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Arcturus: Building the Next Generation of Vaccines and RNA Medicines

Arcturus

Arcturus is a U.S.-based leader in cutting-edge vaccine and medicine development. Over the past eight months, Arcturus has worked to develop LUNAR®-COV19, a vaccine that provides a robust, rapid, and potential single and multiple dose vaccination against COVID-19. LUNAR®-COV19 employs Arcturus' groundbreaking and proprietary mRNA technology to generate a robust immune response <u>without</u> the use of adjuvants, viruses, or viral vectors.

Company Highlights

 Founded in San Diego, CA in 2013, with over 120 full-time employees and researchers
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- Deep pipeline of promising therapeutic and vaccine candidates using proprietary mRNA technology
- Multiple therapeutic programs in clinical development with milestones reached in 2020
- Technologies and treatments have been validated by multiple strategic partners with leading pharma firms

Strategic Partnerships

Arcturus has partnered with the prestigious Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School in Singapore to undertake clinical testing of LUNAR[®]-COV19 in anticipation of a global roll-out by the end of 2020. Additionally, its proprietary mRNA technology has been validated through partnerships with many of the world's leading vaccine and pharmaceutical firms.



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LUNAR[®]-COV19 Vaccine



Combination of STARRTM Technology and LUNAR[®]



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LUNAR[®]-COV19 Vaccine STARRTM Mechanism





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

LUNAR-COV19 elicits higher antibody titers than conventional mRNA

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Spike-specific IgG levels

End point titers of Spike-specific antibodies

IgG titers increase up to Day 50 with LUNAR-COV19 whereas a plateau is reached with mRNA

≥ 10 fold higher IgG titers elicited by LUNAR-COV19 compared to mRNA

Similar results obtained for both Balb/c and C57Bl/6 mice

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LUNAR-COV19 produces higher avidity antibodies compared to mRNA

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LUNAR COV-19 elicits antibodies with stronger avidity to the Spike protein

Higher titers and better antibodies imply a stronger neutralization capability

High Neutralizing Antibody Titers with LUNAR®-COV19

>10-fold higher titers with LUNAR-COV19 vs mRNA

Neut. Ab titers higher than in convalescent COVID-19 patients



LUNAR COV-19 leads to higher titers of neutralizing antibodies compared to mRNA Levels of neutralizing antibodies titers on day 60 higher than in convalescent sera RNA MEDICINES

Strong T-cell immune response with LUNAR®-COV19 Vaccine



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ELISPOT results: Spike Glycoprotein Specific T Cell Immune Response

LUNAR-COV19 **mRNA** 0 μg 0 μg 1200-1200-0.2 µg 0.2 µg SFU/10⁶ splenocytes SFU/10⁶ splenocyte 2 μg 800 800 10 µg 10 µg 400 400.

Pools composed of 35 X 15 mer overlapping peptides: Pool 1-S1 NTD; Pool 2-S1 RBD; Pool 3-S2; Pool 4-Transmembrane and cytoplasmic domains

FACS analysis yielded CD4+IFNy/CD4+IL-4 >1 supporting Th1 immune response

LUNAR®-COV19 Elicits Th1 Immune Response





Clear Th1 response at 2.0 μ g and 10 μ g LUNAR-COV19 doses

mRNA-based vaccine has a Th2 response (IgG2a/IgG1 <1) at these same doses

Th2 responses are associated with immunopathology

Source: https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.09.03.280446v1.full.pdf

LUNAR®-COV19 Completely Protects Transgenic Mice from Viral Lethal Challenge



LUNAR-COV19 vaccination protected from SARS-CoV-2 infection for 14 days post viral lethal challenge

Vaccinated mice showed no sign of infection based on body weight, clinical scores and behavior

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No Viral Infection Detected in LUNAR®-COV19 Vaccinated Mice



Neither detectable viral RNA nor infectious virus in lungs or brain of transgenic mice 5 days post viral challenge

LUNAR®-COV19 Data

Strong Efficacy Profile in Animals

- Superior humoral and cellular immunity compared to conventional mRNA
- Seroconversion Rate (Day 19, 2 µg dose): STARR[™] mRNA (100%) vs. conventional mRNA (0%)
- Neutralizing antibody titers > 300 after single administration of 2 μg
- Neutralizing antibody titers continue to increase thru Day 50
- Strong T-cell response: Robust CD8/CD4 response
- Challenge model studies in transgenic hACE2r mice positive; effective protection

Promising Safety Profile in Animals

- Balanced Th1/Th2 cellular immune response *minimizes* potential for undesired immune responses important to mitigate risk of VAERD (Vaccine-Associated Enhanced Respiratory Disease)
- Lower dose expected to yield *lower* injection site reactions (ISRs) and *less* systemic reactogenic events

Promising Human Safety Profile of LUNAR® Delivery Technology

 Arcturus has clinically-dosed mRNA systemically in its LUNAR[®]-OTC program at doses > 10,000 µg with no severe or serious AEs reported

Preclinical data expected to translate to human clinical testing, i.e. superior to conventional mRNA vaccines



LUNAR COV-19 Vaccine Clinical Development

Clinical Development Plan



Phase 1/2 Clinical Trial

Human Dosing Initiated August 11; Enrollment Now Complete

- Phase 1/2 clinical trial at single site: Duke-NUS Medical School in Singapore
- All cohorts (1 μg, 5 μg, 7.5 μg, 10 μg) completed dosing; two doses regimen ongoing

Primary Goal: Identify optimal dose Primary Endpoints: Safety and tolerability Secondary Endpoints: Measures of immunogenicity and virus neutralization

Also evaluating T-cell responses (CD4+,CD8+ and Th1/Th2 and epitope mapping)

Study Design:

- Randomized, placebo-controlled, blinded
- Dose regimens: single dose, two doses separated by 28 days
- Healthy volunteer adults (younger and elder groups included)

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Clinical Development Plan



Phase 1/2 Clinical Trial Preliminary Results

Human Dosing Initiated August 11

- 106 subjects enrolled including older subjects
 - 78 subjects received single injection
 - 36 subjects received two injections
 - 28 subjects received placebo

Preliminary Optimal Dose:

5 μg to 7.5 μg

Preliminary Tolerability and Safety:

Generally well tolerated with favorable local and systemic adverse event profile **Proliminary Secondary Endpoints:**

Preliminary Secondary Endpoints:

- All subjects showed robust anti-spike IgG immune response
- Anti-spike IgG titers have been dose dependent and increased through day 43 post vaccination
- PRNT 50 GMT neutralizing antibody titers were within the range of titers observed in COVID-19 patient convalescent sera
- ELISpot tests showed T cell responses to multiple peptide pools derived from SARS-CoV-2 spike glycoprotein
- CD4+ response was Th1 dominant

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Next steps

Phase 2 Study (safety, immunogenicity) in adults is advancing to clinic shortly

Phase 3 Study (efficacy, safety) in adults to follow interim analysis of Phase 2

Phase 1/2 Study (safety, immunogenicity) in children under development



Manufacturing: Drug Substance & Drug Product

Drug Substance: (mRNA) Manufacturing





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[®] + mRNA) Manufacturing





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

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Lyophilized ARCT-021 Inhibition of Receptor Particle Size **Binding Domain** RNA MEDICINES 100 100 -75 Particle Size (nm) 50 75 25 Frozen Drug Product 50 % Inhibition Lyophilized **Reconstituted Lyophilized** Lvo Frozen **Drug Product** 25 % Encapsulated mRNA 100 Encapsulated mRNA 11 AO 180 11/80 75 R 50 Serum Dilutions 25 % Reconstituted Frozen Lyo

- 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 Data Summary



- <u>Very low dose</u>: 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
- **<u>Strong T-cell response</u>**: dose response increase in IFN-g positive CD8⁺ T-cells
- **<u>Complete protection</u>** against viral lethal challenge 30 days post single vaccination
- <u>Balanced cellular immune response</u> minimizes potential for enhanced respiratory disease (ERD) and lower dose may yield lower local and systemic reactogenic events suggesting a promising safety profile
- **<u>Superior</u>** 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

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