



## Rapid Development, Manufacturing and Deployment of a COVID-19 Vaccine

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## Executive Summary

Our lead vaccine candidate creates an immune response which is as powerful as **Convalescent Human Serum**

- At a dilution rate of 75x they both reduce infection rate by 75% (slide 12)

Safety- Our vaccine uses a delivery system designed to eradicate the danger of disease enhancement.

- We do not use a viral vector or an electric charge or an electroporation device
- Our Maximum Tolerated Dose is more than 50x greater than the doses used for these highly efficacious results
- Data charts demonstrating equivalent neutralizing antibody titer to convalescent COVID-19 patients on slides 11&12. This has been achieved with ultra low doses. We will assess up to 10x this dose in clinical trials and expect to see corresponding increases in antibodies.

All current leading vaccine candidates seem to target the Spike protein which makes them all vulnerable to the same weakness- a mutation in the Spike which could render all of them ineffective. Due to our superior payload carrying capacity we can and do target the N protein as well as S and develop strong T cell responses from that. This multiple targeting enables us to provide mutation insurance, as well as diversification of risk in the portfolio of APAs.



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## Background

- **Aegis Biodefense**, the international arm of Entos pharmaceuticals, is developing a DNA based vaccine and therapeutic against Coronaviruses for worldwide deployment.
- **Entos Pharmaceuticals**, a leading biotech company in Canada, has developed **Fusogenix**, its next generation delivery system for genetic medicine
  - 13 years of research and development on Fusogenix
- We are setting up **Aegis Europe** to produce our COVID-19 vaccines and to build our genetic medicine capacity in the EU

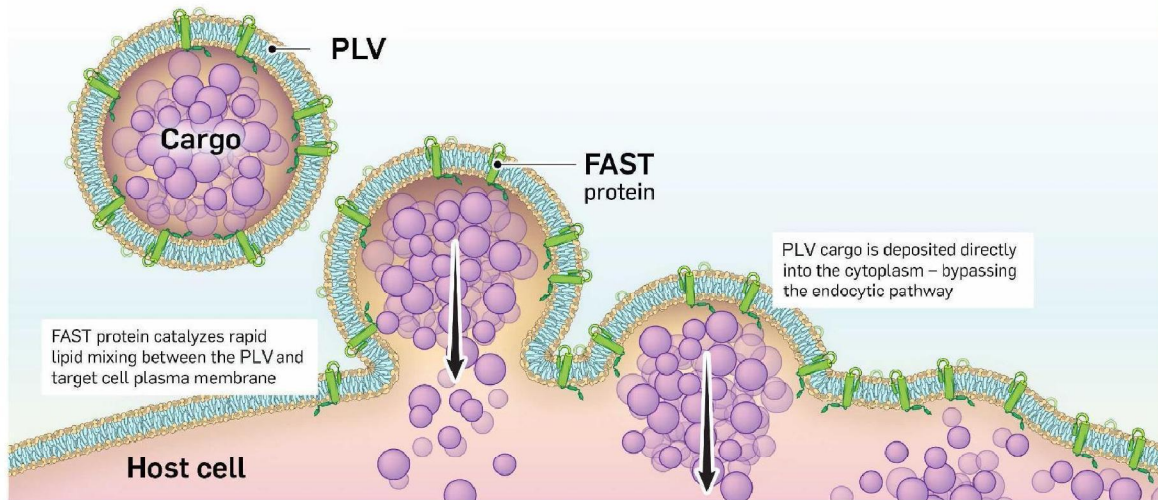


## Aegis COVID-19 DNA Vaccine

- DNA plasmids of S and N proteins delivered via our Fusogenix Gene Delivery platform
- Generates a potent and protective antibody in mice study
- Induces balanced T-cell based response in mice study
- Protects against COVID-19 as well as other coronaviruses
- Administered as an injectable in liquid suspension, with storage at 4C and for 1 year
- Oral Formulation of our vaccine has shown early efficacy and currently is in development
- DNA plasmids are very stable to store and scalable to produce



# Fusogenic DNA Vaccine Platform



Optimized for intracellular delivery and high expression of plasmid DNA

Significantly more efficient than viral or non-viral formulations

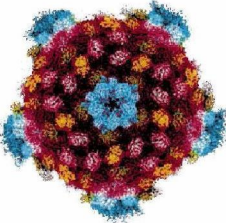
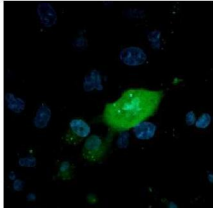
Scalable and inexpensive microfluidic manufacturing

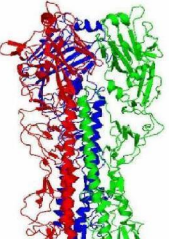


# Fusogenic FAST Fusion Protein

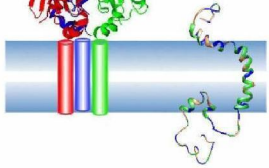
## Fusogenic orthoreovirus

## FAST fusion proteins via neutral proteo-lipid vehicles to deliver nucleic acids inside cells safely and efficiently

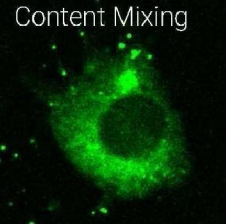


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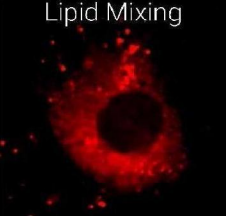


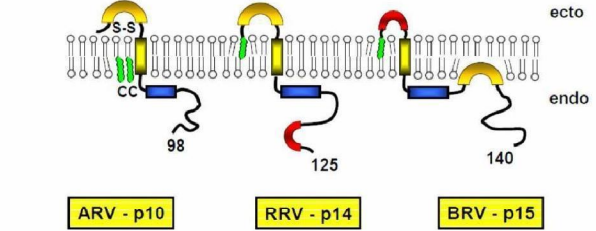
FAST

Content Mixing



Lipid Mixing





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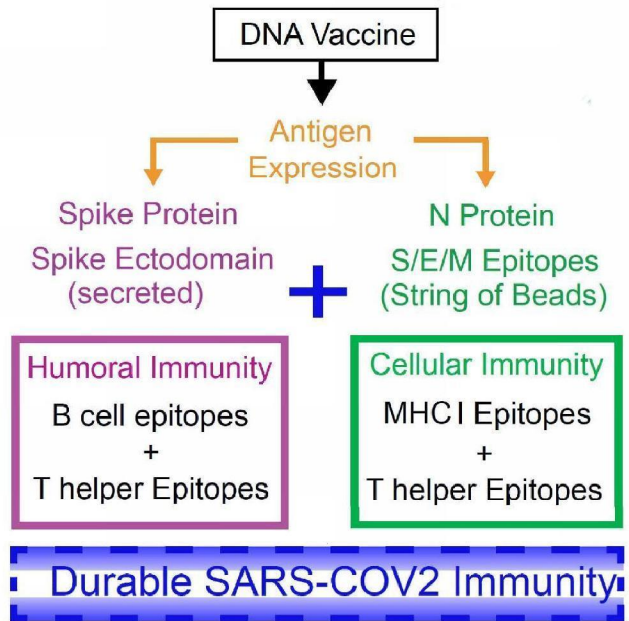
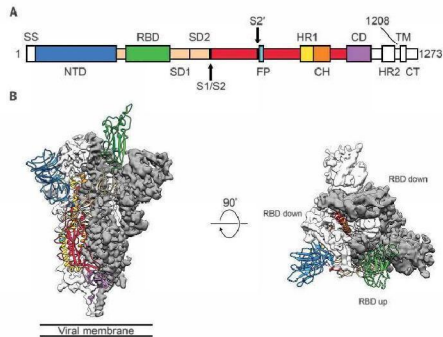
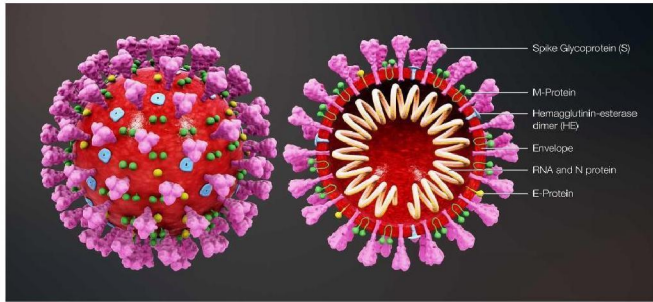
## Fusogenix Advantages for Genetic Medicine Delivery

- Effective and nontoxic delivery mechanism to transport the medicine and deposit the medicine inside the human cells
- Fusogenix is a hybrid between LNPs and viral vectors, with tiny viral fusion proteins on its LNP surface to facilitate seamless entry inside human cells
- It does not require electric charges and avoids the cell damage that it can cause.
- Fusogenix is a scalable genetic medicine delivery platform for RNA or DNA –based vaccines and therapeutics on the same equipment
- Fusogenix can be produced on microfluidic manufacturing equipment which is highly scalable and deployable in the EU
- Fusogenix can also deliver genetic medicines intravenously to treat COVID-19 prophylactically and therapeutically

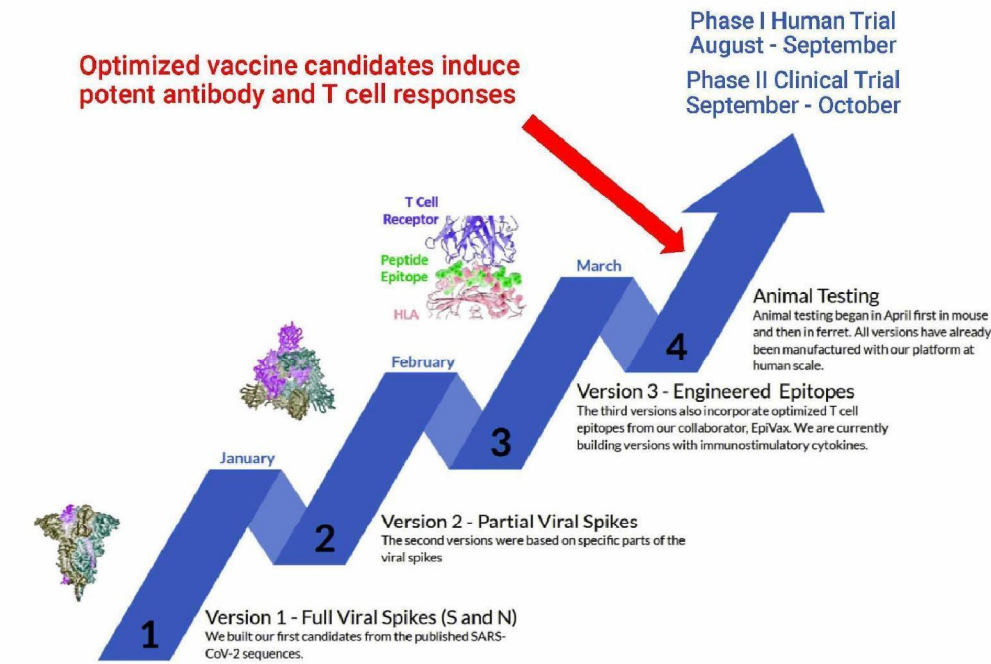




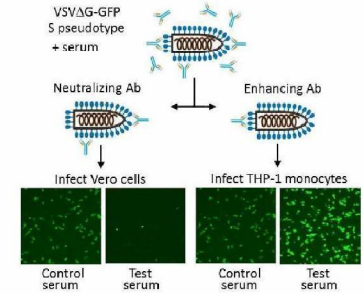
# Designing a pan-coronavirus DNA vaccine



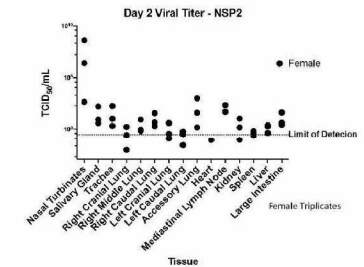
# Rapid Vaccine Development



Assays for neutralizing and enhancing Abs using VSV-deltaG-GFP backbone pseudotyped with SARS-CoV-2 S protein (Dalhousie) and SARS-CoV-2 challenge (MDO-Intervac)



**Ferret challenge model.** Female ferrets were inoculated with SARS-CoV-2  $10^{6.6}$  TCID<sub>50</sub> intranasally. Two days post inoculation, vRNA load was determined by qRT-PCR assessing the NSP1 gene.

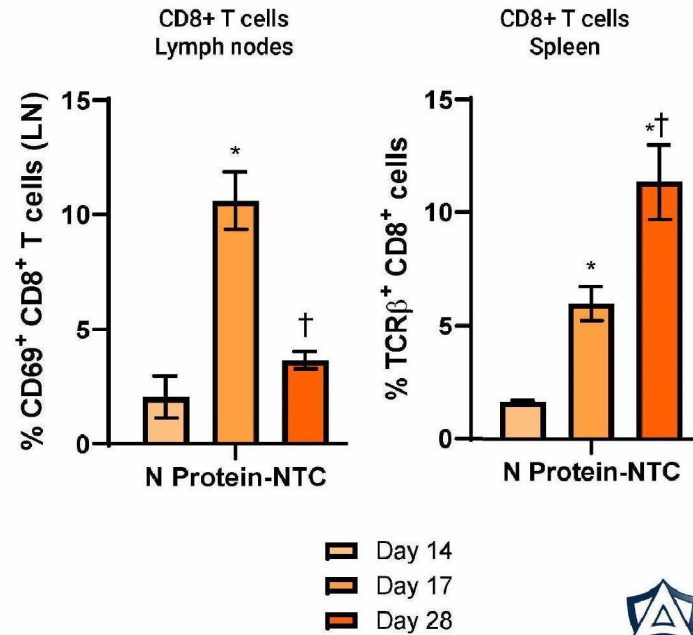


# N Vaccine: Potent pan-coronavirus T-cell response

2 doses of 25 µg  
MTD is 1-2 mg

Aegis Fusogenix PLV Vaccine

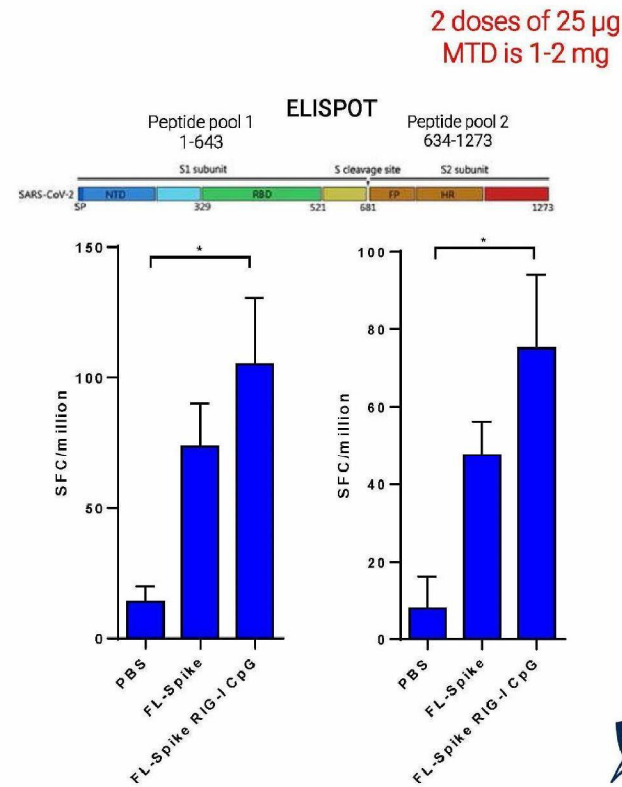
- Fusogenix PLV carrying a plasmid encoding full length COVID-19 N protein
- Mice were injected intramuscularly with a 25 µg dose of PLV encoding FL-N on a backbone with optional RIG-I/CpG on Day 1 and 14.
- At 14, 17 and 21 days, T cells from lymph nodes and spleen were assessed by flow cytometry to identify CD8+ population.
- Significant increase in CD8+ cells in lymph nodes and liver following vaccination with N protein DNA vaccine
- Our lead pan-coronavirus candidate is a potent generator of T cells that destroy cells infected with SARS-CoV-2.



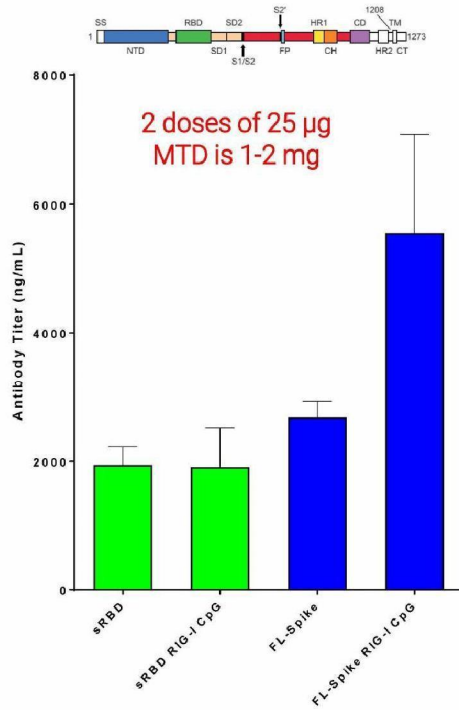
## S vaccine: Potent T-cell response

Aegis Fusogenix PLV Vaccine

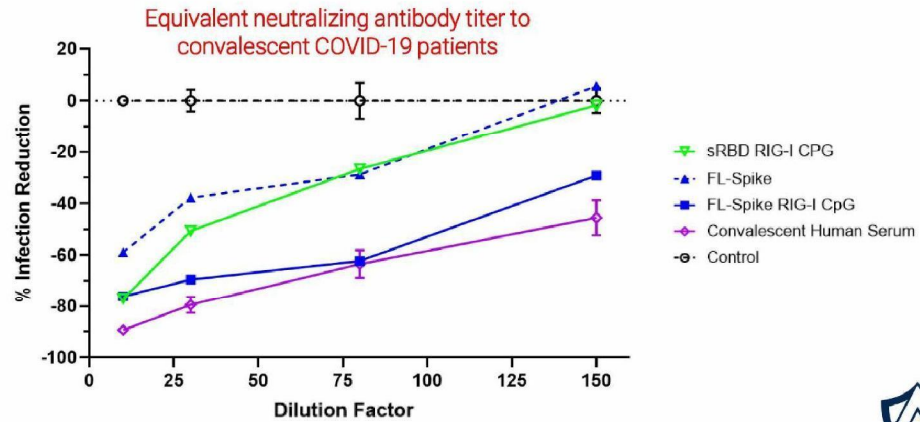
- Fusogenix PLV carrying a plasmid encoding optimized COVID-19 Spike protein fragments
- Mice were injected intramuscularly with a 25 µg dose of PLV encoding sRBD or FL-Spike on a backbone with optional RIG-I/CpG or saline on Day 1 and 14.
- At 21 days, splenic T cells were stimulated with no peptide (control) or Spike peptides, and interferon gamma-expressing cells were enumerated using ELISPOT assays.
- Significant increase in IFN $\gamma$ -expressing spot forming cells (SFC - expressed per million splenocytes)
- Our lead candidate is a potent generator of T cells that destroy cells infected with SARS-CoV-2.



# S vaccine: Protective neutralizing antibody response



- Fusogenix PLV carrying a plasmid encoding optimized COVID-19 Spike protein fragments
- Mice were injected intramuscularly with a 25 µg dose of PLV encoding sRBD or FL-Spike on a backbone with optional RIG-I/CpG or saline on Day 1 and 14.

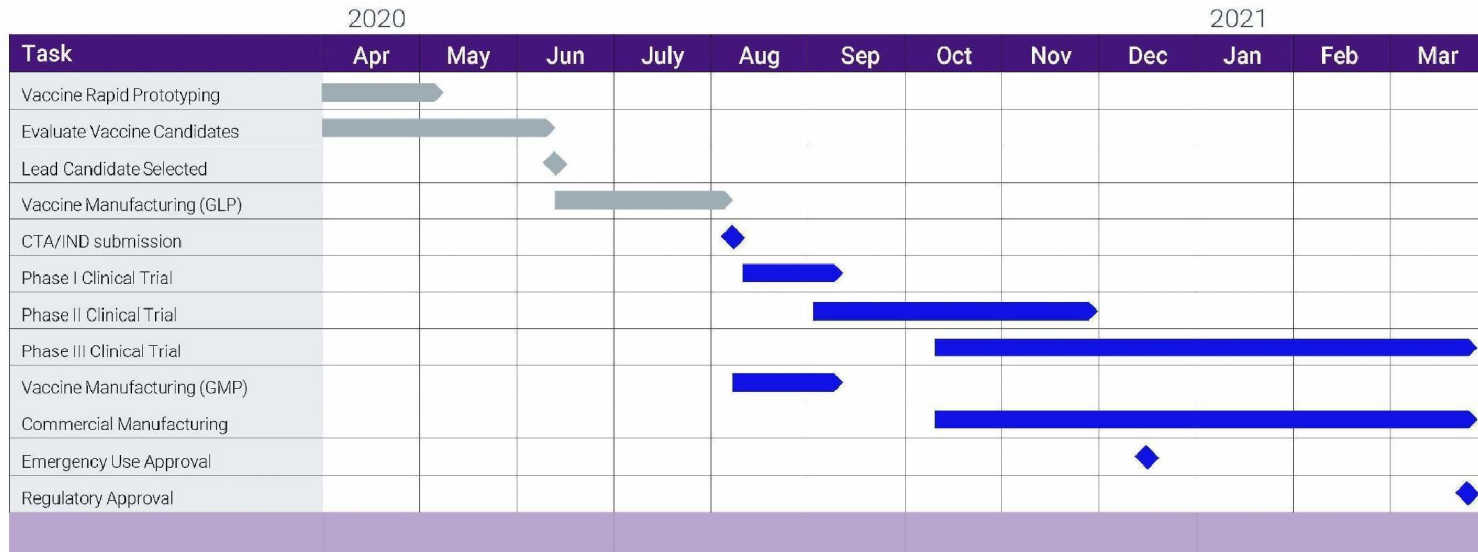


# Vaccine Competitive Landscape

	DNA Fusogenix	DNA electroporation	mRNA LNP	DNA Adenovirus
Efficacy	High expression at low dose ✓✓✓	Questionable expression at high dose ✓	Good expression at low dose ✓✓✓	Questionable expression, pre-existing immunity ✓
Tolerability	Well tolerated at mg doses, multiple dosing ✓✓✓	Well tolerated, multiple dosing ✓✓✓	Low maximum tolerated dose of <250µg with SAEs ✓	Single dose only ✓
Scalability	Highly scalable microfluidics, 4C or RT storage ✓✓✓	Handheld device required ✗	mRNA is expensive and requires -80C cold chain ✗	Straightforward production, 4C storage ✓✓



# Accelerated Development Timeline







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# Scalable Manufacturing



We use a scalable microfluidic manufacturing platform to manufacture research & clinical grade DNA vaccines.



Manufacturing technology licensed from Precision Nanosystems (Vancouver, BC).



Spark  
25 – 250  $\mu$ L



NanoAssemblr  
1 to 20 mL



Blaze  
10 mL to 1 L



cGMP 8x Scale-up  
up to 25 L

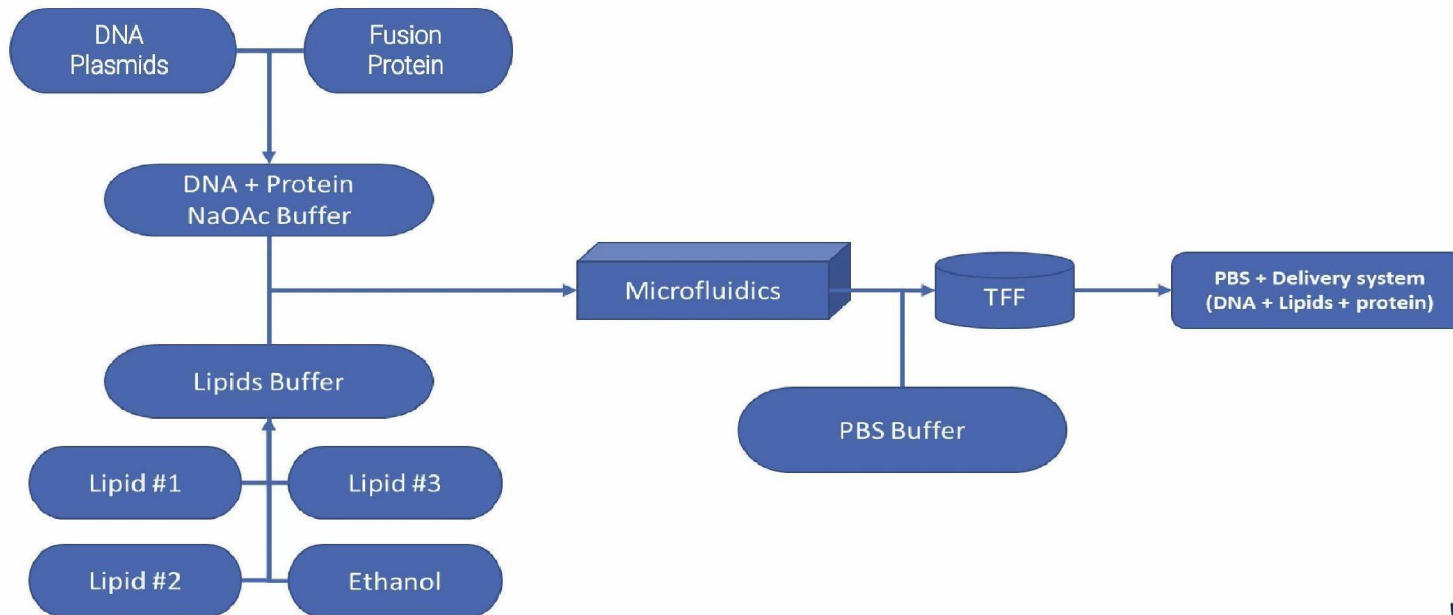
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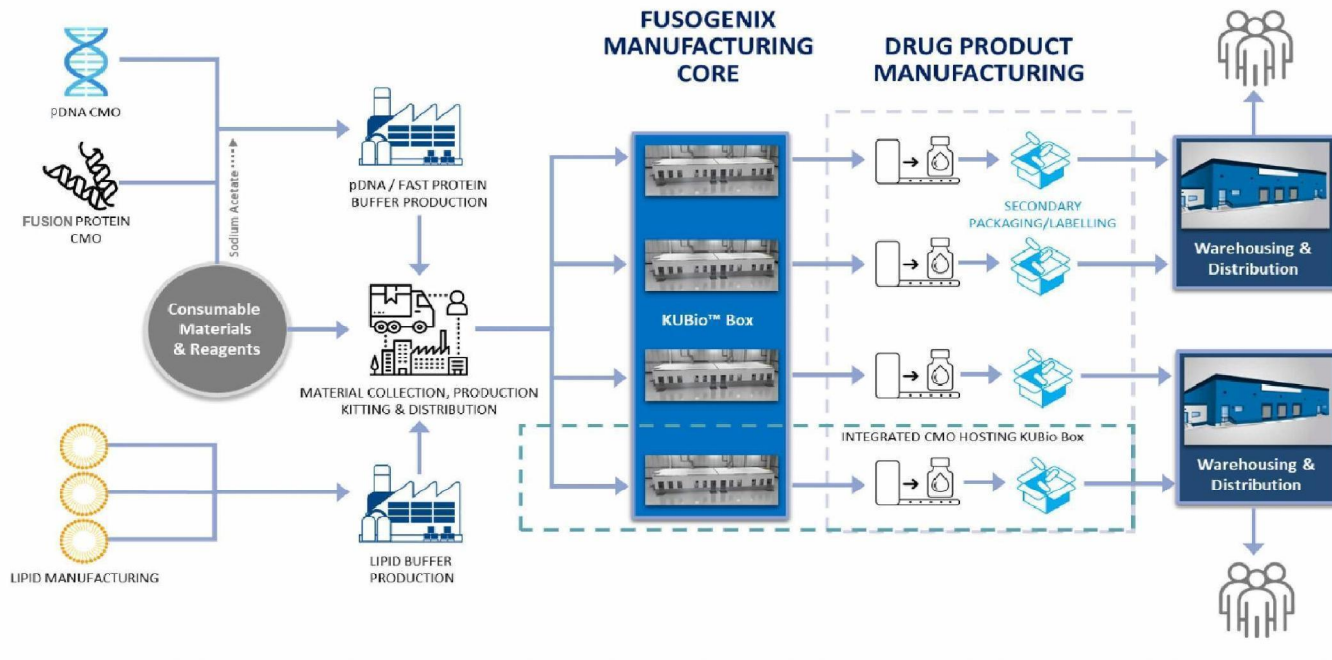
Up and running GMP manufacturing site at the Advanced Cell Therapy Manufacturing Facility



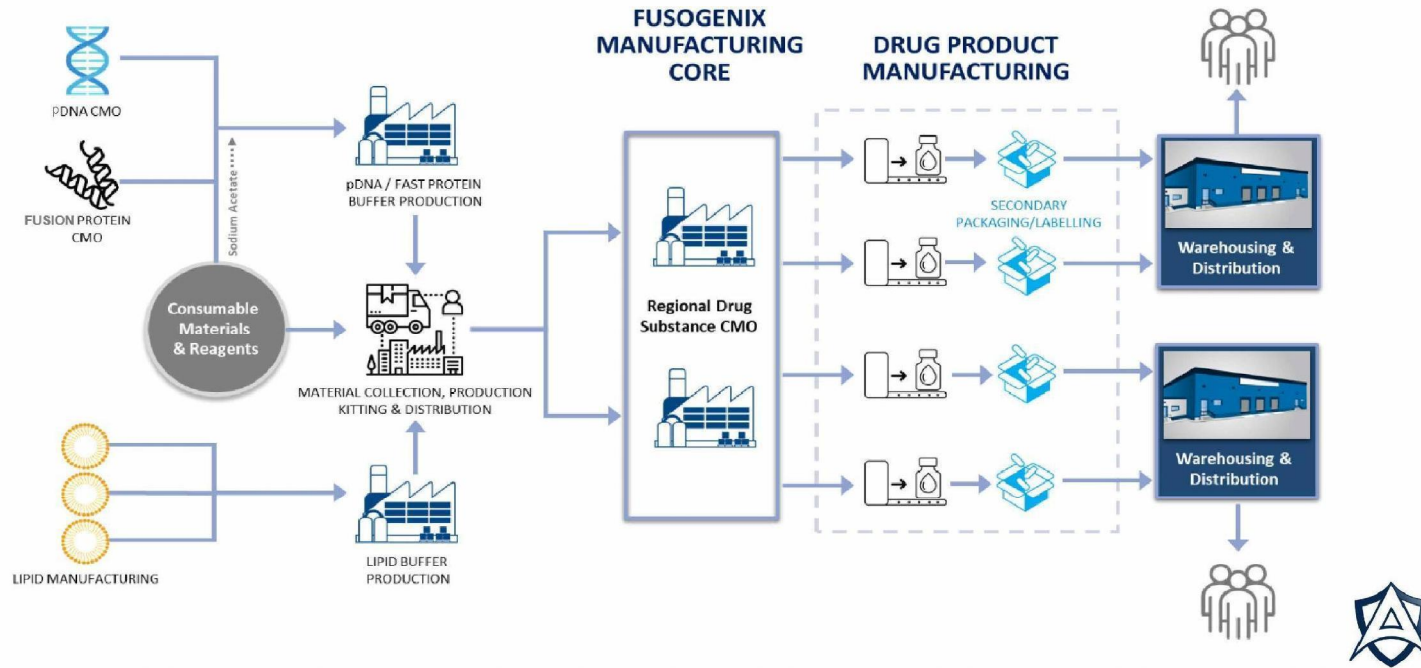
# Modular Fusogenix Manufacturing Core



# Fusogenix Vaccine Supply Chain (Integrated Model)



# Fusogenix Vaccine Supply Chain (Regional Model)



# Partnering

- Manufacturing Equipment
  - Formerly GE Healthcare and Life Sciences division, now named **Cytiva**. KUBio box, over 90% of top selling biologicals worldwide are manufactured using their equipment.
  - Precision Nanosystems Inc.
- Raw Materials
  - ThermoFisher Scientific
  - Merck Millipore
  - Lonza AG
  - FujiFilm Diosynth Technologies
- CMOs
  - Celonic
  - Northway Biotech
  - FujiFilm Diosynth
- Payload Design
  - Sorrento Therapeutics
  - Nature Technology Inc



## Potential Sterile Fill-Finish Partners

CMO	Location	Fill-line Feed Tank Capacity	High-speed Line	Available Capacity	Secondary Packaging, Labelling & Serialization capabilities	KUBio Box Hosting Interest
<u>Patheon</u>	<u>Ferrantino, IT</u>	>1200-L	150,000 / shift	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Cenexi*</u>	France	1500-L	Yes	45 Mi / Yr	Yes	Yes
<u>Cenexi*</u>	Belgium	1500-L	Yes	10 Mi / Yr	Yes	Yes
<u>IDT Biologika</u>	Germany	>1200-L	>200,000/shift	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>(10)(2e) Fabre</u>	France	>500-L	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Rovi Pharma Industrial Services</u>	Spain	>400-L	Yes	TBD	Yes	Yes
<u>Vianex</u>	Greece	500-L Expanding 2021	Summer 2021	Yes	Yes	TBD

\* Confirmed available capacity as of 6-July 2020.



## Cost Components

- GMP Facility rent and operation
- Equipment purchase and installation
- Trials costs
- EU regulatory and marketing authorisation costs
- Raw materials
- Facility management
- Process management
- Quality Control
- Management
- Logistics Cost
- Warehousing (materials, DS, DP) / Central Distribution and kitting services
- Process Validation Costs
- Extraordinary expenses to accelerate time-to-market



## EU based production capacity

- GE Healthcare Life Sciences/Cytiva has offices throughout the EU and has facilities in
  - Sweden
  - Germany
  - Austria

In order to meet our high production ramp rates we also expect to site production or fill and finish in the following countries:

- Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Netherlands, France, Italy, Spain, Lithuania and Greece
- We request contacts in EU member countries to explore siting our facilities
- We will also have production facilities in Canada with funding from the Canadian government





## Engagement at an Early Stage with EU Regulators

- Efficacy data of oral formulation will be available in mid August, 2020
- Phase I/II clinical trial will start in August, 2020
- Hamster challenge data will be available by mid-August, 2020
- Immunogenicity data from non-human primates will be available by mid-August, 2020
- Safety and early efficacy data will be submitted to EMA from adaptive Phase I/II trial by the end of September, 2020
  - Up to 72 human subjects in phase 1 (dose and age cohorts)
  - 500-800 human subjects in phase 2
- Phase II interim data will be submitted to EMA in November, 2020
- Phase III trial will begin mid October, 2020
- Phase III interim data will be submitted to EMA in December, 2020 for the potential emergency use approval thereafter



## Risk sharing

- **Option A** – If we have a successful vaccine, the funding provided will be considered as a down-payment on the vaccines that will actually be purchased by the Member States
- **Option B** – No vaccine, but potential flexibilities for our manufacturing capacity include:
  - Deliver alternative vaccines with higher efficacy (COVID-19, COVID-X, Influenza, Measles, Pneumonia etc...)
  - Deliver genetic medicine-based therapeutics such as neutralizing antibodies for COVID-19, COVID-X, Influenza, HIV, Herpes...
  - Production of therapies for age-related diseases (Oisin Biotechnologies) and cancer (OncoSenX Inc)
  - Aegis will build capacity in the EU for a wide range of genetic medicines. More than 15 partners utilize the Fusogenix PLV platform, and 3 are in clinical trials in 2021



## Global Solidarity

- We intend to offer this vaccine to EU partner countries
- we are establishing a foundation and working with other foundations to help us with our commitment to providing vaccination across the entire world at affordable prices.

## Risk Sharing

- We request liability waiver or insurance coverage provided by member states.
- Aegis-Entos Europe will establish a fund for EU patient follow up post vaccination



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# Company Overview



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Chief Executive Officer



**Matthew Scholz**  
Founder  
Chief Technical Officer



**Hong Jiang**  
Founder  
Chief Operating Officer



**Roy Duncan**  
Founder  
Board Member



Locations:

**Offices: San Francisco, San Diego**

**R&D Facilities: Edmonton, San Diego**



Manufacturing:

**Edmonton, AB**



# Team



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- Ping Wee
- Manoj Parmar
- Maryam Hejazi

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- Jennifer Gyoba
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- WSGR

**Accounting/Tax:**

- Grant Thornton, Ian Griffiths

**Corporate/Legal:**

- Dentons, Heather Barnhouse

**Contracts/Licensing/Legal:**

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**Financial/Investment:**

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# Fusogenix Gene Delivery Technology Primer



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## Applications of Fusogenix

- Vaccine Delivery
  - Corona family of viruses (SARS, MERS, COVID-19, COVID-X)
  - Influenza family of viruses (e.g., H1N1)
  - Measles
  - Meningitis
  - Malaria
  - ....
- Therapeutic Delivery
  - Corona family of viruses (SARS, MERS, COVID-19, COVID-X)
  - Influenza family of viruses (e.g., H1N1)
  - ....

Aegis can lyophilize its vaccines and enable the development of a pill vaccine



## Fusogenix is likely to be safe in humans

Company	Technology	Type	MTD	Clinical Development
Various	Lipotrust, DOTAP, others	CL	0.45 mg/kg	Phase I (various – all terminated due to toxicity)
Calanad/Arrowhead	RONDEL lipopolymer	CL	0.81 mg/kg	Phase II (CALAA-01)
EGEN	PEG-PEI-Cholesterol Lipopolymer	CL	0.65 mg/kg	Phase II (EGEN-001, failed due to toxicity)
Marina Biotech, ProNAi	Smarticles (amphoteric liposomes)	CCL	3.2 mg/kg	Phase II (PNT2258)
Marina Biotech	DiLA <sup>2</sup>	CCL	1 mg/kg	Phase I
Arbutus (Tekmira), Alnylam	SNALP	CCL	0.9 mg/kg	7 programs in Phase I and II
MD Anderson (Anil Sood)	DOPC liposomes	NL	>10 mg/kg	Phase I (siRNA-DOPC-EphA2)
 AEGIS BIODEFENSE INC.	Fusogenix PLVs	NL	>10 mg/kg	Estimated from rat/NHP tox studies





# Fusogenix Technology Good Safety and Biodistribution Profile

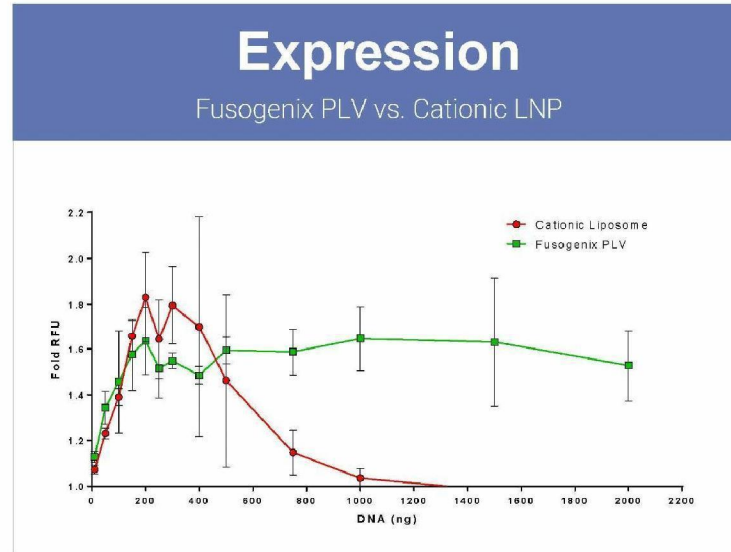
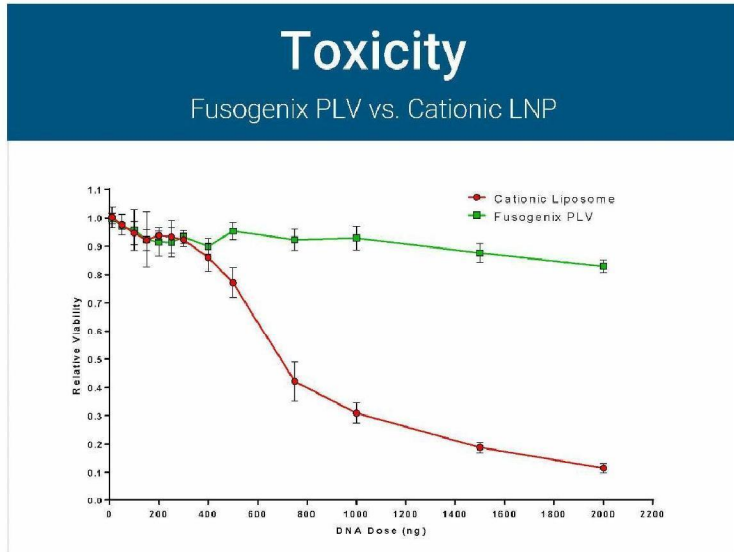
Extensive tox profiling done in mice (internal), rats (CRO), dogs (CRO) and primates (CRO)

<b>TOXICOLOGY STUDIES</b>	<b>Anti-FAST / PLV antibody &amp; neutralization assays</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No antibody response against Fusogenix in immune-competent mice, even at high doses</li> <li>• Neutralization requires very high Ab concentration</li> <li>• "Vaccination" against FAST/PLV doesn't reduce vaccine efficacy Repeat dosing is effective and well tolerated</li> </ul>
	<b>CARPA Assays</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fusogenix PLV has been optimized to have low reactivity</li> </ul>
	<b>Non-Human Primate and Canine Studies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17 and 28 day studies completed - no toxicity seen in animals receiving PLV at 6, 10 and 20 mg/kg single and multiple doses</li> <li>• No detectable ADA, CARPA, histological changes</li> </ul>

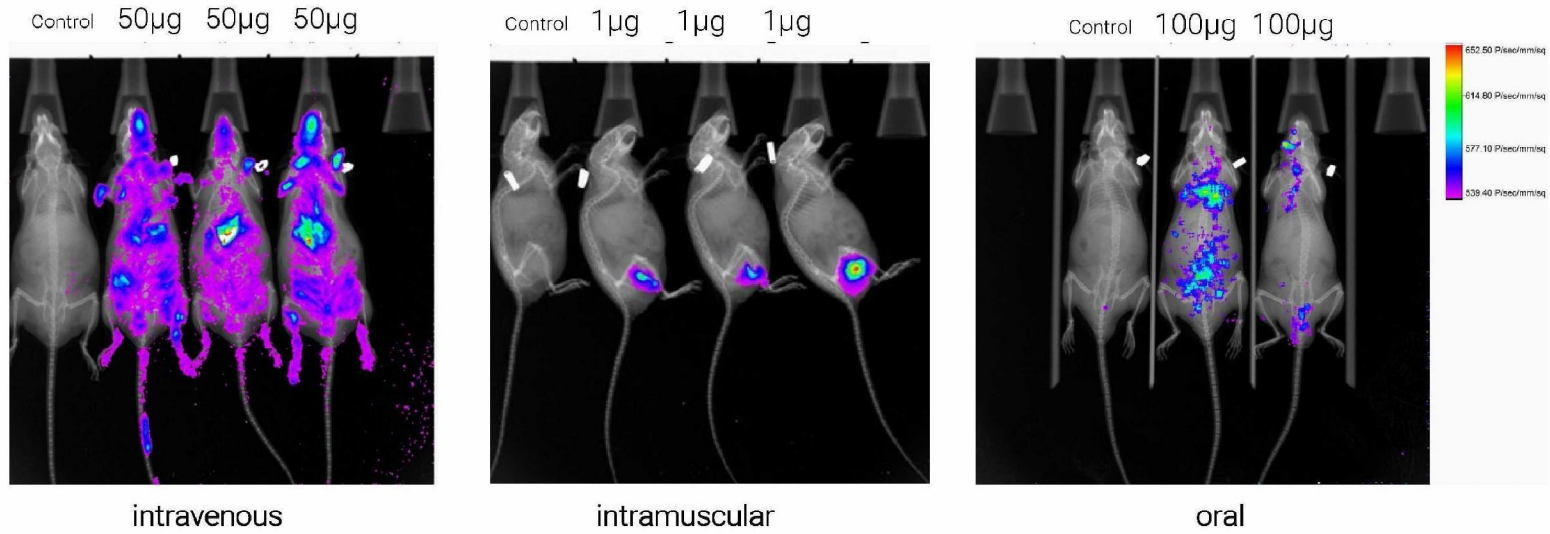


# Fusogenix is non-toxic compared to competitors platforms

(in vitro)



# Fusogenix can be delivered via multiple routes



**Aegis can lyophilize its formulation to enable the development of a pill vaccine**

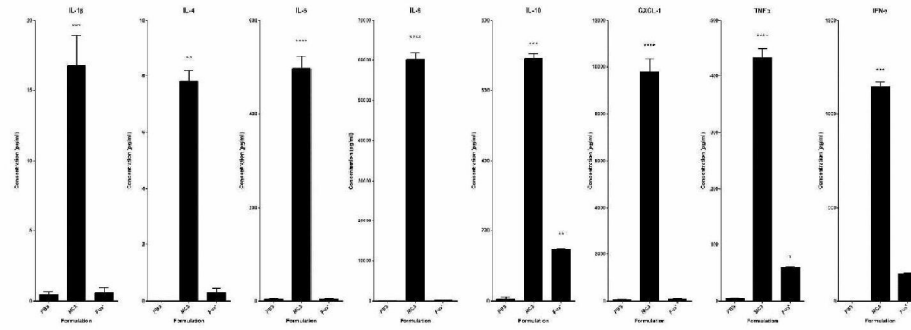
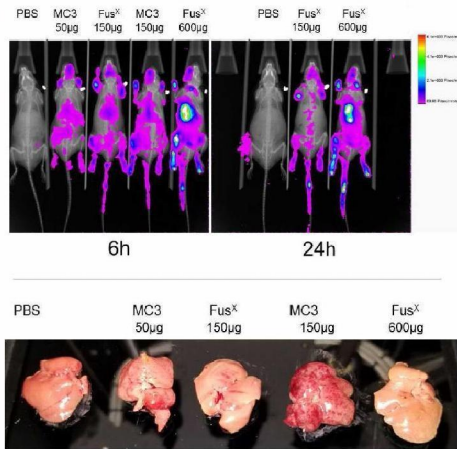


# Fusogenix is non-toxic compared to competitors platforms

(in vivo)

Delivering pDNA at equal doses, Fusogenix performs similarly to MC3 (SNALP) formulations  
 pDNA-MC3 formulations are lethal at even low (2µg) doses, while Fusogenix is well tolerated at 300x that

Fus<sup>X</sup> = Fusogenix PLV

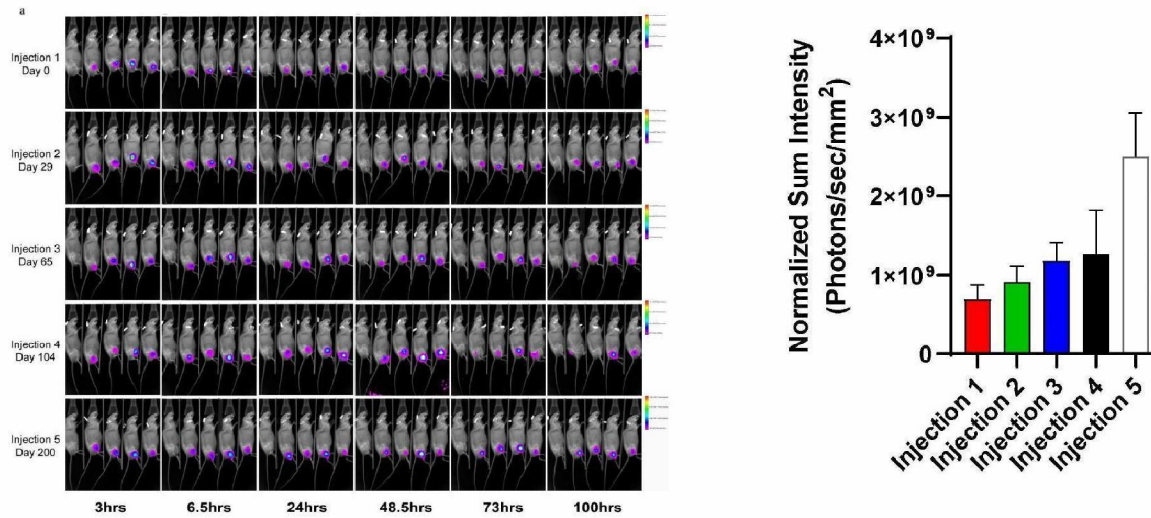


At a 150 µg pDNA dose, MC3/ionic lipid formulations cause significant elevations in inflammatory cytokines, while Fusogenix formulations do not (even at much higher doses)



## Fusogneix: No decrease of effectiveness over multiple doses

Essential for boosting of vaccines for lifelong protection



Mice were repeat dosed **intramuscularly** with 1 µg Fusogenix every 4 weeks for 5 months



## Fusogenix Advantages For Vaccine Delivery

	Aegis Fusogenix	Oxford/Cansino Adenovirus Vectors	Moderna/CuraVac/BioNTech LNPs
Toxicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Likely safe even at very high dose level</li> <li>Likely non-toxic well above therapeutic level</li> </ul>	Toxic beyond vaccine dose	Toxic beyond vaccine dose
Biodistribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local distribution via injection</li> <li>Systemic distribution via IV</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local distribution via injection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local distribution via injection</li> <li>Systemic Grade 3 adverse events recorded in Phase 1</li> </ul>
Transfection Rate	High	High	High
Payload Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RNA</li> <li>DNA</li> <li>Peptides</li> <li>Proteins</li> <li>Small molecules</li> </ul>	DNA	RNA
Maximum Payload Size	>15KB	4KB	4-6KB
Immunogenicity	None	High	Low
Therapeutic Dosage	Yes, we are developing a cure for COVID patients using the same technology	No	No





**FOR MORE  
DETAILS**

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