# ARCTURUS THERAPEUTICS

LUNAR®: Enabling mRNA Therapeutics and Vaccines

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### ARCTURUS THERAPEUTICS **Highlights**

### **Arcturus is an mRNA Medicines Drug Development Company Focused on Rare Diseases**

### LUNAR<sup>®</sup> Delivery Platform Validated by Multiple Strategic Partners

### **Broad and Strong Intellectual Property Portfolio**

- 152 Patents & Patent Applications
- LUNAR<sup>®</sup> Delivery Technology •
- RNA Drug Substance & Drug Product Process Manufacturing •

### **Promising Preclinical Safety Data for LUNAR® Delivery and mRNA Drug Products**





HQ: San Diego; Founded: 2013; Nasdaq: ARCT Outstanding Shares: 10.8 M; Employees: ~80;

# mRNA Medicines & Platform



### **Arcturus LUNAR® Delivery Platform: Enabling Genetic Medicines**



**Strategic Partners**: More than \$1 Billion in Potential Milestones & Royalties

### **Arcturus mRNA Medicines**

LUNAR-OTC (ARCT-810) to treat Ornithine Transcarbamylase (OTC) Deficiency

**LUNAR-CF** to treat Cystic Fibrosis (CF); Funded by the

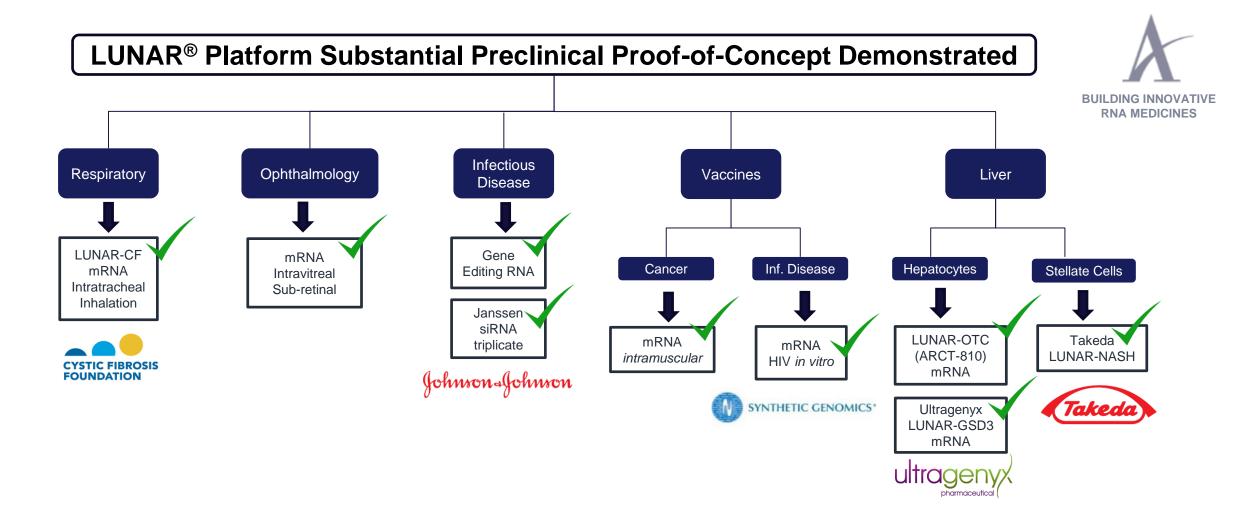


## **Arcturus Platform: Enabling Genetic Medicines**



Name	Partner	Year of Initiation	Indication	Arcturus Chemistry	Arcturus Delivery	mRNA Process
LUNAR-HBV	Johnson-Johnson	2015	Hepatitis B	RNA	LUNAR <sup>®</sup> Hepatocytes	ARCT
LUNAR-NASH	Takeda	2017	NASH	RNA	LUNAR <sup>®</sup> Stellate Cells	ARCT
LUNAR-GSD3		2016	Glycogen Storage Disease Type III	mRNA	LUNAR <sup>®</sup> Hepatocytes	ARCT
LUNAR-RARE		2016	Rare Disease	mRNA	LUNAR <sup>®</sup> Hepatocytes	ARCT
LUNAR-RPL	SYNTHETIC GENOMICS	2017	Vaccines	SGI's Replicon RNA	LUNAR <sup>®</sup> Intramuscular	SGI

- Greater than \$1 Billion in Potential Milestones & Royalties
- Enabling Different Types of RNA Messenger RNA, Gene Editing RNA, Replicon RNA
- Multiple Cell Types Targeted

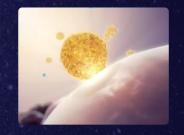


LUNAR<sup>®</sup> Platform Preclinical Proof-of-Concept Demonstrated in Hepatocytes, Liver Stellate Cells, Bronchial Epithelial Cells (Lung), Subretinal / intravitreal (Eye), Infectious Diseases, Cancer Vaccines

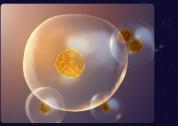




#### LUNAR Associates with Cell Membrane

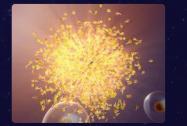


Enters Cell Via Endocytosis Lipid Particle in Endosome

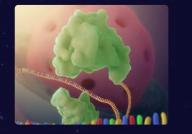


Increased Acidity as Endosome Ages

pH-Mediated Disruption



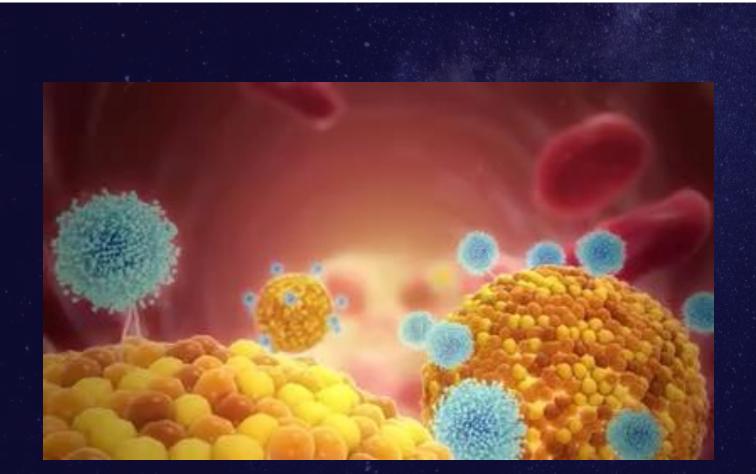
Rapid Biodegradation of Vehicle RNA in Cytosol



RNA Processing and Translation

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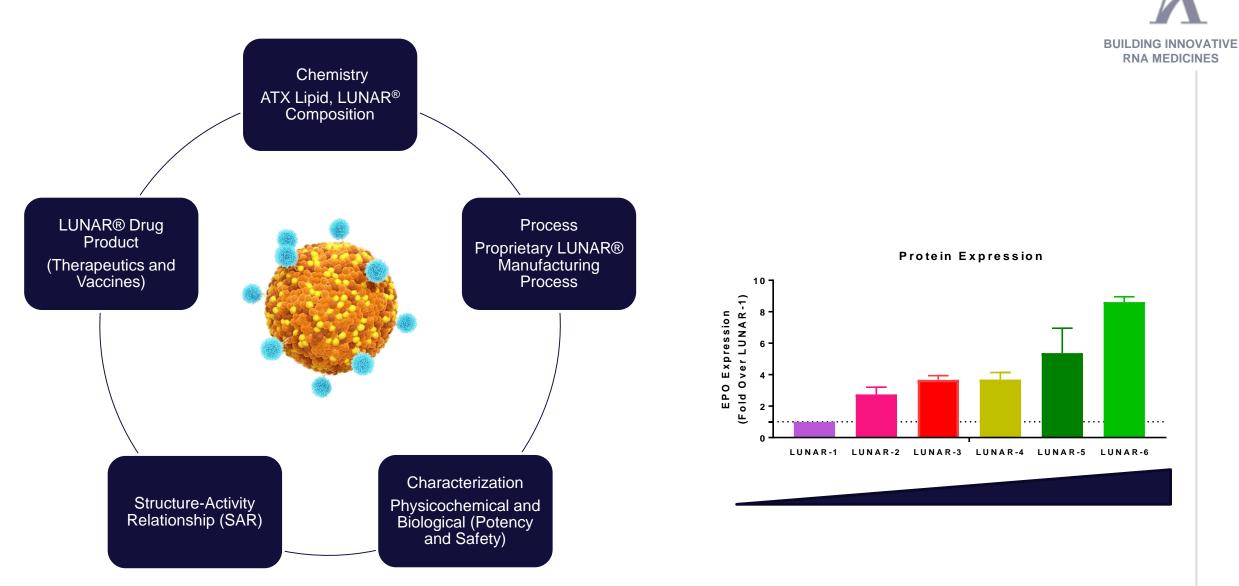


# LUNAR<sup>®</sup> Lipid-Mediated Delivery

	Versatile	Diverse			
Feature	Benefit	Exclusive Library of over 150 Proprietary Lipids			
Compatibility	Formulated with multiple RNA modalities	Rational Design to Maximize Efficacy and Increase Tolerability			
Route of Administration	IV, IM, Nebulization	Formulation Compositions Customized for Application and Cell Type of Interest			
Cell Type	Hepatocytes, Stellate cells, Myocytes & Lung Epithelial cells				
	Biodegradable	Manufacturing Efficiency			
No Accumulation of Lipids		Scalable and Reproducible Production Process			

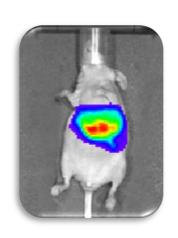
**Arcturus LUNAR<sup>®</sup> = Next Generation of RNA Medicines** 

### LUNAR<sup>®</sup> Platform: Rational Design and SAR Drives Next Generation

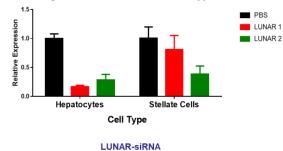


### LUNAR<sup>®</sup>: Functional RNA Delivery to Various Cell Types

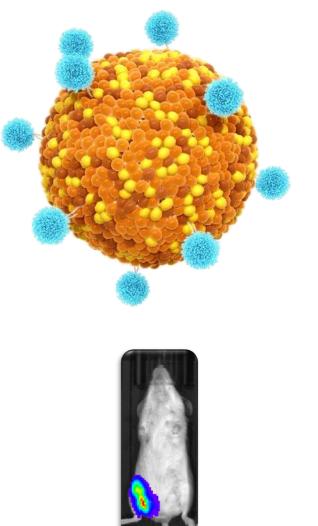


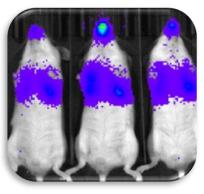


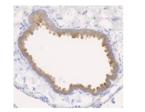
Target Knockdown in Liver Cell Types



Liver: Hepatocytes, Stellate Cells







**Bronchial Epithelial Cells** 

# **OTC Deficiency Market Opportunity**





### **Ornithine Transcarbamylase (OTC) Deficiency: The most common urea cycle disorder**

- The urea cycle converts neurotoxic ammonia to water-soluble urea that can be excreted in urine
- Deficiency in OTC causes elevated blood ammonia, which can lead to neurological damage, coma, and death
- 10,000 worldwide prevalence



### **Unmet Medical Need**

- Present standard of care involves a strict diet (low protein, high fluid intake) plus ammonia scavengers (sodium phenylbutyrate)
- Present standard of care does not effectively prevent spikes of ammonia.
- OTC Deficiency patients are typically referred for liver transplant.



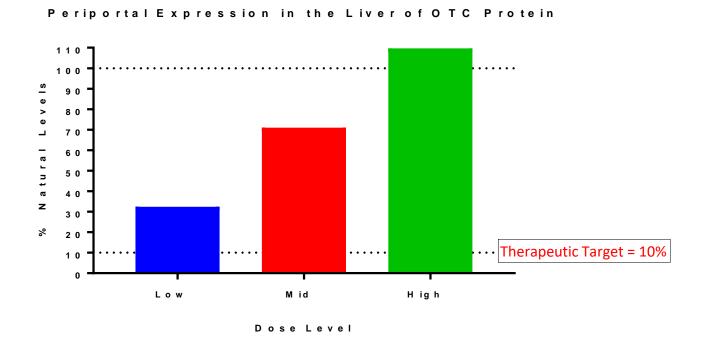
### **LUNAR-OTC** Aims to Restore Enzyme Function

• Expression of OTC enzyme in liver has potential to restore normal urea cycle activity to detoxify ammonia, preventing neurological damage and removing need for liver transplantation

## LUNAR-OTC Targets Periportal Hepatocytes

Exceeds Therapeutic Target of 10% Protein Replacement at all Doses in OTC-Deficient Mouse Model

- OTCD impacts ureagenesis (ammonia detoxification)
- The main site of ureagenesis is the periportal region of the liver\*
- Establishing 10% of natural enzyme levels is expected to be therapeutically significant



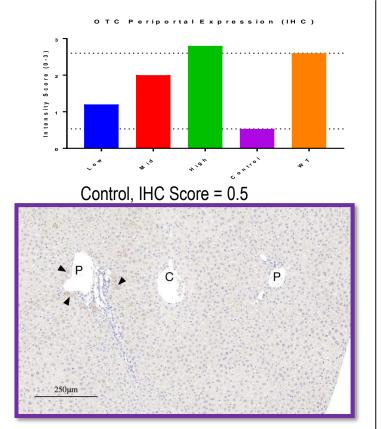
\*Li, L. et al. PGC-1a Promotes Ureagenesis in Mouse Periportal Hepatocytes through SIRT3 and SIRT5 in Response to Glucagon. Scientific Reports. 6:24156 | DOI: 10.1038/srep24156, April 2016

### LUNAR-OTC treatment increases OTC expression in mouse periportal hepatocytes (main site of ureagenesis)



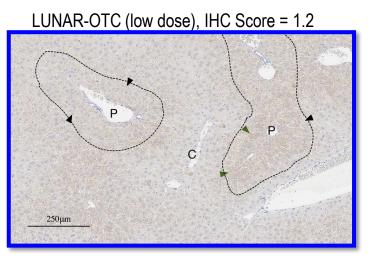
### **Ornithine Transcarbamylase Expression in OTC spf-ash Mice**



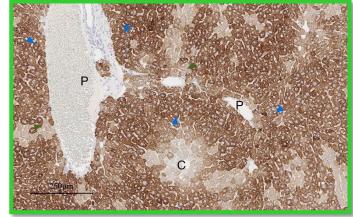


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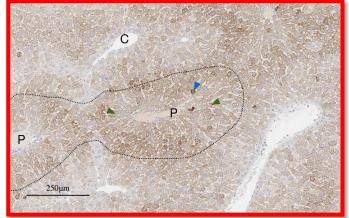
- Slides were evaluated by a board-certified veterinary pathologist using light microscopy.
- OTC immunolabeling in portal hepatocytes was scored 0-3, where 0=immunolabeling absent; 1=weak immunolabeling; 2=moderate immunolabeling; 3=intense immunolabeling.
- An intensity score was recorded for fifteen random portal areas (five per tissue piece) per sample and averaged to obtain a mean immunolabeling score for each animal.



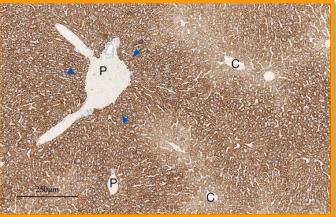
LUNAR-OTC (high dose), IHC Score = 2.8



LUNAR-OTC (mid dose), IHC Score = 2.0



WT, IHC Score = 2.6



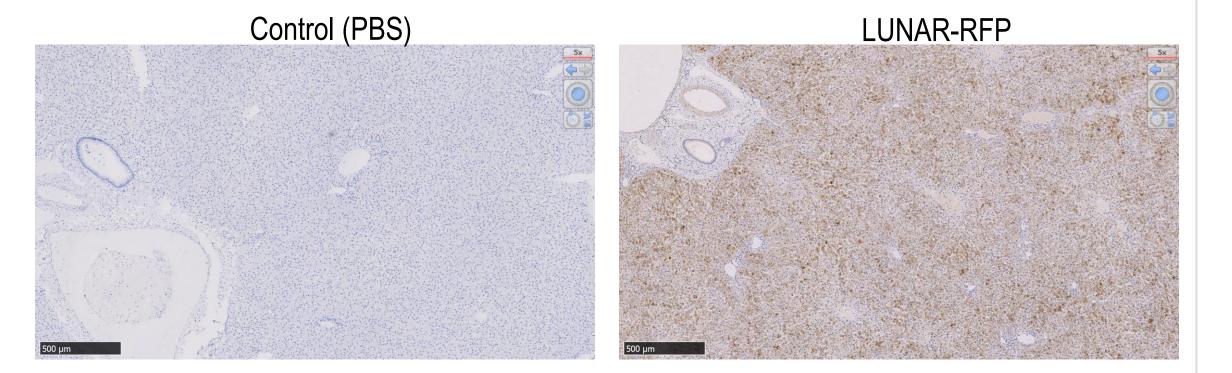
A mixture of weak (black arrowheads), moderate (green arrowheads) and intense OTC immunolabeling (blue arrowheads) is visible surrounding portal tracts (P; immunolabeling score 2). Immunolabeling of hepatocytes surrounding central veins (C) is weak to absent.

LUNAR-OTC treatment increases OTC expression in periportal hepatocytes, main site of ureagenesis

#### (ammonia detoxification)

# LUNAR<sup>®</sup> Delivery of mRNA encoding Intracellular Protein to NHP Liver

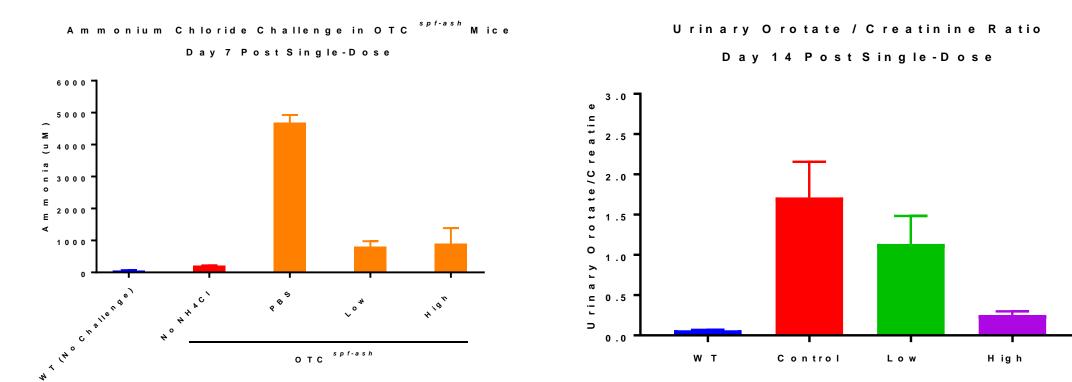




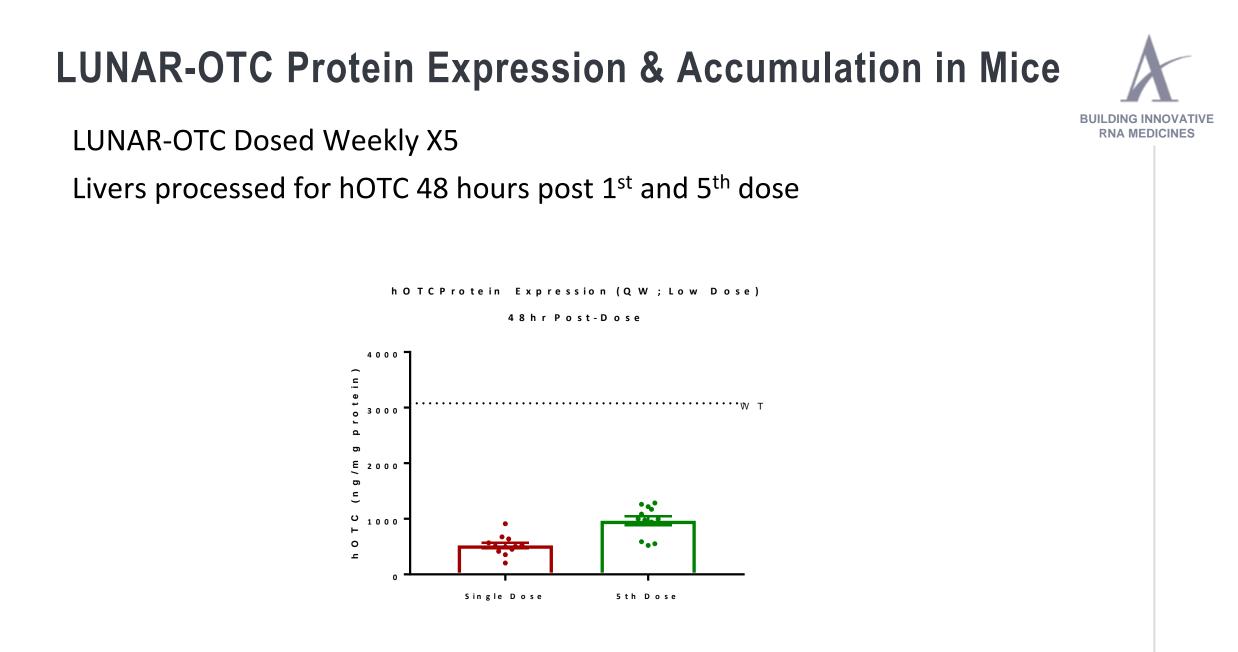
LUNAR Demonstrates Functional Delivery of mRNA encoding RFP (Red Fluorescent Protein) to NHP Liver

# Functional Efficacy: Ammonia Reduction and Urinary Orotate



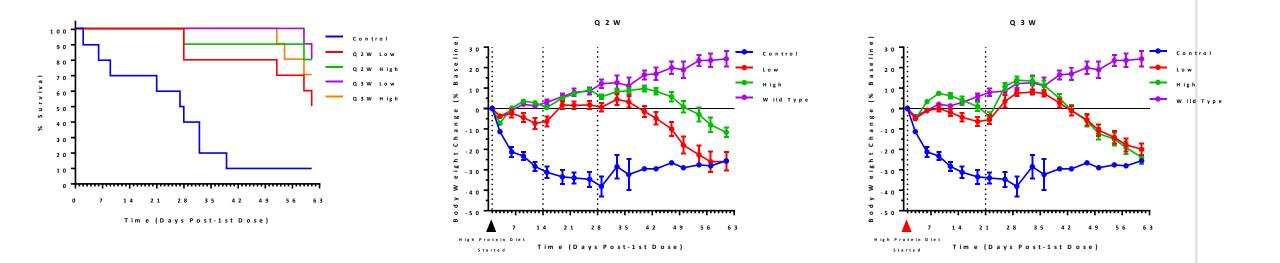


80% NH<sub>4</sub> Reduction and Restoration of Ureagenesis a Single Dose of LUNAR-OTC in OTC <sup>spf-ash</sup> Model



hOTC Accumulates with Weekly Dosing Indicating a Dosing Frequency of > 1 week

### Q2W & Q3W Dosing Efficacy in a High Protein Diet Induced Hyperammonemia Model in OTC<sup>spf-ash</sup> Mice



Q3W Dosing Provides Prolonged Efficacy in High Protein Diet Induced Hyperammonemia in OTC<sup>spf/ash</sup> Mice

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### **hOTC Protein Expression in Non-Human Primates**



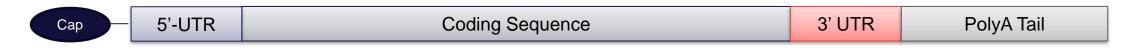
hOTC Protein Expression in NHP Liver 48hr Post-Dose 100 90 80 atural Levels 70 60 50 . . . . 40 z 30 % 20 Therapeutic Target = 10% . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 10 **NHP1** NHP2 **NHP3** 

Single Dose of LUNAR-OTC Provides up to 50% of WT 48 hours Post Dose

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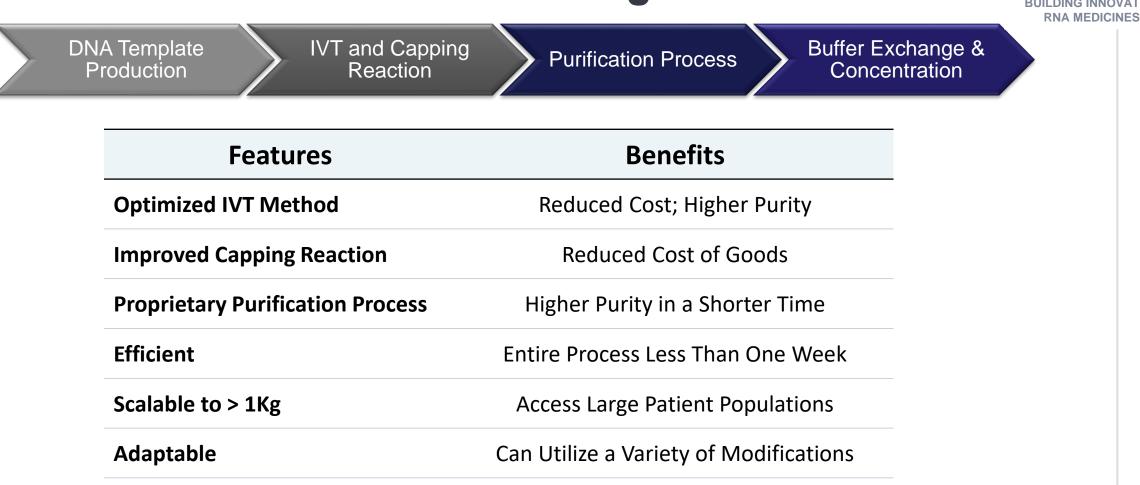


### mRNA structure and optimization



- Nucleotide Optimization
  - Nucleotide chemical optimization is gene dependent
- 5' UTR Optimization 3' UTR Optimization
  - Arcturus has proprietary UTR library used to optimize protein expression and mRNA stability
- 5' CAP structure
  - Arcturus has optimized capping scheme
- Poly-A structure
  - Arcturus has identified optimal poly A tail length
- Codon Optimization
  - Arcturus has proprietary codon optimization algorithms for the open reading frame (ORF)

## Arcturus mRNA Manufacturing



**Arcturus' Internal mRNA Production: Up to 30 g in Less Than One Week** 

Arcturus Therapeutics

## Key manufacturing advantages

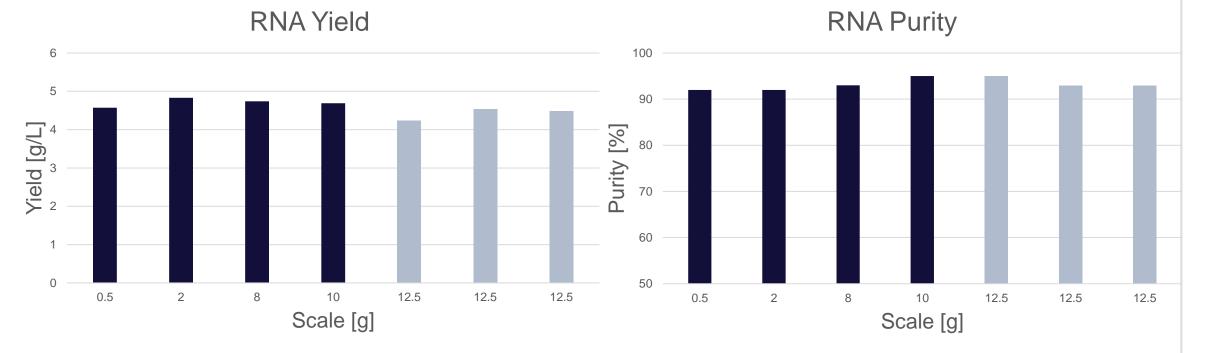
- High mRNA purity
  - Minimal "Shortmers" (abortive and degradation products) greater than 90% purity
  - Low dsRNA, an immunogenic impurity
  - High capping efficacy greater than 95% cap 1 mRNA
  - Low residual DNA less than 100 ppb
  - Low residual protein non detected
- Process efficiency
  - Low cost of goods 70% recovery over the purification process
  - Short plant time 3-5 days in plant
  - Process robustness low batch to batch variability
  - Scalable and flexible process
    - Scalable to greater than 1 kg
    - Process adaptable to multiple chemistries





#### Arcturus Therapeutics

### **Process Scalability & Reproducibility**



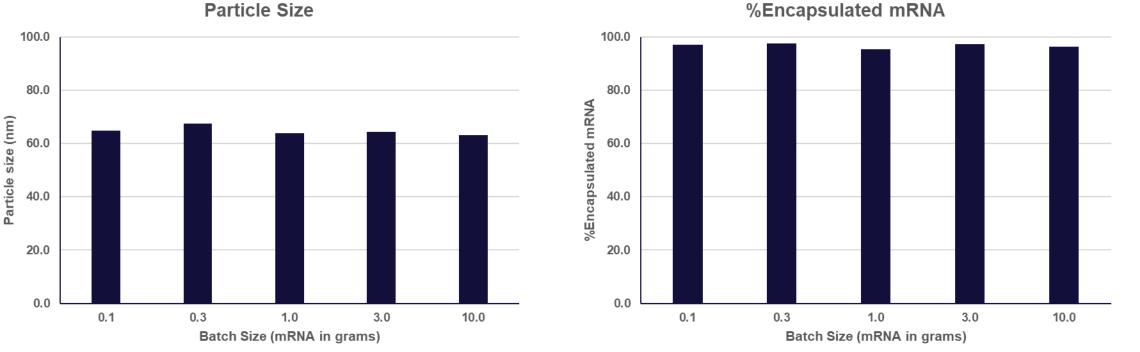
Lots produced at Arcturus

Lots produced at CMO as part of recent GMP campaign

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

### LUNAR®-mRNA Drug Product Process Scalability



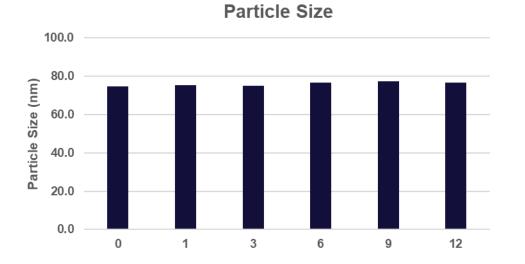


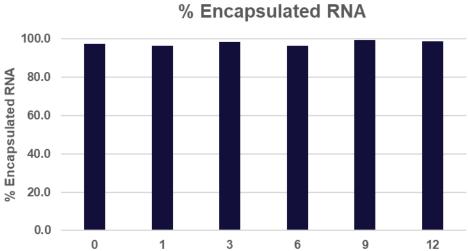
- Scalability of Drug Product demonstrated from milligram to multigram scale with yields  $\geq$  85%
- Multiple batches (10g) of LUNAR<sup>®</sup>-OTC mRNA manufactured
- Current inventory is sufficient to support IND-enabling studies and early clinical development

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### **LUNAR® Demonstrates Robust Frozen Stability**

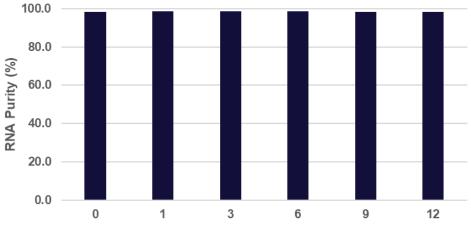






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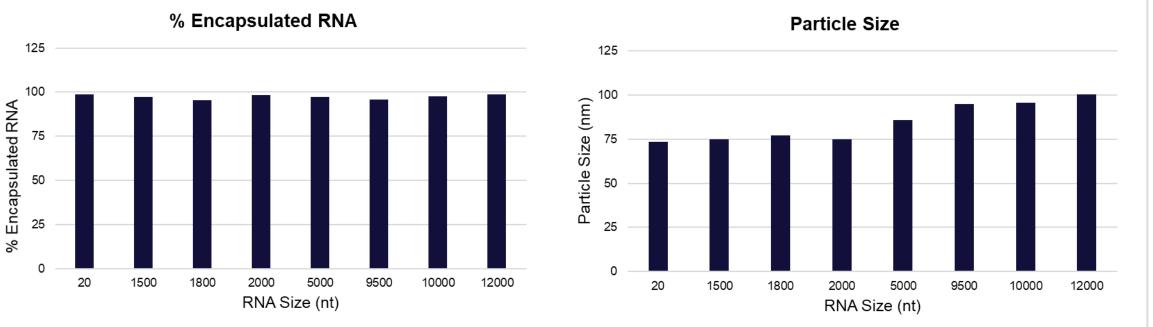
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**RNA Purity** 

Months

### LUNAR<sup>®</sup>:Compatible Across RNA Platforms



LUNAR Nanoparticles are designed to effectively encapsulate and deliver small to large RNAs





# LUNAR AND MRNA PLATFORMS ARE DRIVING DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE Cystic Fibrosis



#### Cystic Fibrosis: The most common rare disease in the United States

- Caused by genetic mutations in the CFTR gene, resulting in aberrant flux of ions in and out of cells, causing thick mucus buildup in lung airways
- Chronic airway obstruction leads to infection and inflammation, which causes permanent tissue scarring and respiratory failure
- 70,000 worldwide prevalence



### **Unmet Medical Need**

- No CFTR functional corrector is approved for treatment of all patients
- Present standard of care does not effectively prevent long-term effects of mucus accumulation. CF patients with late-stage loss of respiratory function require lung transplant

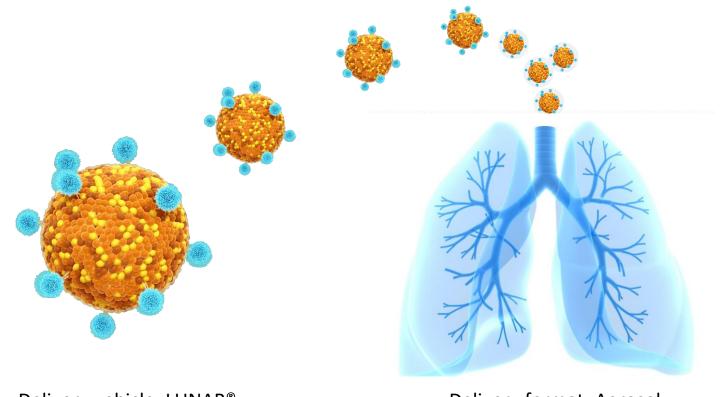


### **LUNAR-CF Aims to Restore CFTR Function**

- An mRNA replacement therapy has the potential to deliver a new copy of CFTR into the lungs of CF-patients, independent of any genotype
- A functional CFTR protein can restore chloride channel efflux in the airways, reducing mucus accumulation, tissue scarring and minimizing the progressive respiratory dysfunction observed in CF-patients



### LUNAR<sup>®</sup>-CF Drug



Cargo: mRNA

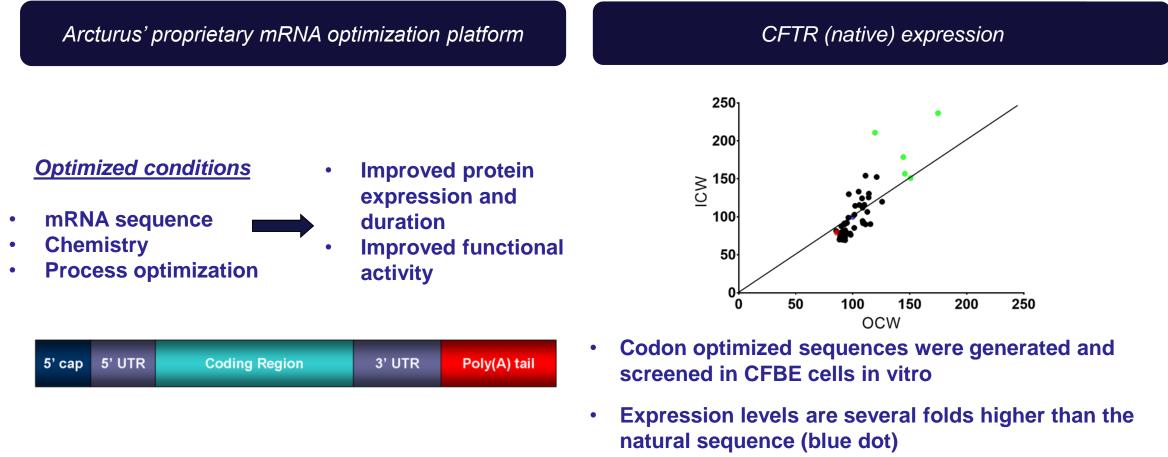
Delivery vehicle: LUNAR®

Delivery format: Aerosol

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# LUNAR<sup>®</sup>-CF





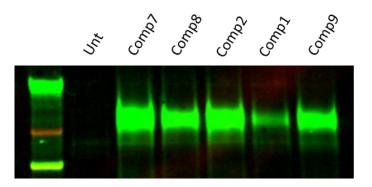
Protein expression is improved with codon optimized leads

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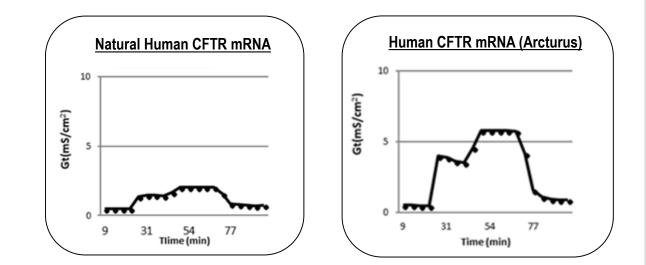


### CFTR (denature) expression



- CFTR optimized-mRNAs transfected in CFBE cells
- Arcturus' codon optimized mRNAs (Comps 2, 7, 8, 9) express higher levels of mature protein (C-band) than the natural sequence (Comp1)

<u>Functional Assay:</u> Transepithelial Conductance in an epithelial cell model (FRT)



• Arcturus' codon optimized mRNAs are several fold more active than the natural sequence

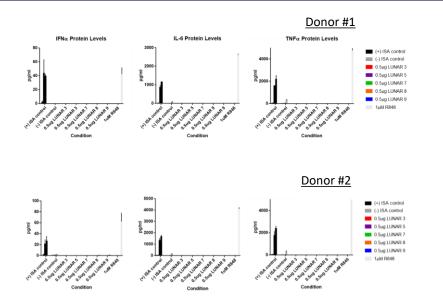
Lead CFTR mRNAs are higher expressers and more functionally active than natural sequence

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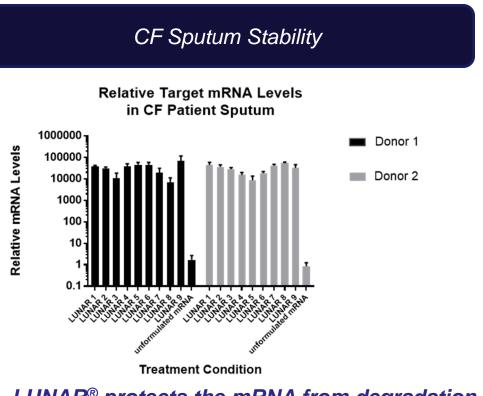
# LUNAR<sup>®</sup>-CF



### Immunostimulatory Activity In Vivo



LUNAR<sup>®</sup>-mRNAs show minimal immunostimulatory activity



• LUNAR<sup>®</sup> protects the mRNA from degradation in CF patient sputums

LUNAR<sup>®</sup>-mRNA formulations are stable in CF mucus with low immunostimulatory activity

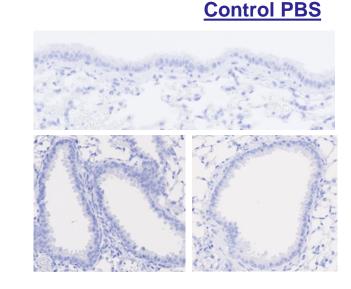
# LUNAR<sup>®</sup> Targeting Lung



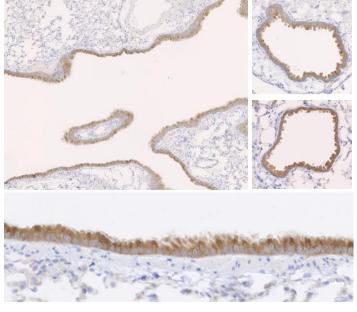
### <u>Nebulization</u>: LUNAR<sup>®</sup>-Luc mRNA

### LUNAR<sup>®</sup> delivery (IT) into lung epithelial airways

LUNAR-Luc mRNA



#### LUNAR-eGFP mRNA



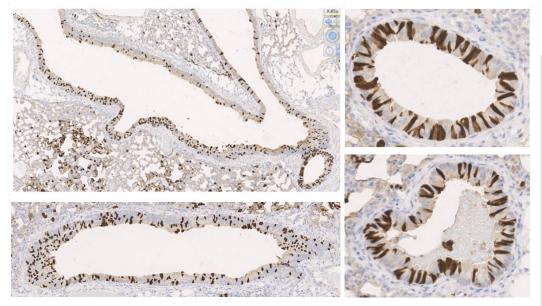
- Aerosolized (nose-only) LUNAR<sup>®</sup>-mRNA targets the upper/lower respiratory tracts
- Aerosolized (IT) LUNAR<sup>®</sup>-eGFP mRNA is delivered to epithelial airways as observed by the presence of eGFP protein

LUNAR<sup>®</sup> is compatible with an aerosolized format and efficiently targets the epithelial airways

# LUNAR<sup>®</sup> Targeting Lung

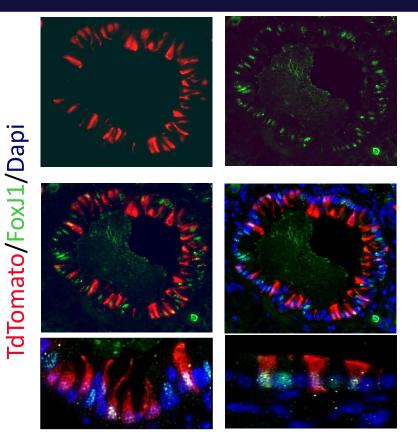


### LUNAR<sup>®</sup> Delivery (IT) in Epithelial Airways



- LUNAR<sup>®</sup>-Cre mRNA is delivered (IT) into epithelial airways in the Floxed-TdTomato transgenic mice
- TdTomato protein is detected in the airways

### LUNAR<sup>®</sup> targets lung ciliated epithelial cells (FoxJ1)



POC of selective delivery into lung epithelial cells in the mouse airways

# LUNAR<sup>®</sup> Targeting Lung



### Detection of CFTR in mouse lungs

24h

1835

Mb

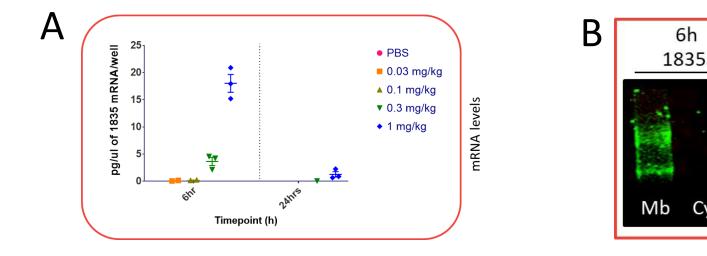
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- Efficacious delivery of hCFTR mRNA in the lungs of CFTR KO mice (A) .
- hCFTR protein detected in WT mice (B) ٠

CFTR mRNA and protein detected in WT and CFTR KO mice

## Summary



### LUNAR<sup>®</sup> delivery platform enables all RNA medicines

- Functional delivery of multiple RNA modalities enabled across cell types and routes of administration
- Rational design and SAR drive continuous platform and product improvement
- In vivo proof of concept achieved for multiple programs (OTC, CFTR)
- Arcturus proprietary manufacturing processes for mRNA and DP poised to drive programs into development

BUILDING INNOVATIVE RNA MEDICINES

