# ARCTURUS THERAPEUTICS

Building the Next Generation of RNA Medicines

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# BUILDING INNOVATIVE RNA MEDICINES

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# **Company Highlights**



#### **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**

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Broad and Strong Intellectual Property Portfolio

		Program	Indication
mRNA & STARR™ mRNA	)	LUNAR-COV19	
mRNA Chemistry		(ARCT-021)	COVID-19 Vaccine
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mRNA Design & Modifications		(ARCT-810)	(OTC) Deficiency
mRNA Manufacturing Process		LUNAR-CF	Cystic Fibrosis
LUNAR® Delivery			
Lipid Chemistry	( '	LUNAR-CV	Rare Cardiovascular Disea
Formulation Design		LUNAR-MD	Rare Metabolic Disease
UNAR® Drug Product Manufacturing			
192 Patents & Patent Applications		ADDITIONAL	EARLIER STAGE PROGRAMS



# **Arcturus Pipeline of mRNA Medicines**

Name	Indication	Route of Administration	Target Organ (Cell Type)	Prevalence Worldwide	Anticipated Milestones
LUNAR-COV19 (ARCT-021)	COVID-19 Vaccine	Intramuscular (i.m.)	Muscle (Myocytes, Dendritic Cells)	Global	Phase 1/2 Initiate Dosing Summer 2020
LUNAR-OTC (ARCT-810)	Ornithine Transcarbamylase (OTC) Deficiency	Intravenous (i.v.)	Liver (Hepatocytes)	> 10,000	Phase 1 Data Q4 2020
LUNAR-CF	Cystic Fibrosis	Inhaled Aerosol	Lung (Bronchial Epithelial Cells)	> 70,000	DC Selection 2020 IND 2021
LUNAR-CV	Rare Cardiovascular Disease	Intravenous (i.v.)	Liver (Hepatocytes)	Undisclosed	IND 2021
LUNAR-MD	Rare Metabolic Disease	Intravenous (i.v.)	Liver (Hepatocytes)	Undisclosed	IND 2022

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# **Partnerships Maximize Platform**

Program	Partner	Indication
LUNAR-HBV	Johnson-Johnson	Hepatitis B Virus (HBV)
LUNAR-NASH	Takeda	Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH)
LUNAR-GSD3	ultrageny	Glycogen Storage Disease Type III
LUNAR-RARE	ultrageny	Undisclosed Rare Disease
LUNAR-RPL	Undisclosed Large Pharma	Vaccines
LUNAR-AH	Undisclosed Animal Health Pharma	Vaccines

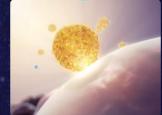
**Greater than \$1 Billion in Potential Milestones & Royalties** 

# **LUNAR®** Delivery Technology





**LUNAR Associates** with Cell Membrane



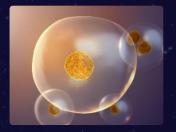
Enters Cell Via Endocytosis





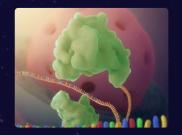
Rapid Biodegradation of Vehicle

Lipid Particle in Endosome



Increased Acidity as Endosome Ages

### RNA in Cytosol



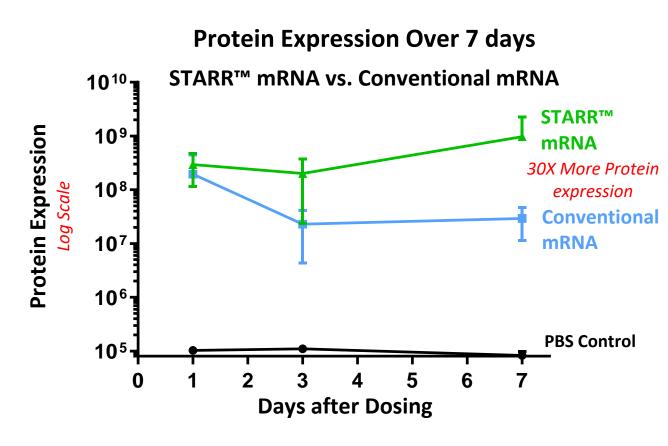
RNA Processing and Translation



### **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™ PBS** Conventional **Technology** Control **mRNA**



STARR™ mRNA technology together with LUNAR® delivery may enable single vaccine administration at very low dose



# **LUNAR-COV19 (ARCT-021) COVID-19 Vaccine Candidate**

### **Arcturus COVID-19 Vaccine Candidate has Significant Advantages**



- Duke-NUS Partnership Duke NUS Medical School
- mRNA Vaccine: Simple, No Adjuvants, No Viruses
- STARR™ mRNA: Produces 30X more Protein than Conventional mRNA
- LUNAR® Technology: non-viral Delivery System



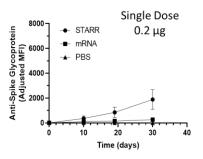
- Promising Preclinical Data: Neutralizing Antibodies & Cell-mediated Immunity
- Potential Single-Shot: Simpler Logistics for Vaccinating Large Populations
- Very Low Dose: Enables Rapid Global Scale-up
- Readily Manufactured: Arcturus Processes + Strategic Partnership Catalent.

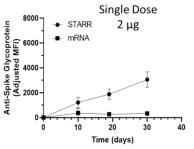
### Preclinical Data: Broad and Robust Immune Response

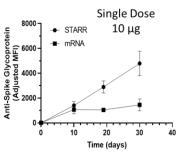


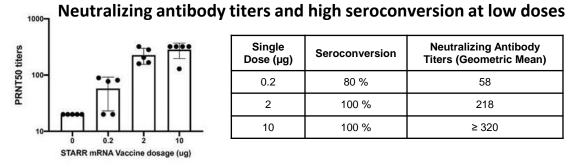
### **Humoral Immunity**

#### STARR™ induces more robust titers compared to conventional mRNA





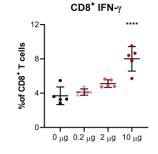




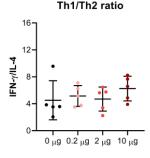
Single Dose (µg)	Seroconversion	Neutralizing Antibody Titers (Geometric Mean)
0.2	80 %	58
2	100 %	218
10	100 %	≥ 320

### **Cellular Immunity**

**Adaptive Cellular** (CD8+ cells)



Balanced (Th1/Th2) immune response



- Single administration with a very low dose of Arcturus COVID vaccine results in potent immune reaction
- STARR™ mRNA generates neutralizing antibodies (anti-SARS-CoV-2 Spike Glycoprotein IgG) and a cellular T-cell mediated immune response at a much lower dose level compared to conventional mRNA



### Clinical Development Plan to Rapidly Advance LUNAR-COV19

- Initiate Phase 1/2 dosing this summer 2020
- Enroll up to 108 healthy volunteer adults, including the elderly, to evaluate safety and immune response
- Trial design allows us to potentially rapidly select dose to take forward to large registrational studies
- Based on anticipated single, low dose vaccine and Catalent partnership, Arcturus could potentially manufacture hundreds of millions of doses in 2021
- Arcturus retains global rights to LUNAR-COV19



# LUNAR-OTC (ARCT-810) Ornithine Transcarbamylase (OTC) Deficiency

## **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 life-threatening spikes of ammonia
- Severe OTC Deficiency patients are typically referred for liver transplant, currently the only cure



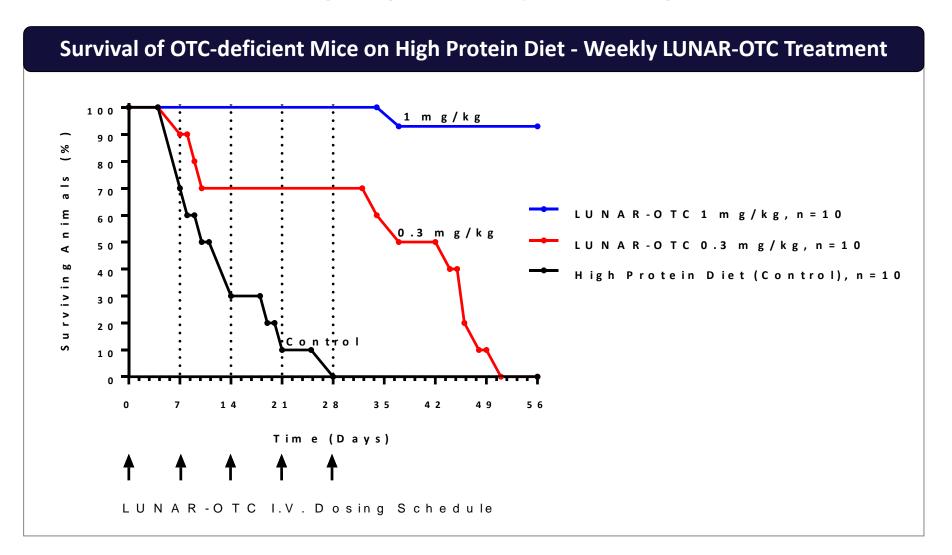
#### **LUNAR-OTC Aims to Restore Enzyme Function**

 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**



Disease Normalization Following Single and Repeat Dosing in OTC Mouse Model

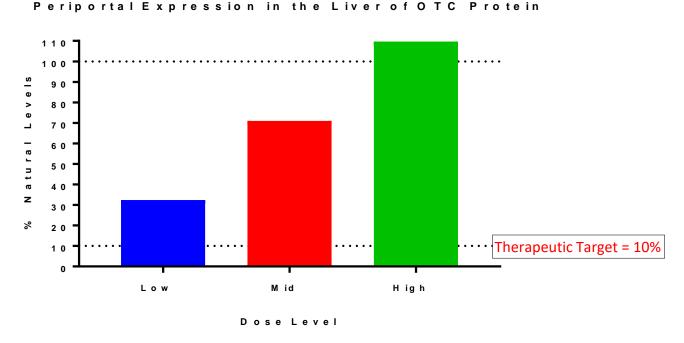


### **LUNAR-OTC**



Exceeds Therapeutic Target of 10% Enzyme 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



<sup>\*</sup>Li, L. et al. PGC-1α Promotes Ureagenesis in Mouse Periportal Hepatocytes through SIRT3 and SIRT5 in Response to Glucagon. Scientific Reports. 6:24156 | DOI: 10.1038/srep24156, April 2016 \*Lamers, W.H., Hakvoort, T.B.M., and Köhler, E.S. 'Molecular Pathology of Liver Diseases' in Monga S.P.S. (ed.), MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY LIBRARY SERIES, Springer Publishing, New York, pp. 125-132 | DOI: 10.1007/978-1-4419-7107-4

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

### **ARCT-810 Phase 1/1b Study Ongoing**



#### **Two Single Dose Studies**

- New Zealand Phase 1 clinical trial underway, up to 30 healthy volunteers Clinical Trial Application (CTA) approved
- U.S. Phase 1b clinical trial in up to 12 stable OTC-deficient patients IND allowed to proceed

**Primary Goal**: Identify safest doses to take forward into multiple dose clinical trials

**Primary Endpoints**: Safety and tolerability

**Exploratory Endpoints:** Biomarkers ureagenesis, plasma ammonia levels and OTC enzyme activity, urine orotic acid levels

#### Dosing

- Single ascending dose (SAD) studies; randomized, placebo controlled and blinded
- Healthy volunteer study up to 5 dose levels; Patient study up to 3 dose levels
- All doses are within the anticipated range for therapeutic biological effect

#### **Timing of Human Data**

- Phase 1 healthy volunteer study has initiated; targeted to complete in Q4 2020
- Phase 1b patient study initiation dependent on COVID19 status



# LUNAR-CF Cystic Fibrosis

# **Cystic Fibrosis Market Opportunity**





#### **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**

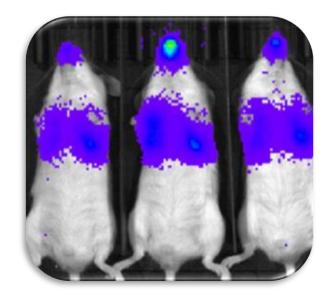
- An mRNA replacement therapy has the potential to deliver a new copy of CFTR into the lungs of CF patients, independent of any genotype
- A functional CFTR protein can restore chloride channel efflux in the airways, reducing mucus accumulation, tissue scarring and minimizing the progressive respiratory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

### Delivery of LUNAR®-mRNA to Rodent Airways

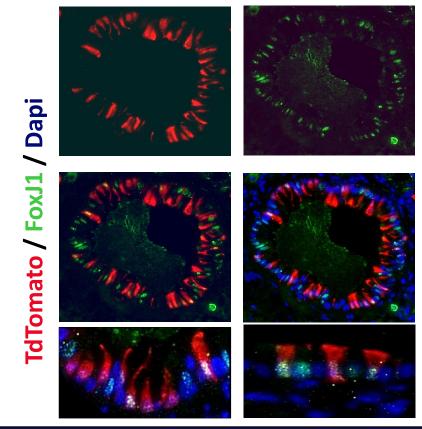


**Nebulization: Upper/Lower Airways** 

LUNAR® Targets Mice Epithelial Airways (TdTomato), Including Ciliated Cells (TdTomato/FoxJ1)



**LUNAR® + Luciferase mRNA** 



Efficient delivery of LUNAR®-mRNA formulations in rodent airways

### LUNAR®, an aerosolized delivery platform for lung

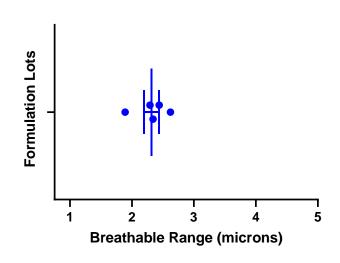


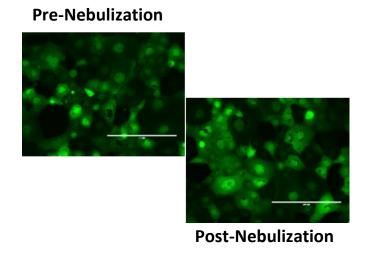
Aerosolized LUNAR®

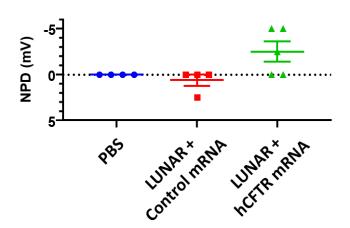
Particles are Breathable

Aerosolized LUNAR® -mRNA (EGFP) maintains activity

LUNAR®-mRNA (hCFTR) is biologically active in vivo (NPD, Mouse)







Aerosolized LUNAR® droplets are in the optimal breathable range (1-5 microns)

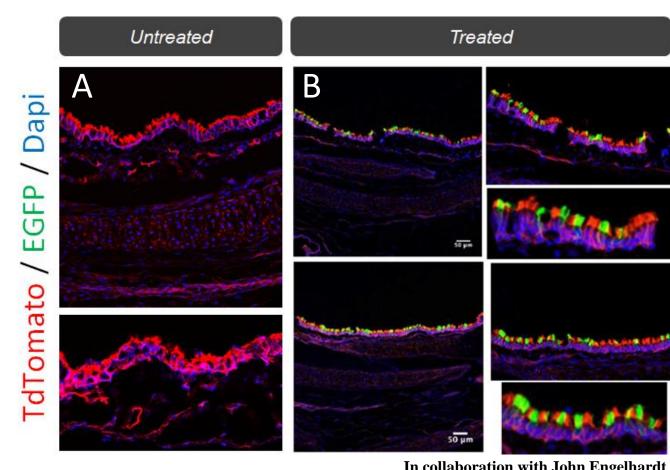
Aerosolized LUNAR® maintains activity as measured by EGFP protein expression & Nasal Potential Difference (NPD)

### Delivery of LUNAR®-mRNA into Epithelial Airways in Ferret

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EGFP conversion in tracheal epithelial airways observed in the ROSA26TG Ferret model

- Ferrets are an excellent species for modeling certain human lung diseases\*
- Novel LUNAR® formulations of CRE mRNA were tested in a transgenic **ROSA26TG ferret model**
- **Activation of EGFP expression** indicates that LUNAR® targets epithelial airways
- **Anticipated next steps: Development Candidate Nomination 2020, IND Filing 2021**



In collaboration with John Engelhardt

LUNAR® effectively delivered mRNA to the tracheal epithelial airways in a Ferret model



# **Moving Forward**



## **Anticipated Milestones and Cash Position**

LUNAR-COV19 (ARCT-021)	
Phase 1/2 Initiation	Summer 2020
Initial Clinical Data	Q3/Q4 2020

LUNAR-OTC (ARCT-810)	
Phase 1 Data	Q4 2020

LUNAR-CF	
Development Candidate Selection	2020
IND Application Filing	2021

Cash Position
\$59.5 million as of March 31, 2020
\$75.5 million added in Q2 2020 from Secondary Offering
\$9.6 million added in Q2 2020 for Ultragenyx Option
\$4.9 million added from COVID-19 vaccine contract
Sufficient to support operations for more than two years

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#### **Management Team**



Joseph E. Payne, MSc President & CEO



CSO & COO

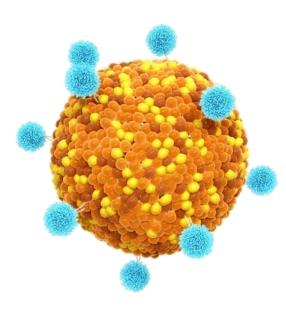


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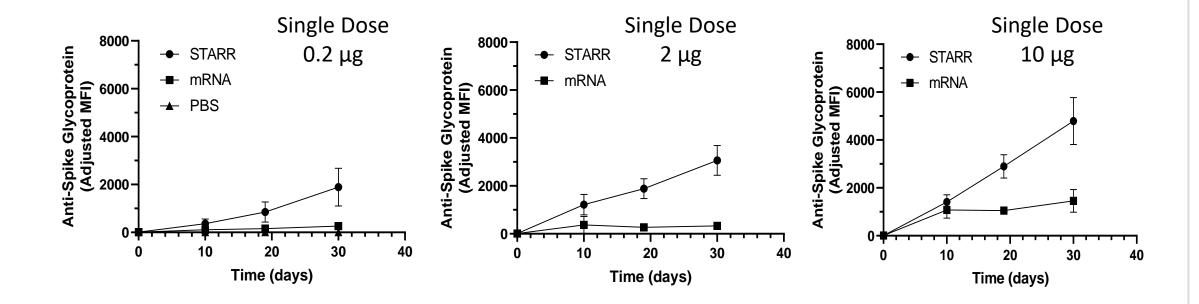




### Appendix

## BUILDING INNOVATIVE RNA MEDICINES

### **Higher and More Robust Antibody Titers**



- **Higher titers** (anti-SARS-CoV-2 Spike Glycoprotein IgG) elicited by STARR™ mRNA
- **Titers continue to increase** with STARR™ mRNA; plateau is reached with conventional mRNA
- Dose dependent increase in IgG titers

### **LUNAR-COV19 Positive Preclinical Data**



Arcturus COVID-19 vaccine to begin human dosing this Summer

#### Seroconversion Rate (% of Animals) – STARR™ mRNA vs. Conventional mRNA

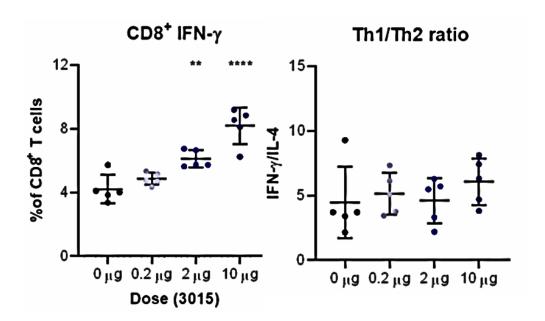
Single	LUNAR® Delivery			
Single STARR™ m		nRNA (%)	Conventional mRNA (%)	
Dose (μg)*	Day 10	Day 19	Day 10	Day 19
0.2	40	60	20	20
2	80	100	20	0
10	100	100	40	80

<sup>\*</sup>One microgram (µg) is 1 billionth of a kilogram (i.e. 1 Kg STARR™ mRNA contains 500 million doses at 2 µg /dose)

100% of mouse seroconverted by day 19 at a single low dose (2 μg)

### Arcturus Vaccine elicits a Balanced Cell Mediated Immune Response





RNA Dose (µg)	% 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

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### **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 30
- Strong T-cell response: dose responsive increase in IFN-g positive CD8+ T-cells
- Potential single shot simplifies vaccination campaigns
- Safety: balanced cellular immune response favorable profile to mitigate against immune pathology and Vaccine Induced Enhancement
- Superior immunogenic profile of STARR™ compared to conventional mRNA
- Adjuvant-free, Preservative-free, Antibiotic-free reduces public concerns

# **Arcturus Safety Profile**



#### **External Validation**

• Multiple strategic partnerships over many years confirms the positive potential safety profile of Arcturus LUNAR® and mRNA

#### **Arcturus is committed to developing safe mRNA products**

• 15 studies over several years with strategic partners

#### **Top Safety Concern for RNA Medicines is Delivery**





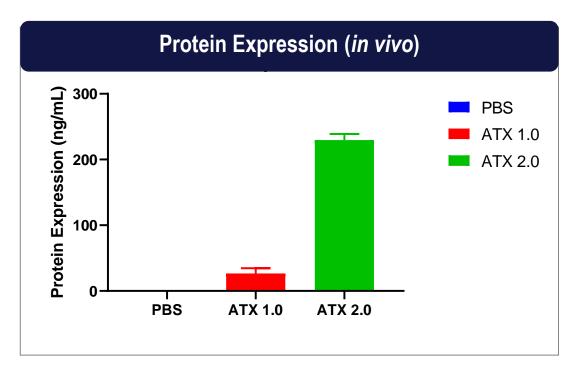
- √ @ 15 mg/kg single dose of non-coding siRNA
- ✓ @ 3 mg/kg x eight (8) weekly doses of non-coding siRNA (total of 24 mg/kg over 2 months)

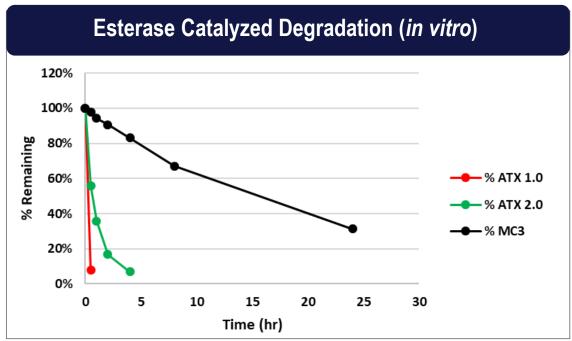
#### Arcturus mRNA chemistry shows promising efficacy and tolerability data

Efficacy of OTC mRNA in mouse model @ 0.1 – 1 mg/kg

# ATX Lipids are Effective and Biodegradable



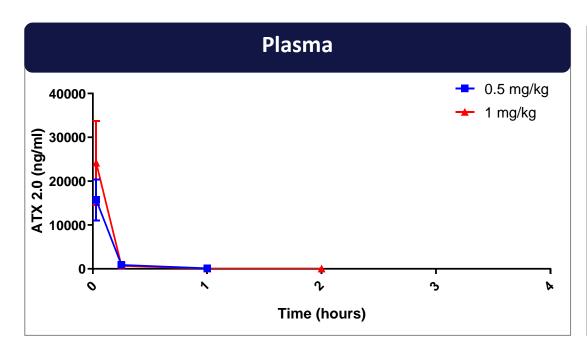


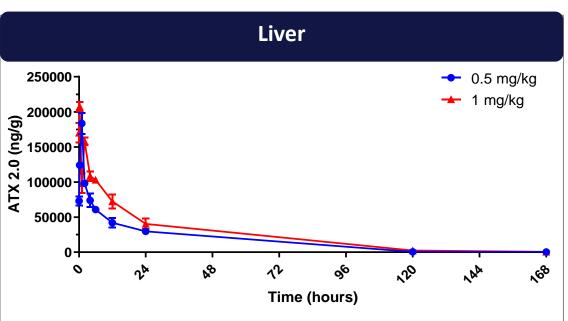


**Next Generation ATX Lipids Retain Degradability & Improve Delivery Efficiency** 



### ATX 2.0 Lipid is Biodegradable and Clears in vivo





- ATX Lipid (the major component in LUNAR® technology) is degraded in vivo
- ATX 2.0 Lipid Half-Life in the Liver is Approximately 20 hours

# Drug Substance: mRNA Design



**Arcturus' proprietary mRNA optimization platform** 

Sustained hEPO activity in NHPs upon repeat dosing

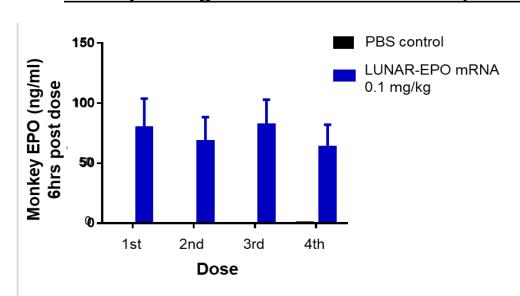
# Optimize mRNA sequence Protein Expression

Chemistry Duration

Process Functional Activity



#### **Weekly Dosing in Non-Human Primates (NHPs)**



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

### Drug Substance (mRNA) Manufacturing



DNA Template Production

IVT and Capping Reaction

**Purification Process** 

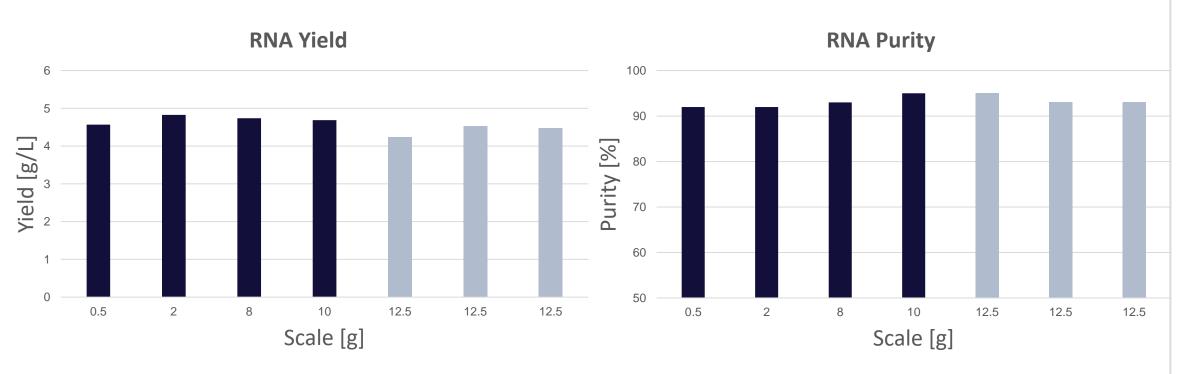
Buffer Exchange & Concentration

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

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

### Drug Substance (mRNA) Manufacturing



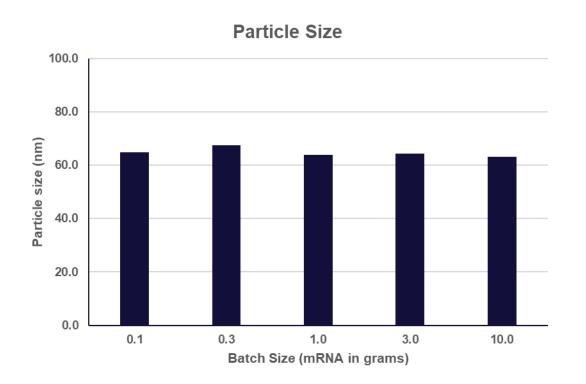


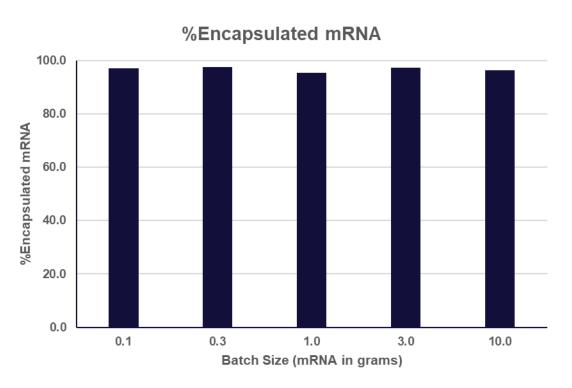
- Non-GMP Lots Produced at Arcturus
- GMP Lots Produced at CMO as part of recent GMP campaign

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 > 85%
- GMP Batch of LUNAR®-OTC (ARCT-810) Drug Product Manufactured and Released