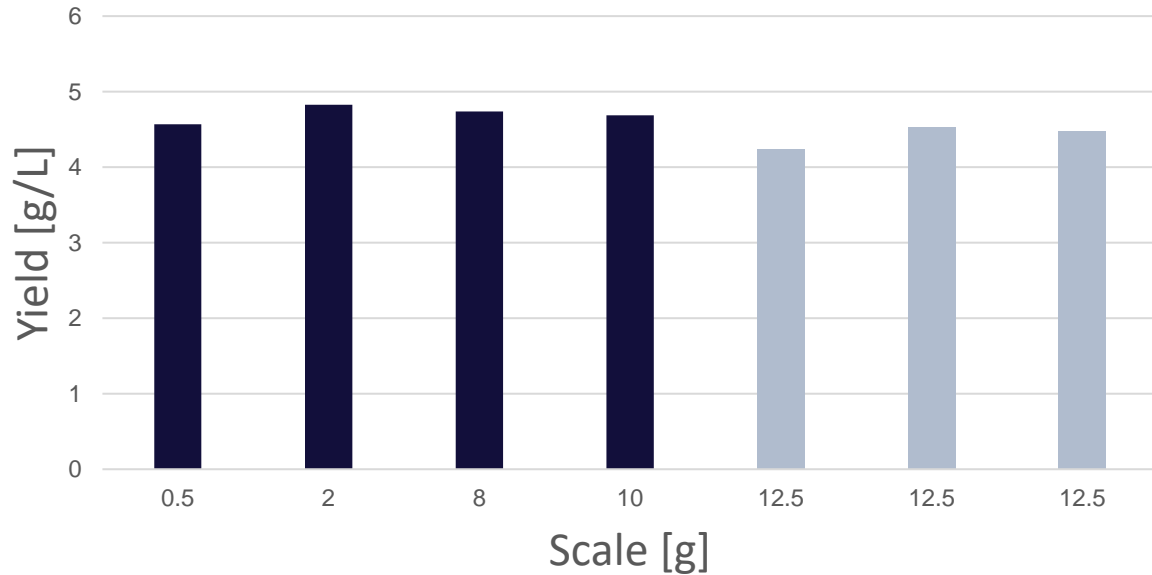
**Arcturus Internal non-GMP mRNA Production Capabilities: Up to 30 g in Less Than One Week**



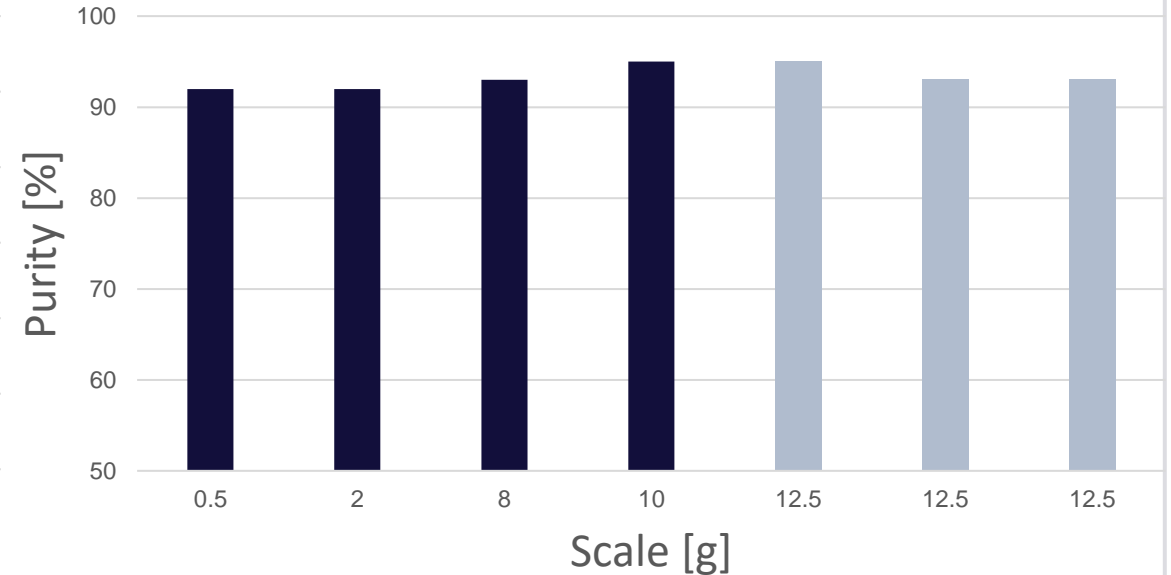
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### RNA Yield



### RNA Purity



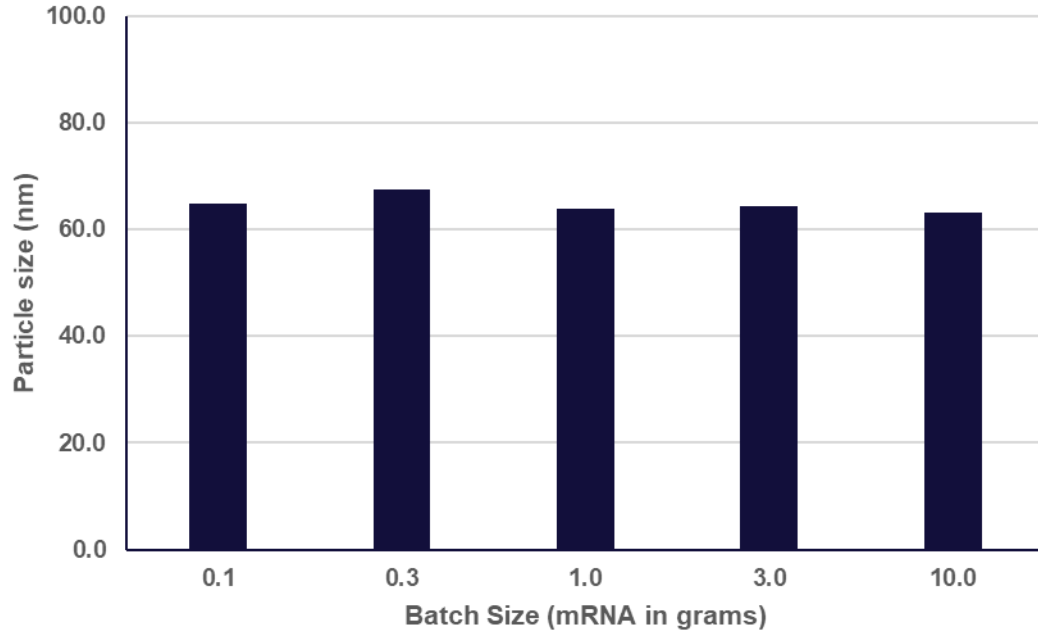
-  Non-GMP Lots Produced at Arcturus
-  GMP Lots Produced at CMO as part of recent GMP campaign

**Three 12.5 g lots produced in recent GMP campaign are of equivalent quality and yield**

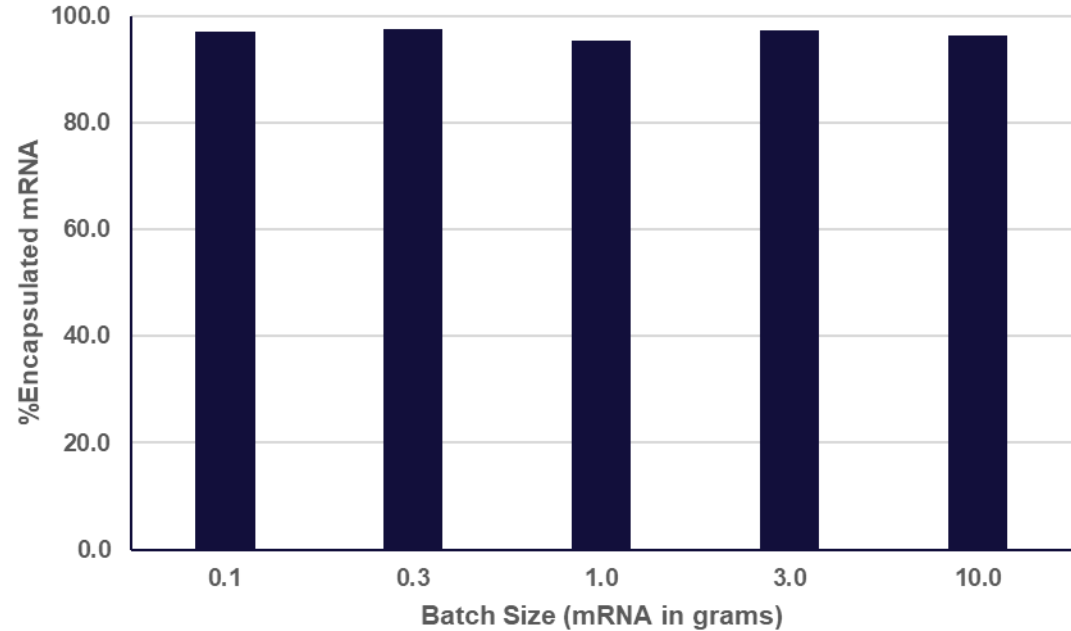


# Drug Product (LUNAR<sup>®</sup> + mRNA) Manufacturing

Particle Size



%Encapsulated mRNA



- Manufacturing of Drug Product Demonstrated up to Multigram Scale with Yields  $\geq 85\%$
- GMP Batch of LUNAR<sup>®</sup>-OTC (ARCT-810) Drug Product Manufactured and Released

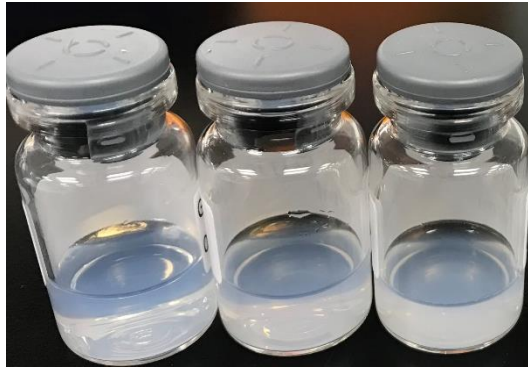
# Lyophilized ARCT-021



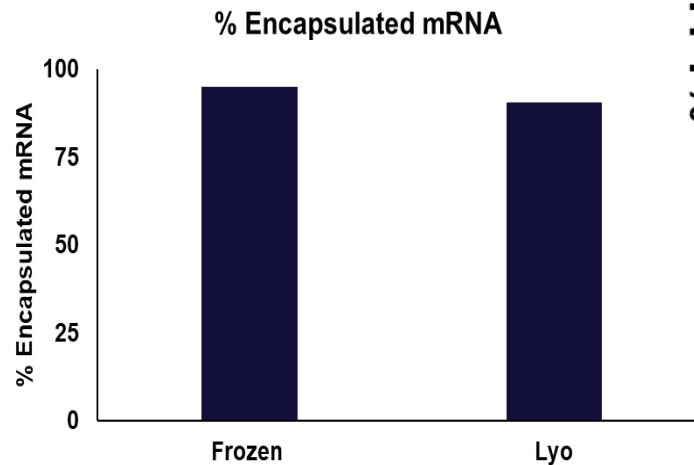
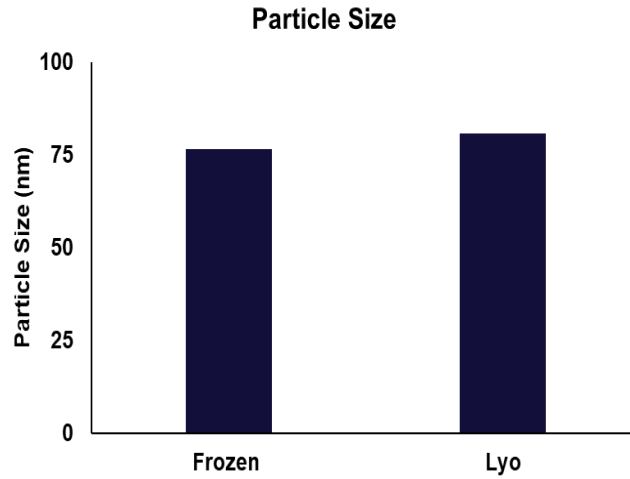
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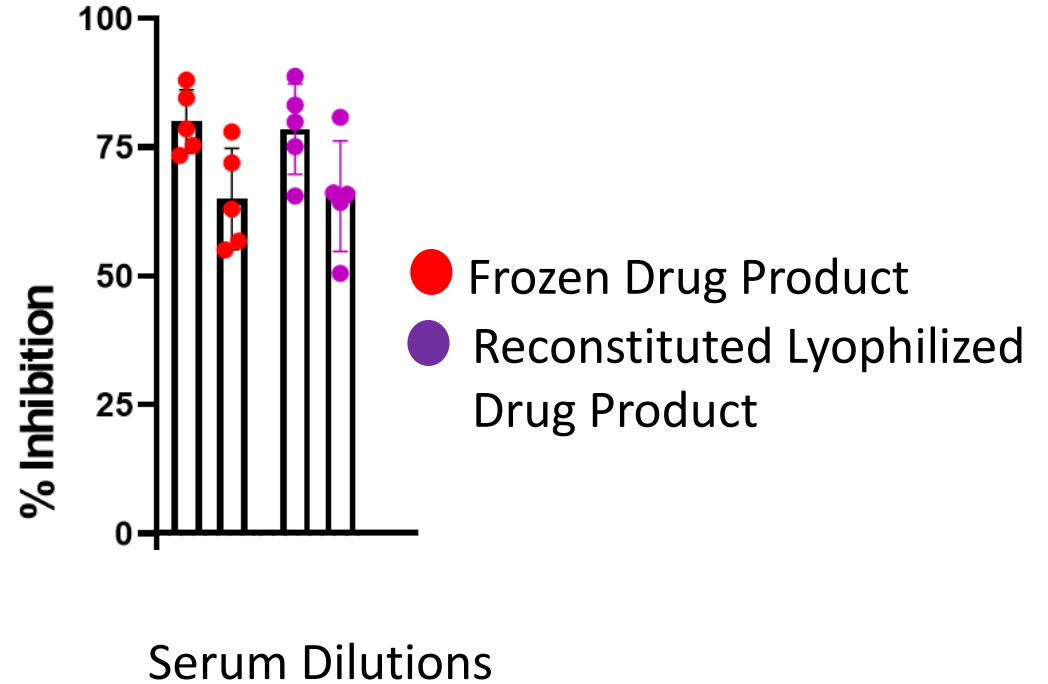
Lyophilized



Reconstituted



## Inhibition of Receptor Binding Domain



- Lyophilized ARCT-021 maintains key physicochemical properties
- Lyophilized formulation yielded equivalent mouse neutralizing antibody titers based on inhibition of ACE2 receptor binding assay (surrogate neutralizing antibody titer assay)

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# LUNAR-COV19 Clinical Plans

# LUNAR-COV19 Clinical Plan



Phase 1/2 Clinical Trial to begin in Summer 2020

## Shipment of GMP Manufactured LUNAR-COV19 Vaccine

### Human Dosing to Initiate this Summer

- Phase 1/2 clinical trial at single site: Duke-NUS Medical School in Singapore

**Primary Goal:** Identify optimal dose

**Primary Endpoints:** Safety and tolerability

**Secondary Endpoints:** Measures of immunogenicity and virus neutralization

Also evaluating T-cell responses (CD8+ and TH1/TH2 and epitope mapping)

### Study Design:

- 108 healthy volunteer adults
- 3 dose levels
- Elderly as well as younger adults

Trial design allows us to potentially rapidly select dose to take forward to large registrational studies



