



核酸藥物創新產品發展趨勢

與

4/22

審查法規考量經驗分享

指導單位



衛生福利部
Ministry of Health and Welfare

主辦單位



財團法人醫藥品查驗中心
Center For Drug Evaluation



核酸藥物創新產品發展趨勢與審查法規考量經驗分享

會議邀請函

新冠肺炎加速 mRNA 技術的應用成功，開啟核酸藥物發展的新里程碑，預估西元 2032 年全球 mRNA 疫苗與藥物市場可達 4 億 2 千 5 百萬美元。核酸藥物主要是針對標的 mRNA 進行調控，在藥物研發上相對單純、快速，早期多應用於罕見疾病與遺傳性疾病，但近年有廣泛應用於癌症及慢性疾病的趨勢，有望成為重要標靶工具。由於不同類型核酸藥物在化學製造管制、臨床前試驗與臨床試驗皆有其在法規科學上的特殊考量與議題，故須以經過驗證、基於科學和風險的方法確保藥物研發之安全性。因此，財團法人醫藥品查驗中心擬邀請中央研究院生醫轉譯研究中心陶秘華執行長與法信諾生醫張嘉銘董事長分享核酸疫苗與核酸藥物開發經驗，並由查驗中心資深審查員針對研發前期最為關鍵之藥毒理部分進行核酸藥物審查經驗分享，期望能對於國內核酸藥物研究發展有所助益。竭誠歡迎各界先進撥冗參加交流！

- 活動日期與時間：2022 年 4 月 22 日(星期五) 14:00~17:00
- 活動地點：集思北科大會議中心感恩廳
- 指導單位：衛生福利部
- 主辦單位：財團法人醫藥品查驗中心
- 活動議程：

時間	講題	講者
13:30-14:00	報到	
14:00-14:10	開場致詞	財團法人醫藥品查驗中心
14:10-14:50	核酸疫苗開發經驗分享	中央研究院生醫轉譯研究中心 陶秘華執行長
14:50-15:30	核酸藥物關鍵修飾技術開發 經驗分享	法信諾生醫股份有限公司 張嘉銘董事長
15:30-16:00	中場休息	
16:00-16:40	國際核酸藥物開發之藥毒理 法規考量與案例分享	財團法人醫藥品查驗中心 蔡岸圻資深審查員
16:40-17:00	綜合討論	

■ 分享會影片連結：

核酸疫苗開發經驗分享-陶秘華執行長

<https://youtu.be/URHoaWSw-io>

核酸藥物關鍵修飾技術開發經驗分享-張嘉銘董事長

<https://youtu.be/xsvYGySd8Lg>

國際核酸藥物開發之藥毒理法規考量與案例分享-蔡岸圻資深審查員

<https://youtu.be/rMoxw1ZRHW>



核酸疫苗開發經驗分享

陶秘華執行長
中央研究生醫轉譯研究中心

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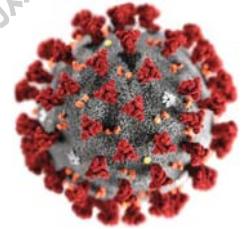
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核酸藥物創新產品發展趨勢與審查法規考量經驗分享Workshop 2022.04.22

核酸疫苗開發經驗分享

陶秘華 博士
生醫轉譯研究中心/轉譯醫學專題中心 執行長
生物醫學研究所 研究員



2003/05 SARS專案研究小組



時間：民國九十
地點：本院行政
主席：李遠哲
出席：陳定信、
紀錄：陶秘華

主席報告：

李遠哲院長：
SARS 現在
SARS coronavirus
SARS 的研究還
也很願意協助規
外一點報告的是
統召開國安會議
疫情的控制，有
各單位。

工作小組	召集人	任職機構	召集人	任職機構	
Virology	賴明詒	Prof., Dept. of Molecular Microbiology & Immunology, USC	Clinical	陳定信	台大醫院院長
	陳培哲	台大醫學院教授		楊泮池	台大醫院內科主任
	江伯倫	國立台灣大學臨床醫學研究所教授		陳建仁	衛生署署長
Immunology	黎煥耀	成大醫學院微生物及免疫學研究所教授	Epidemiology	蘇益仁	疾病管制局局長
				何美鄉	中研院生醫所副研究員
Diagnostics	陳垣崇	中央研究院生醫所所長			
	楊泮池	台大醫院內科主任			
Drug Development	翁啟惠	中央研究院基因體研究中心主任			
	許明珠	太景生物科技公司總經理			
	鄧哲明	台大藥理所教授			
Vaccine	何大一	Scientific Director & CEO, Aron Diamond AIDS Research Center	研究計畫，準備進行的意願，但是國內對		
	陳定信	台大醫學院院長	入 SARS 的研究，他和大家會面討論。另		
	陳垣崇	中央研究院生醫所所長	亂，上星期已經由總		
	陶秘華	中央研究院生醫所副研究員	未來國內對 SARS 明亮統一指揮，協調		



2022/02廖俊智院長在中研院召開第一次國內學研單位針對新冠病毒疫情的緊急會議

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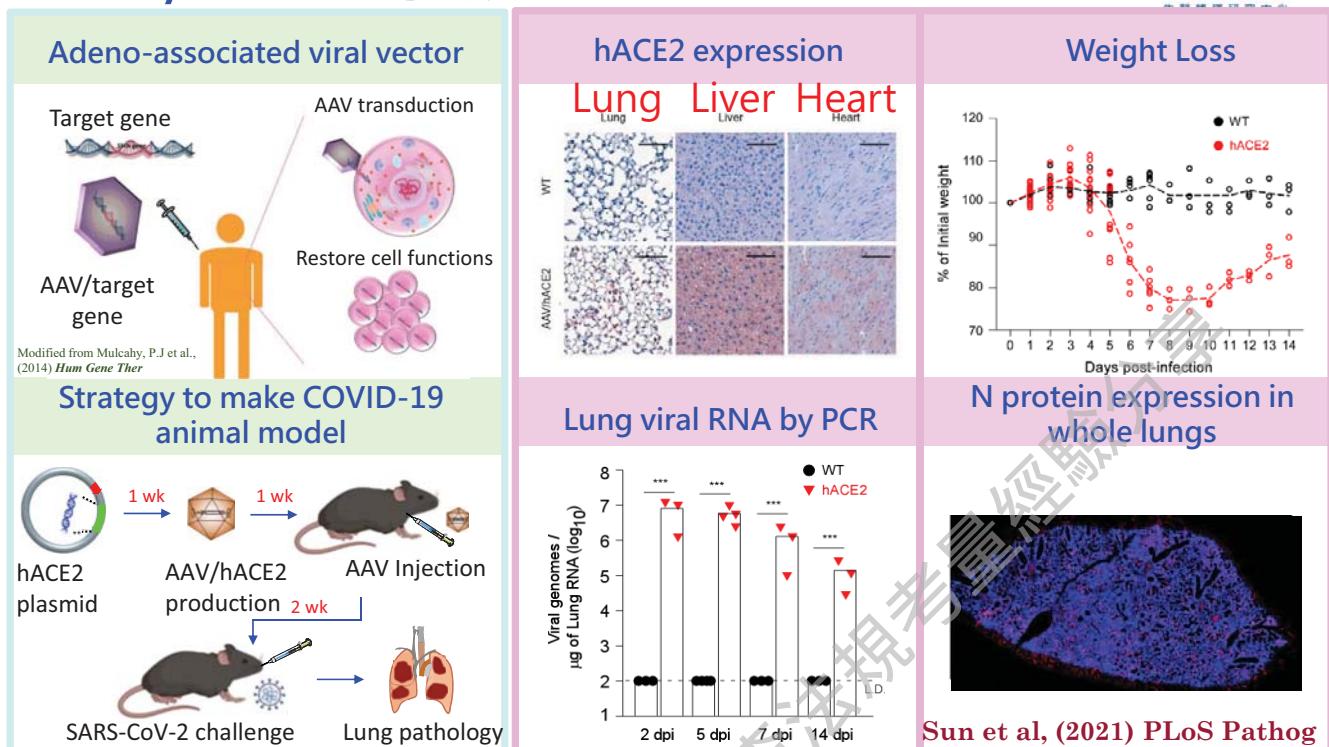


爭取盡速建立動物模式測試疫苗效力_1個月內完成建立AAV/hACE-2小鼠

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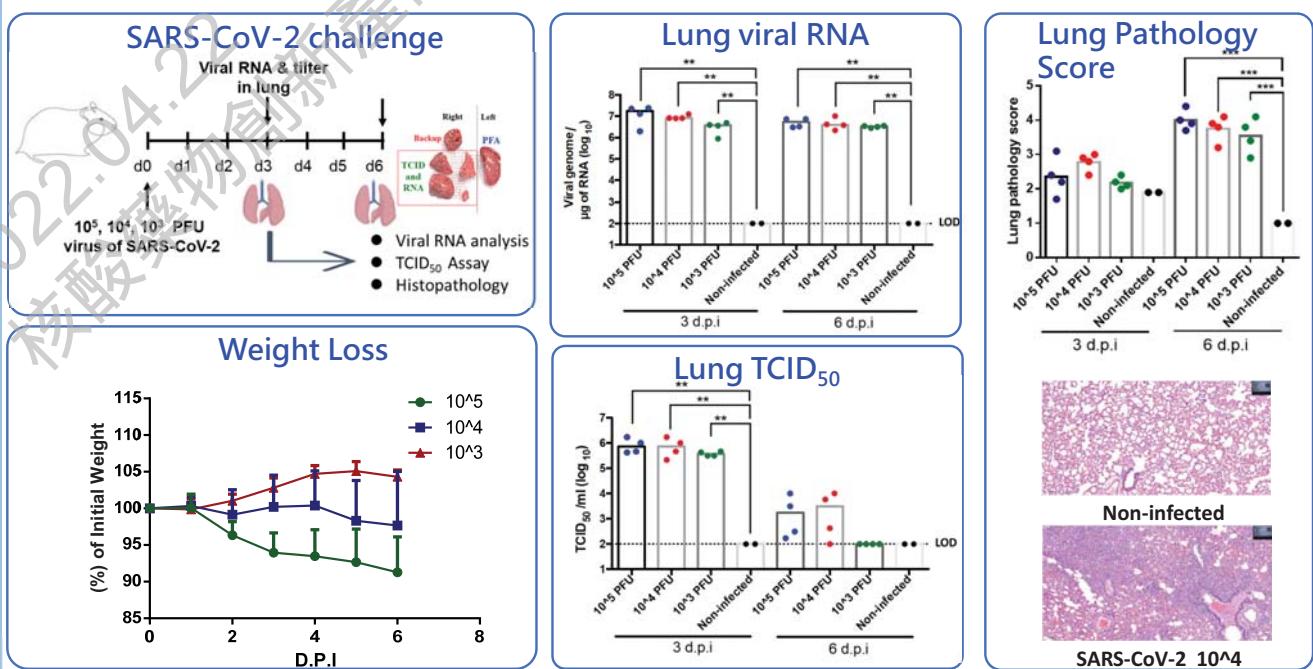
詹家琮團隊
林宜玲團隊
陶秘華團隊

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新冠病毒倉鼠動物模式_諮詢法規單位(CDE)的要求

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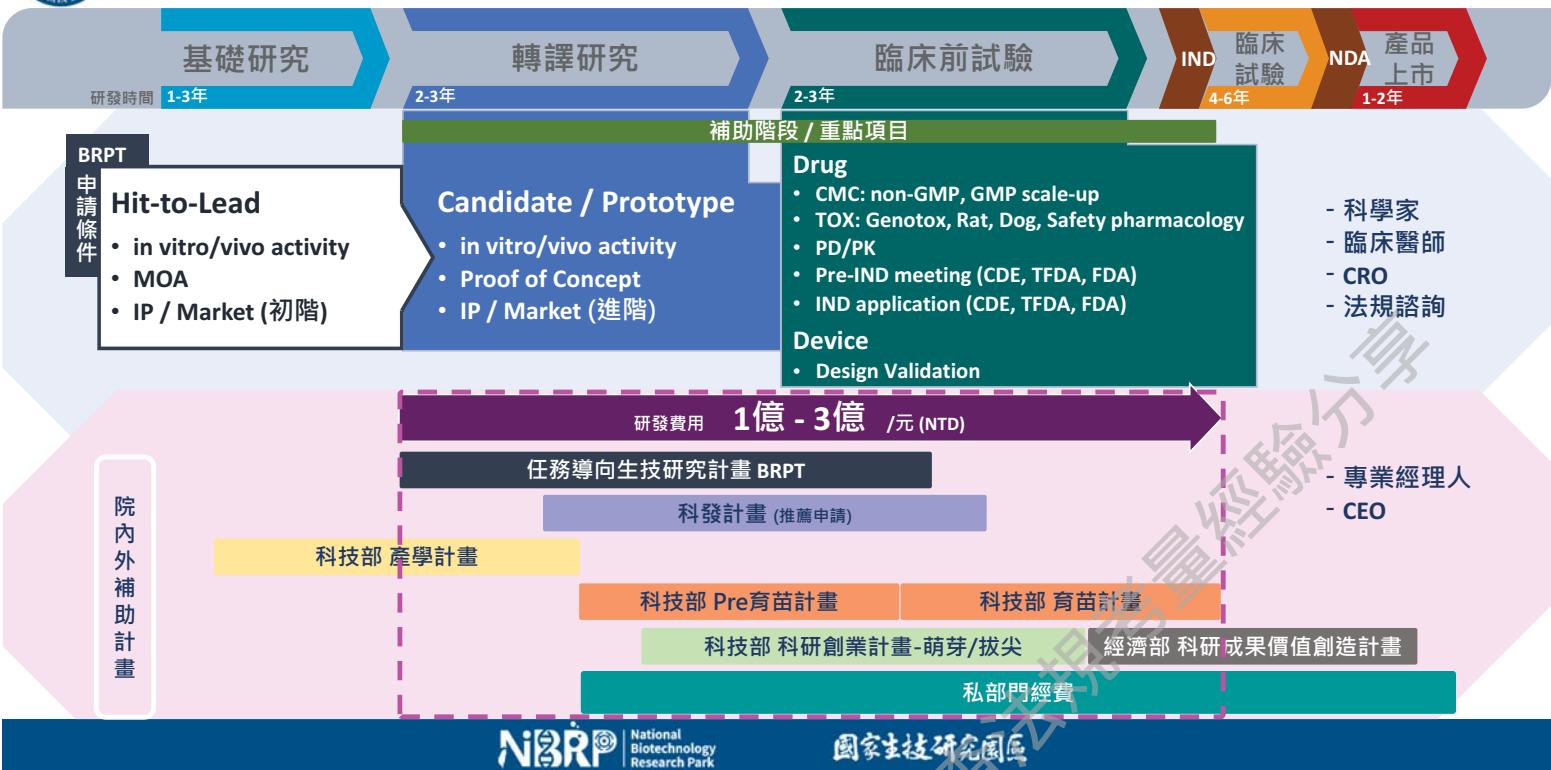


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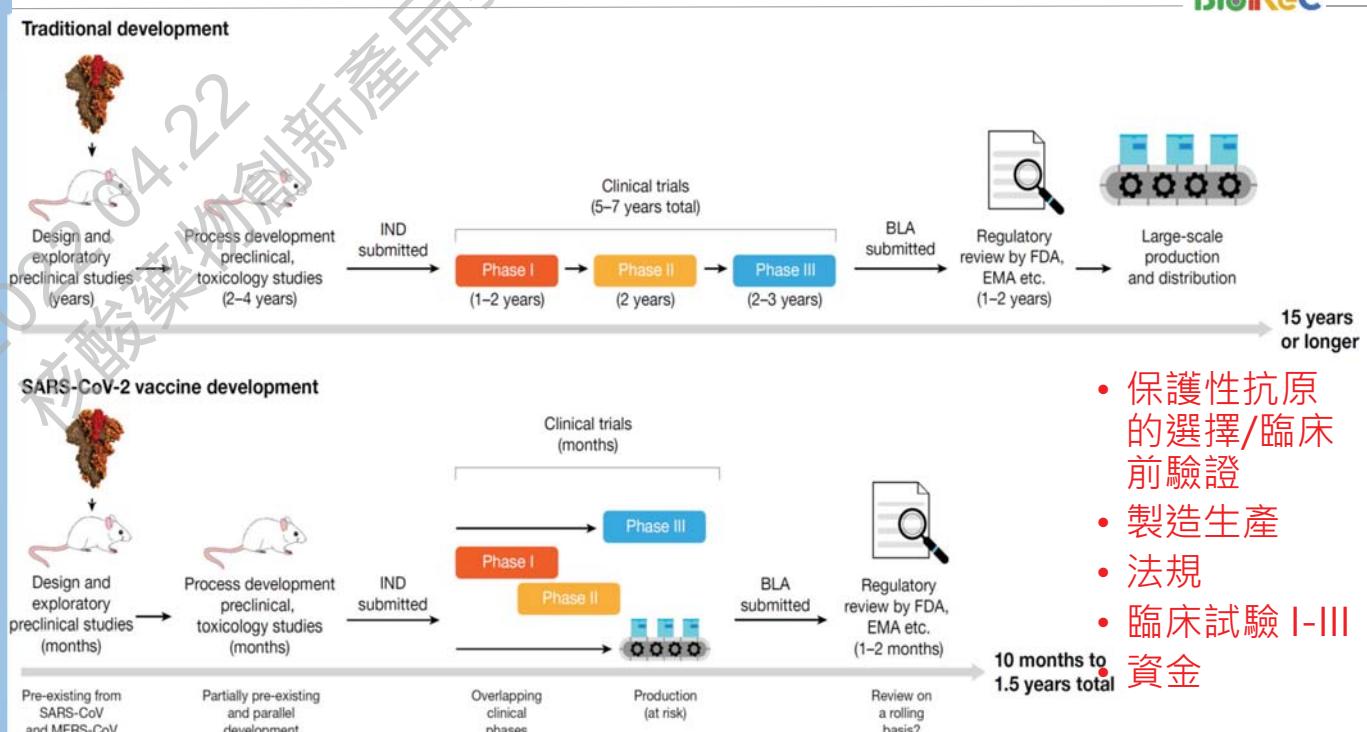
First reported by Sia et al, *Nature* in May, 2020



產品開發進程及重點項目



快速開發疫苗是防疫的關鍵



Krammdor, (2020) Nature



美國政府的曲速行動加速了新冠疫苗的開發

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Research and
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Authority,

■ NIH, National
Institutes of
Health

■ HHS, Department of
Health and Human
Services

■ CDC, Centers for
Disease Control and
Prevention

■ FDA, Food and Drug
Administration

■ DOD, Department
of Defense

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Table I. Vaccine Candidates Supported by BARDA and Other Federal Agencies

	Company	Type	Contract Value	Specifications	Doses per Person	Current Phase (Preliminary Effectiveness - U.S. Strain) ^a	Storage
Pfizer/BioNTech	mRNA ^b	\$5.97B	300 million doses	2	Phase II/III (95%) EUA Issued	Ultra cold storage (-70° C)	
Moderna	mRNA	\$4.94B \$954M	300 million doses Development	2	Phase III (94.5%) EUA Issued	Cold storage (6 mos, -20° C) Refrigerator (30 days, -2° to -8° C)	
AstraZeneca/ Oxford Univ.	Viral Vector ^c	\$1.2B	300 million doses	2	Phase II/III (70%)	Refrigerator (-2° to -8° C)	
Johnson & Johnson (Janssen Pharmaceuticals)	Viral Vector	\$1B \$456M	100 million doses Development	1	Phase III (72%) EUA Issued	Refrigerator (3 mos, -2° to -8° C)	
Novavax	Protein ^d	\$1.6B	100 million doses	2	Phase III (95.6%)	Refrigerator (-2° to -8° C)	
Sanofi/GSK	Protein	\$2.04B \$30.8M	100 million doses Development	2	Phase I/II	Refrigerator (-2° to -8° C)	
Merck/IAVI ^e	Viral Vector	\$38M	Development ^f	1	DISCONTINUED	N/A	

Sources: <https://www.medicalcountermeasures.gov/app/barda/coronavirus/COVID19.aspx?filter=vaccine>

<https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/Operation-Warp-Speed/>.

Note: Current as of March 1, 2021.

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全球 Covid-19 疫苗發展近況 (2021/12/08 更新資料)

全球 Covid-19 疫苗
發展數: 330

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資料來源: The New York Times Coronavirus Vaccine Tracker (Dec 08, 2021 更新); WHO DRAFT landscape of COVID-19 candidate vaccines (Dec 07, 2021 更新)



傳統疫苗技術 vs 次世代疫苗技術

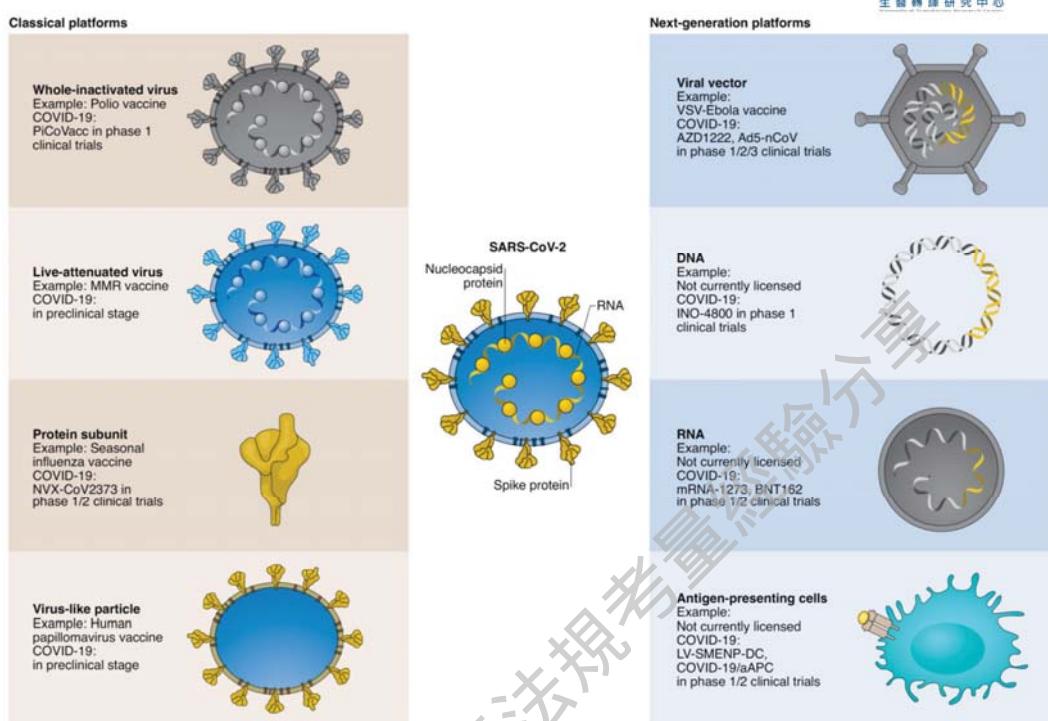
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傳統疫苗

- Whole-inactivated virus
- Live-attenuated virus
- Protein subunit
- Virus-like particle

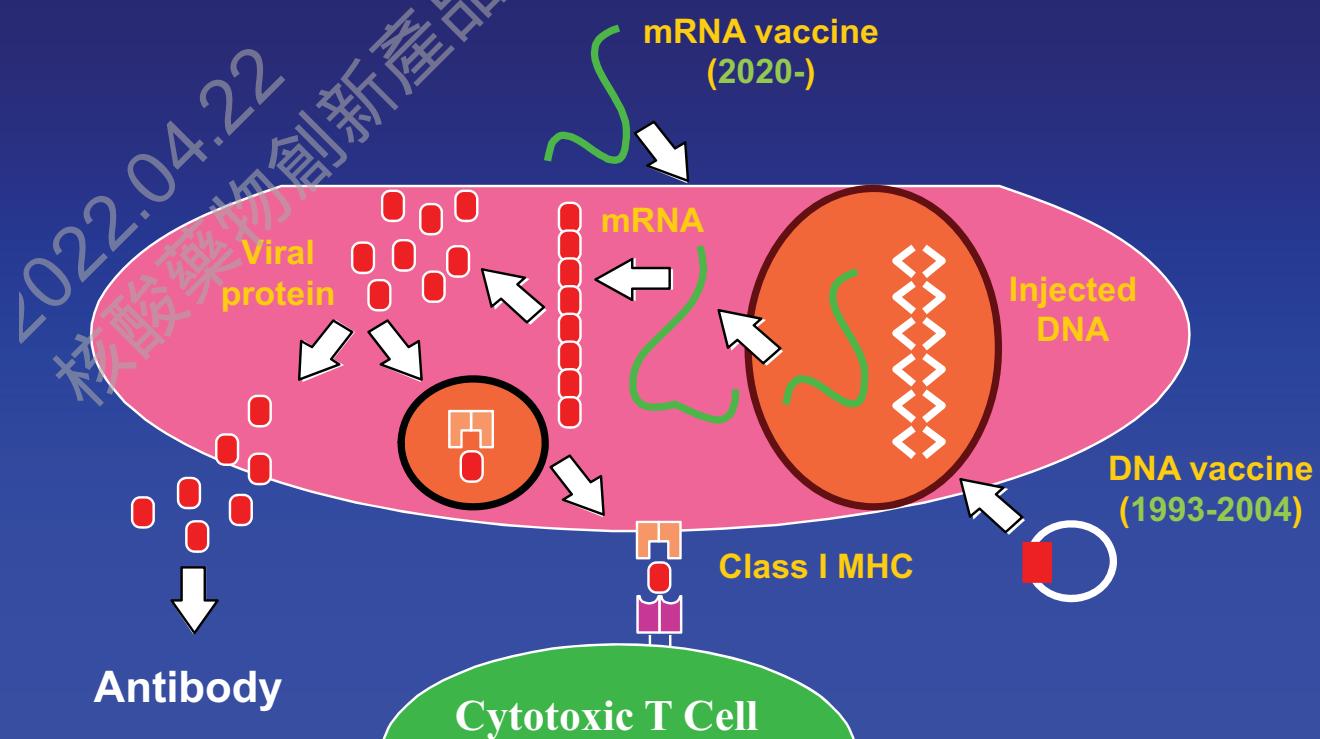
次世代疫苗

- Viral vector
- DNA
- RNA
- Dendritic cells



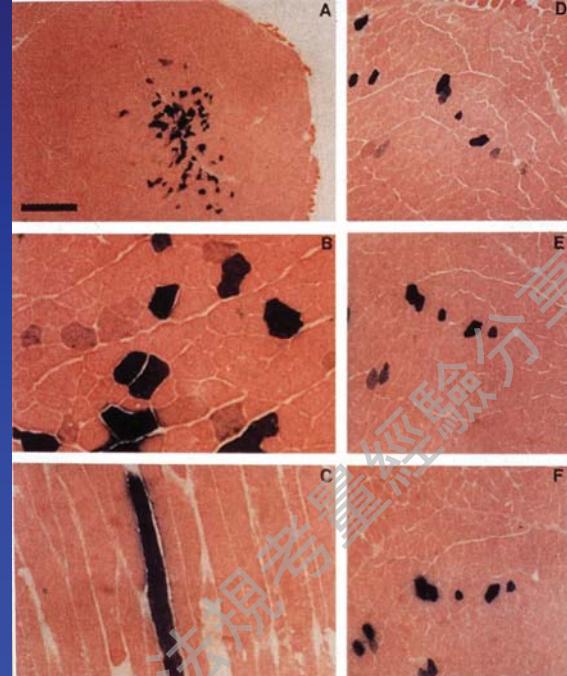
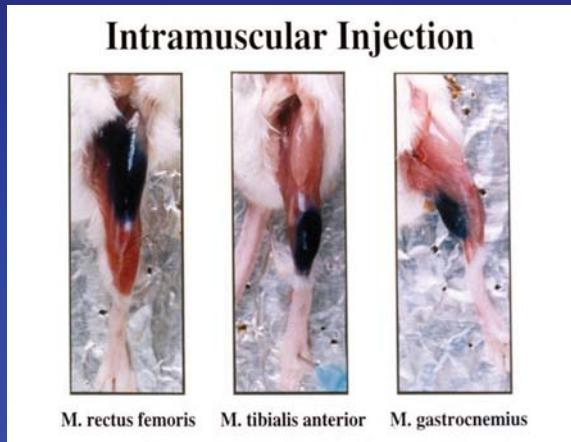
Van Riel, (2020) Nat Mater

從DNA疫苗到RNA疫苗



肌肉注射Plasmid DNA表現Luciferase Reporter Luciferase plasmid

India Ink



DNA Vaccine Publications



nature medicine

Articles Publishing Group: <http://www.nature.com/naturemedicine/>

Immunoprophylaxis of allergen-induced immunoglobulin E synthesis and airway hyperresponsiveness *in vivo* by genetic immunization

Chien-Hsiung Hsu^{1,2}, Kao-Yen Chen^{1,2}, Mi-Hua Tao^{1,2}, Yih-Li Dong Lin^{1,2}, Hsi-Tung Wu^{1,2}, Shao-Ku Huang^{1,2} & Chi-Hsiang Hsieh^{1,2*}

Yi-Hsiung Chow^{1,2}, Wei-Jiun Huang³, Wei-Kuang Chu^{1,2}, Yi-Ding Chu^{1,2} and Mi-Hua Tao^{1,2*}
Institute of Biomedical Sciences, Academia Sinica,¹ Graduate Institute of Life Sciences,² National Defense Medical Center,³ and Development Center for Biotechnology,¹ Taipei, Taiwan

Journal of Immunology

This information is current as of December 14, 2018.

Development of Th1 and Th2 Populations and the Nature of Immune Responses to Hepatitis B Virus DNA Vaccines Can Be Modulated by Codelivery of Various Cytokine Genes

Yen-Hung Chow, Bor-Luen Chiang, Yueh-Lun Lee, Wei-Kuang Chu, Wen-Chang Lin, Ven-Ten Chen and Mi-Hua Tao

Journal of Virology

Screening of Protective Antigens of Japanese Encephalitis Virus by DNA Immunization: a Comparative Study with Conventional Viral Vaccines

Hsin-Wei Chen, Chien-Hsiung Pan^{1,2}, Ming-Yi Liu¹, Ruwen Jou¹, Chiao-Jung Tsai¹, Hsin-Jung Wu¹, Yi-Ling Lin¹ and Mi-Hua Tao^{1,2*}
Institute of Biomedical Sciences, Academia Sinica,¹ Graduate Institute of Life Sciences, National Defense Medical Center,² and National Institute of Preventive Medicine,¹ Taipei, Taiwan

Hepatology

DNA-Based Immunization Produces Th1 Immune Responses to Hepatitis Delta Virus in a Mouse Model

Yi-Hsiung Chow^{1,2}, Jui-Cheng Wu^{1,2}, Mi-Hua Tao^{1,2}, Wei-Ji Sie¹, Sheng-Chih Hsu¹, Wei-Kuang Chu^{1,2}, Fu-Ji Young Chang^{1,2} and Shieh-Dong Lee^{1,2*}

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JOURNAL OF MEDICAL VIROLOGY

Co-Delivery of GM-CSF Gene Enhances the Immune Responses of Hepatitis C Viral Core Protein-Expressing DNA Vaccine: Role of Dendritic Cells

Pu Ou-Yang,^{1,2} Lib-Hwa Hwang,⁴ Mi-Hua Tao,³ Bor-Luen Chiang,^{1,2,3*} and Ding-Shinn Chen⁴



Virology Journal

Limitations of *In Vivo* IL-12 Supplementation Strategies to Induce Th1 Early Life Responses to Model Viral and Bacterial Vaccine Antigens

Zhi Kowalew,^{1,2} Xavier Martineau,² Maria Pitlyren,² Paola Buzzoni,² Mi-Hua Tao,^{1,2} Thomas J. Kopps,² T. Fabian Witt,² Paul-Henri Lambert,² and Claire-Anne Siegrist^{2*}

The Journal of Immunology

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Suppression of Immune Response and Protective Immunity to a Japanese Encephalitis Virus DNA Vaccine by Codministration of an IL-12-Expressing Plasmid

Hsin-Wei Chen, Chien-Hsiung Pan, Hwei-Wen Huan, Ming-Yi Liu, Jen-Ron Chiang and Mi-Hua Tao

Molecular Therapy

Therapeutic HER2/Neu DNA Vaccine Inhibits Mouse Tumor Naturally Overexpressing Endogenous Neu

Chi-Chen Lin,¹ Ching-Wen Chou,¹ Ai-U Shiu,² Cheng-Fen Tu,¹ Tai-Ming Ko,¹ Yi-Ling Chen,² Bei-Chung Yang,² Mi-Hua Tao,¹ and Ming-Deng Li^{1,2*}

Vaccine

In vivo electroporation of skeletal muscles increases the efficacy of Japanese encephalitis virus DNA vaccine

Chang-Jer Wu¹, Shan-Chih Lee³, Hui-Wen Huang⁴, Mi-Hua Tao^{1,2*}

Journal of Virology

Protective Mechanisms Induced by a Japanese Encephalitis Virus DNA Vaccine: Requirement for Antibody but Not CD8⁺ Cytotoxic T-Cell Responses

Chien-Hsiung Pan^{1,2}, Hsin-Wei Chen^{1,2}, Hui-Wen Huang³, and Mi-Hua Tao^{1,2*}

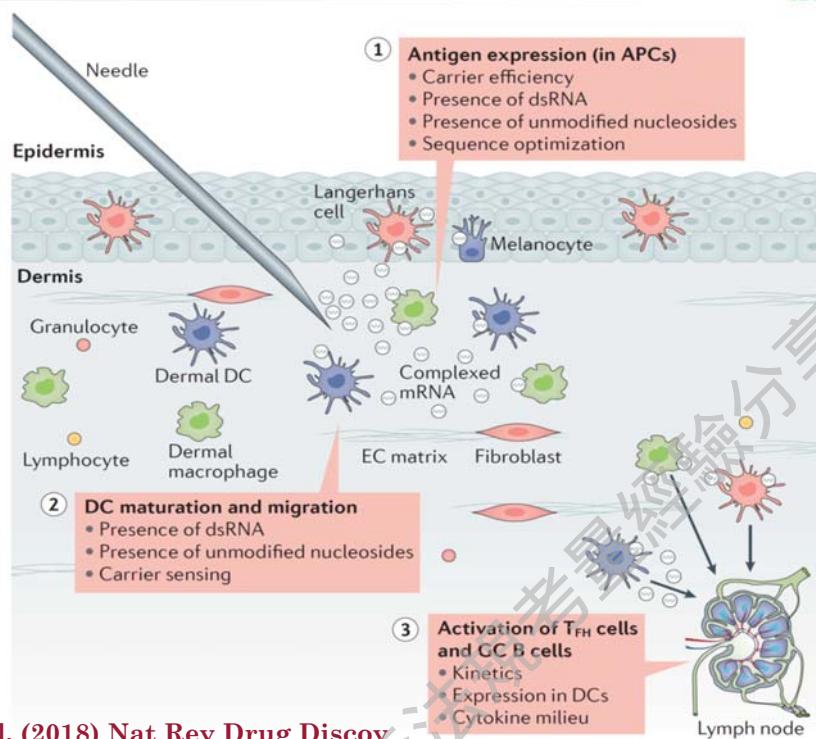
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核酸疫苗引發高價抗體反應的關鍵因素

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- 抗原(antigen)表現
- 抗原呈現細胞成熟、轉移到淋巴結
- 活化T Follicular Helper (T_{FH}) cells和 Germinal Center (GC) B cells



Pardi et al, (2018) Nat Rev Drug Discov

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練兵 (2020.12 - 2021.05)
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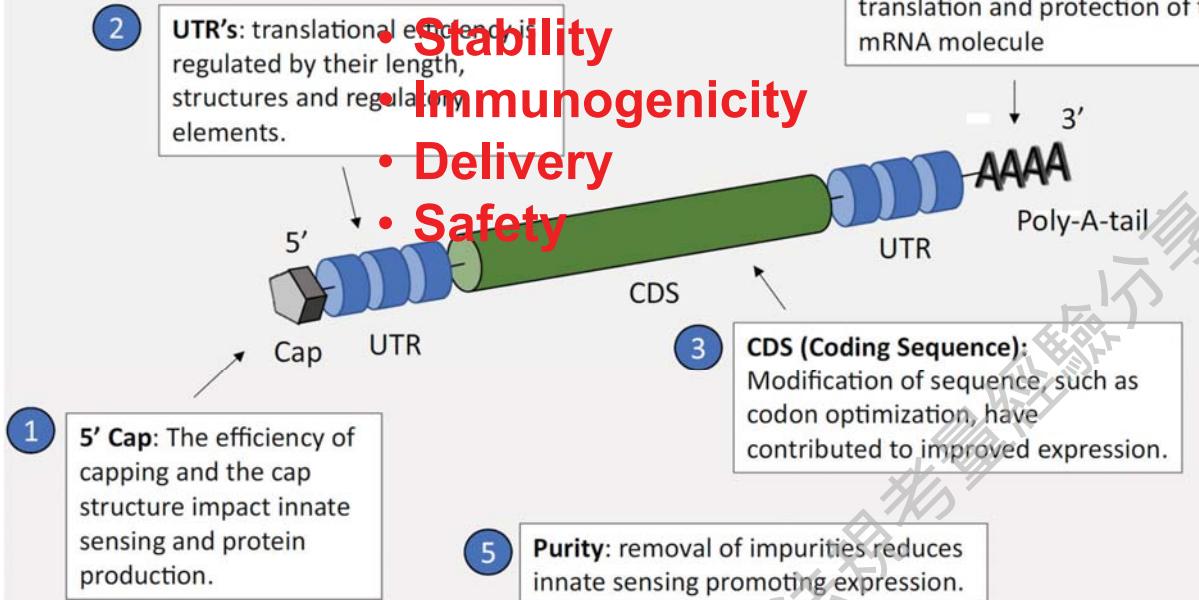
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影響mRNA疫苗效力的關鍵因素

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Key Issues



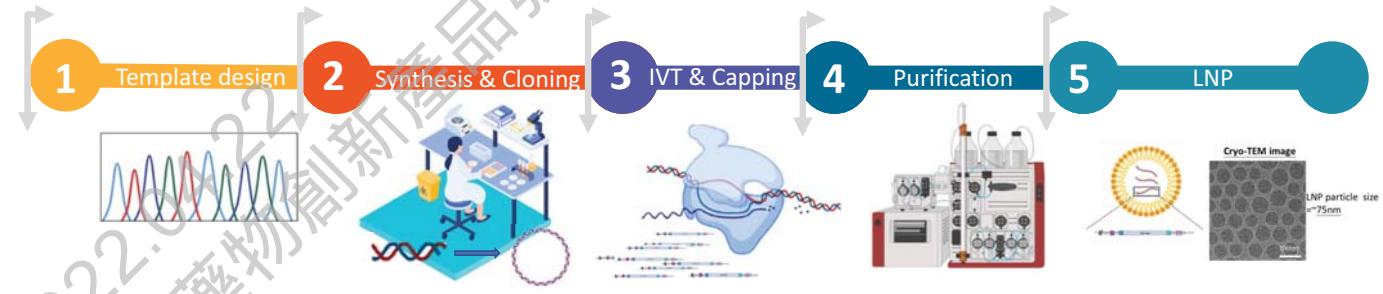
Jackson et al, NPJ Vaccines

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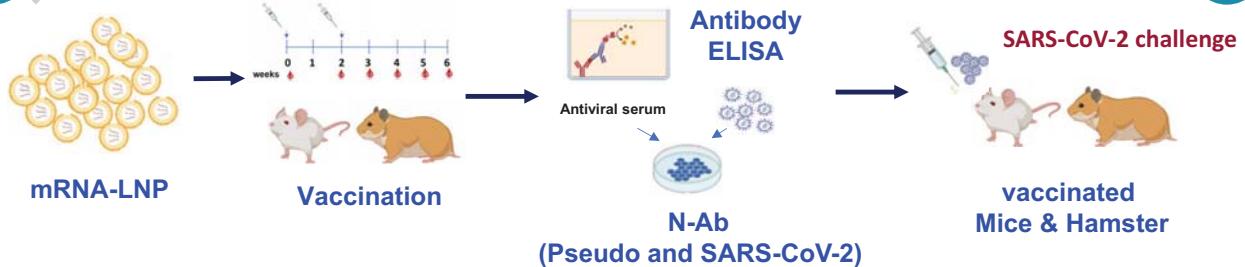


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在中研院建立mRNA疫苗技術

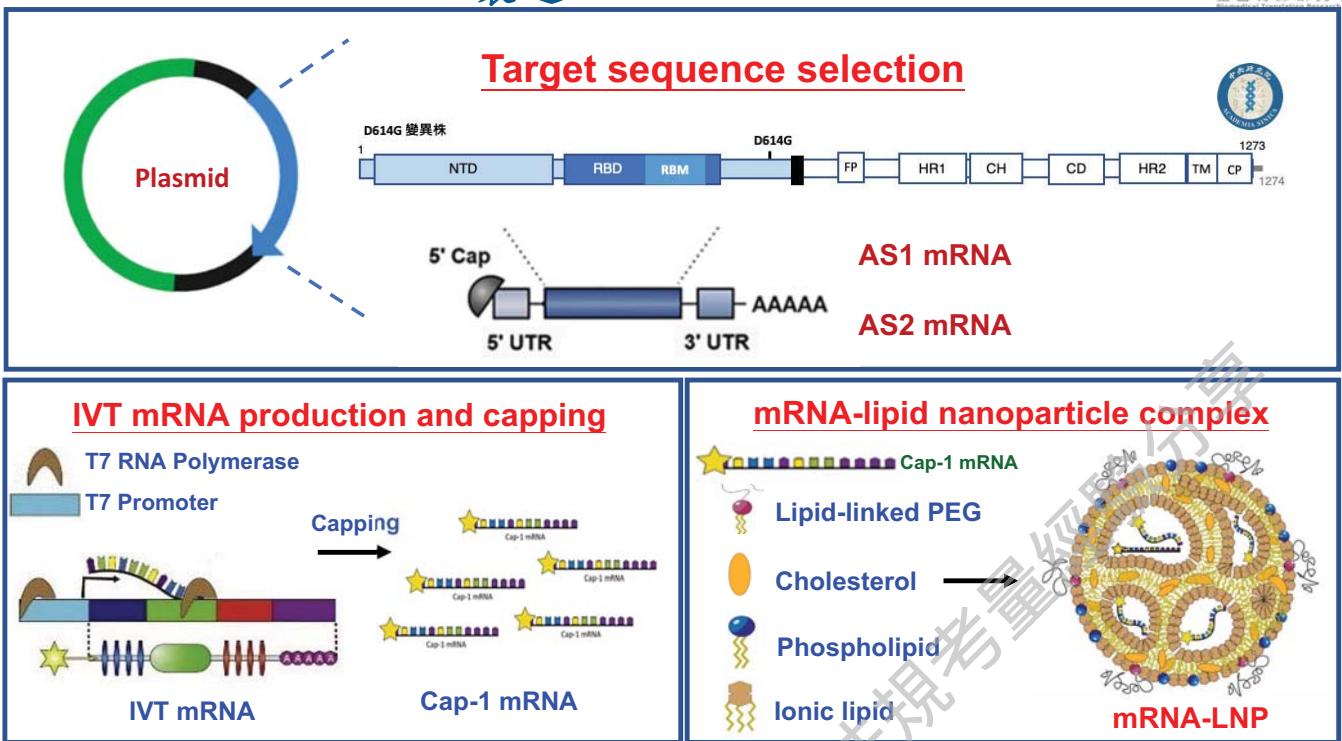


Proof of concept study : immunogenicity & protection

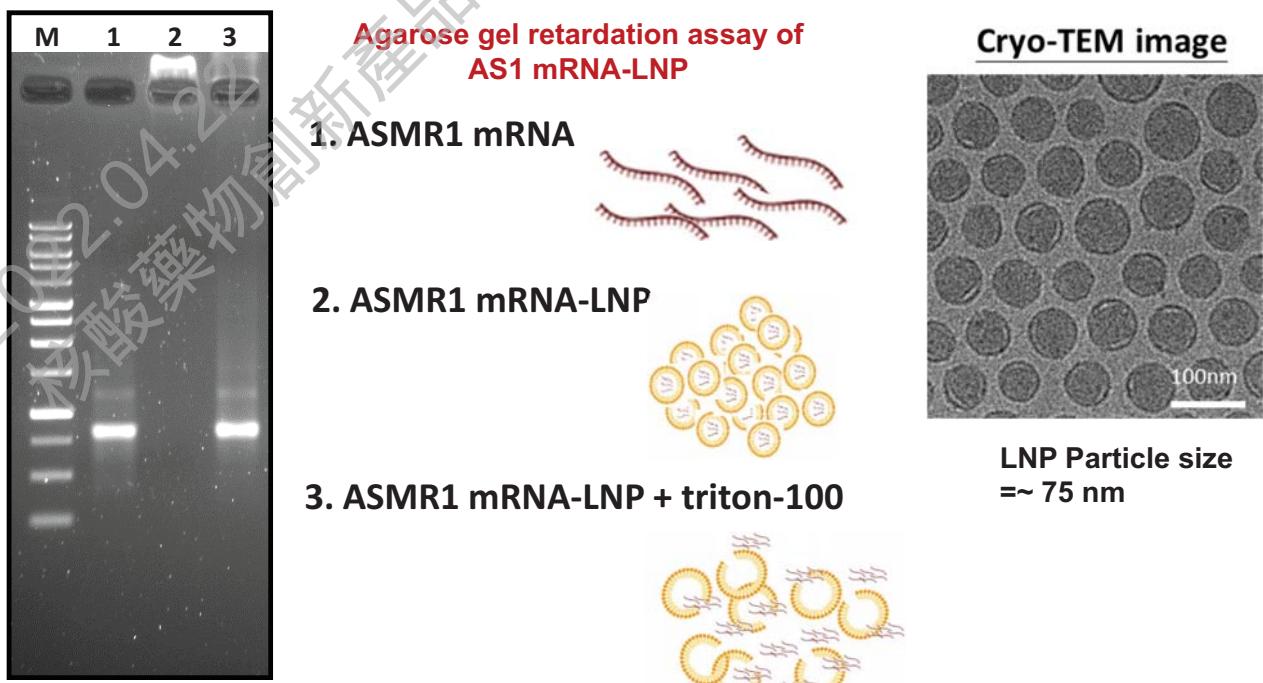


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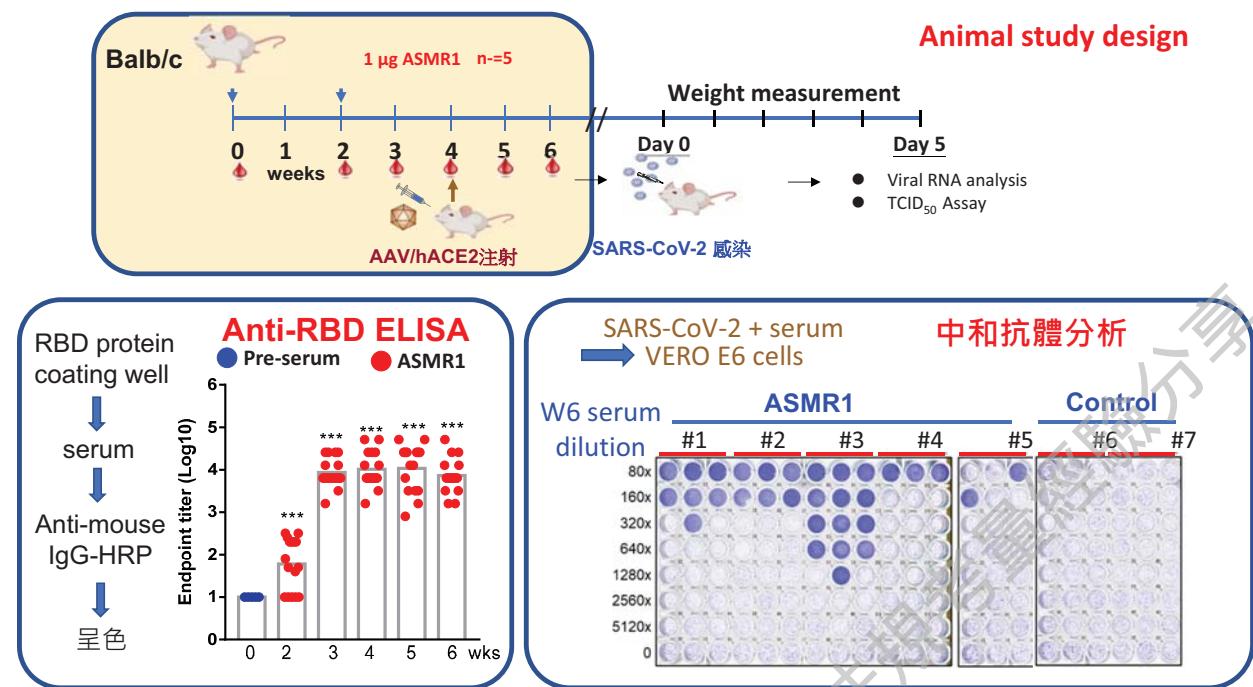
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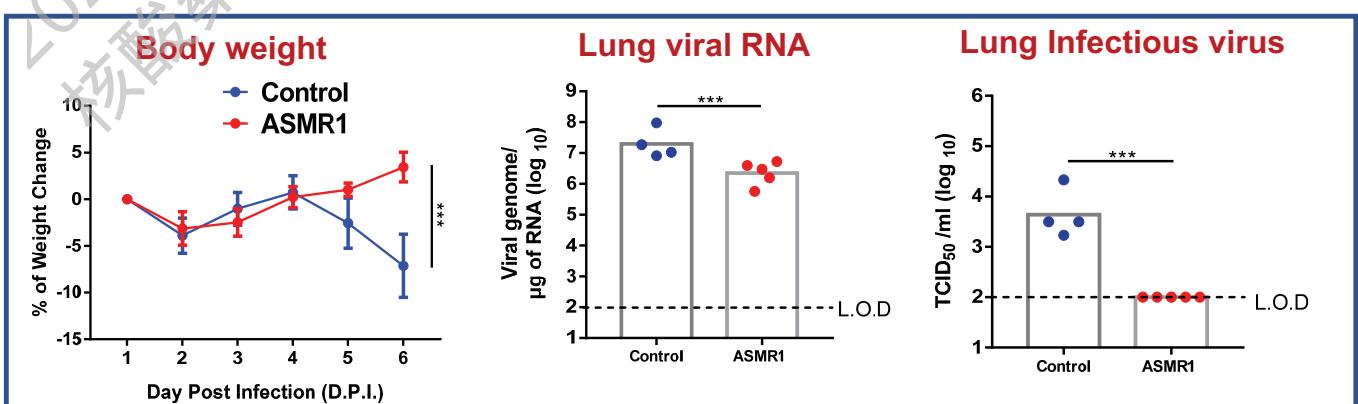
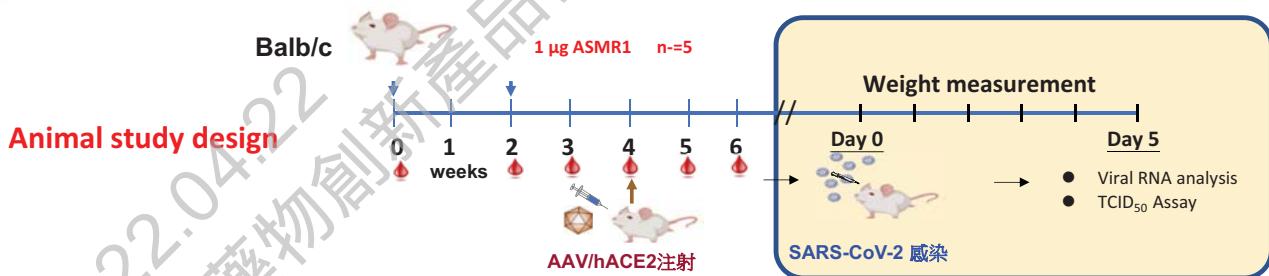
中研院mRNA-LNP包覆率高且RNA結構完整



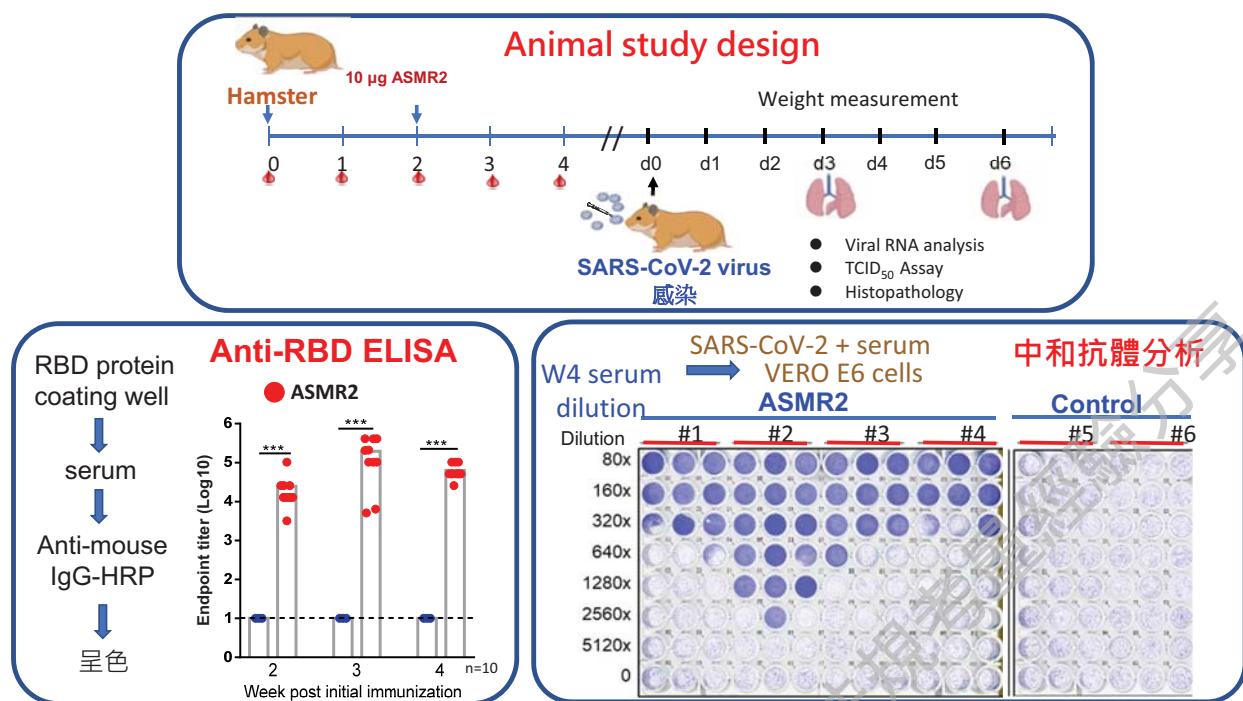
ASMR1 疫苗在小鼠產生高效價中和抗體



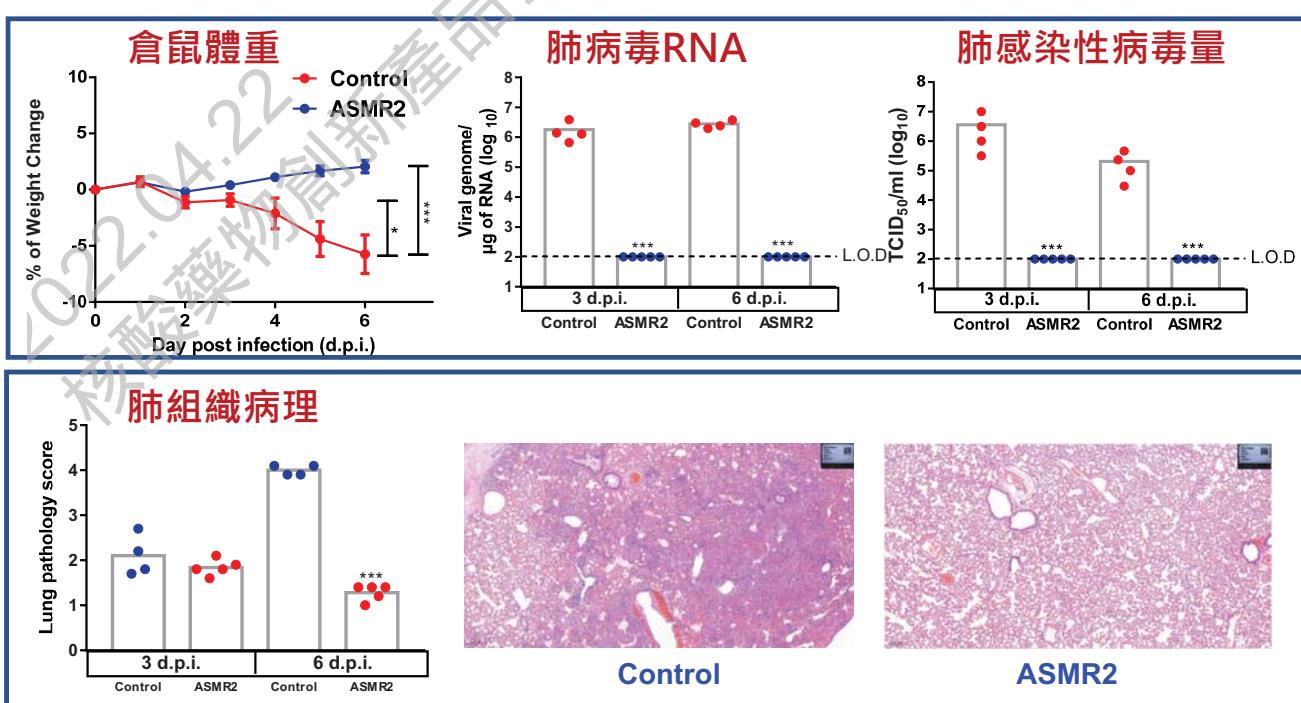
ASMR1 mRNA 疫苗保護小鼠抵抗新冠病毒感染



ASMR2 疫苗在倉鼠產生高效價中和抗體

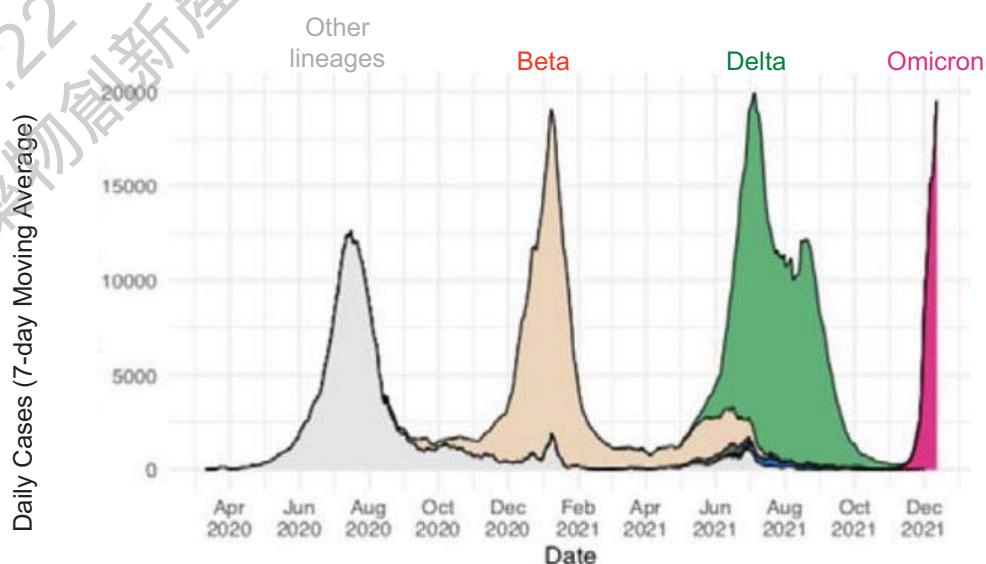


ASMR2 mRNA 疫苗保護倉鼠抵抗新冠病毒感染



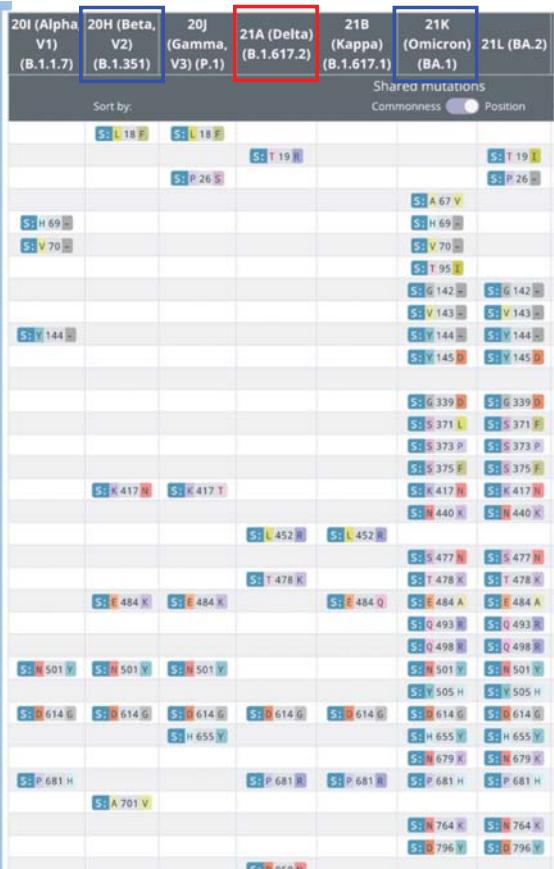
實戰演習(2021.12 -2022.01) Omicron的挑戰

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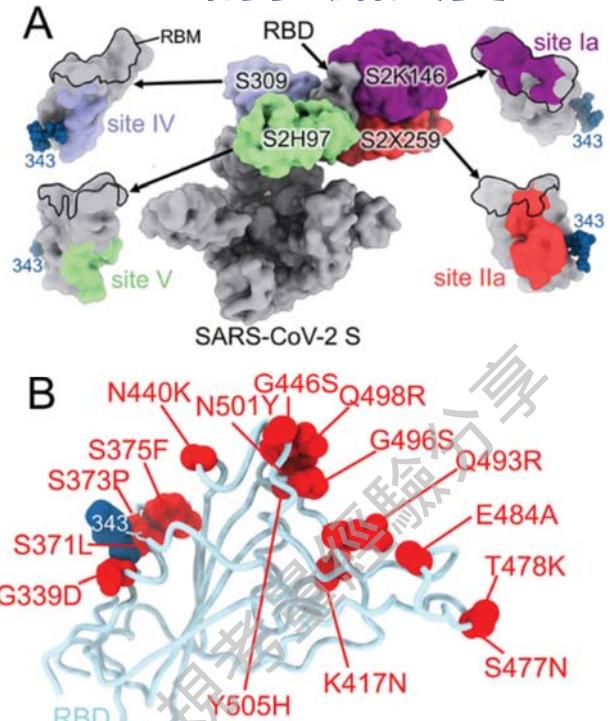




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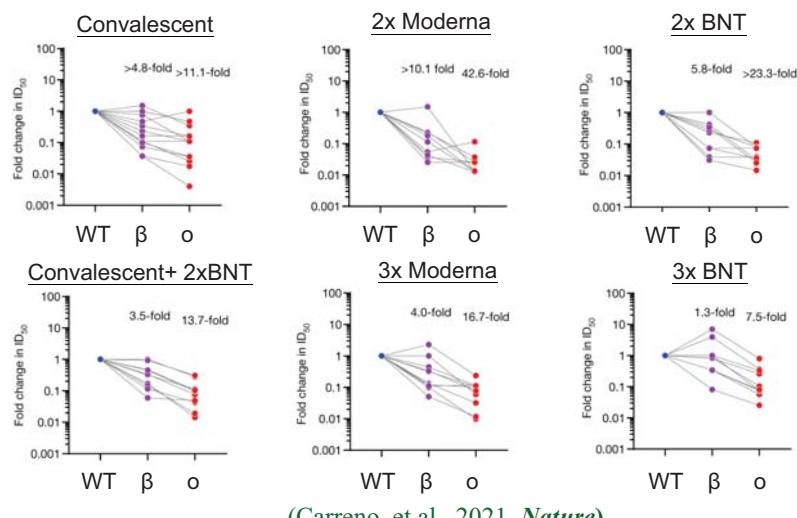
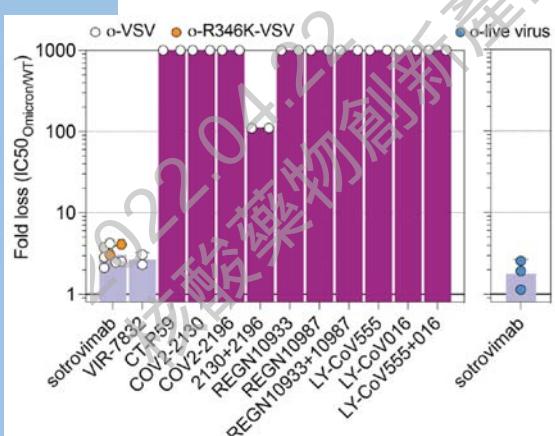
Omicron的多點突變



McCallum et al., (2022) Science

現有的抗體藥物和疫苗對Omicron效果大幅降低

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(Carreño, et al., 2021, Nature)

- Only Sotrovimab, a broadly neutralizing sarbecovirus mAbs recognizing antigenic sites outside the RBM retained neutralizing activity
- Omicron efficiently evades antibodies from infected or 2x mRNA vaccinated individuals
- 3x dose booster partially restored nAb titers

(Cameroni, et al., 2021, Nature)

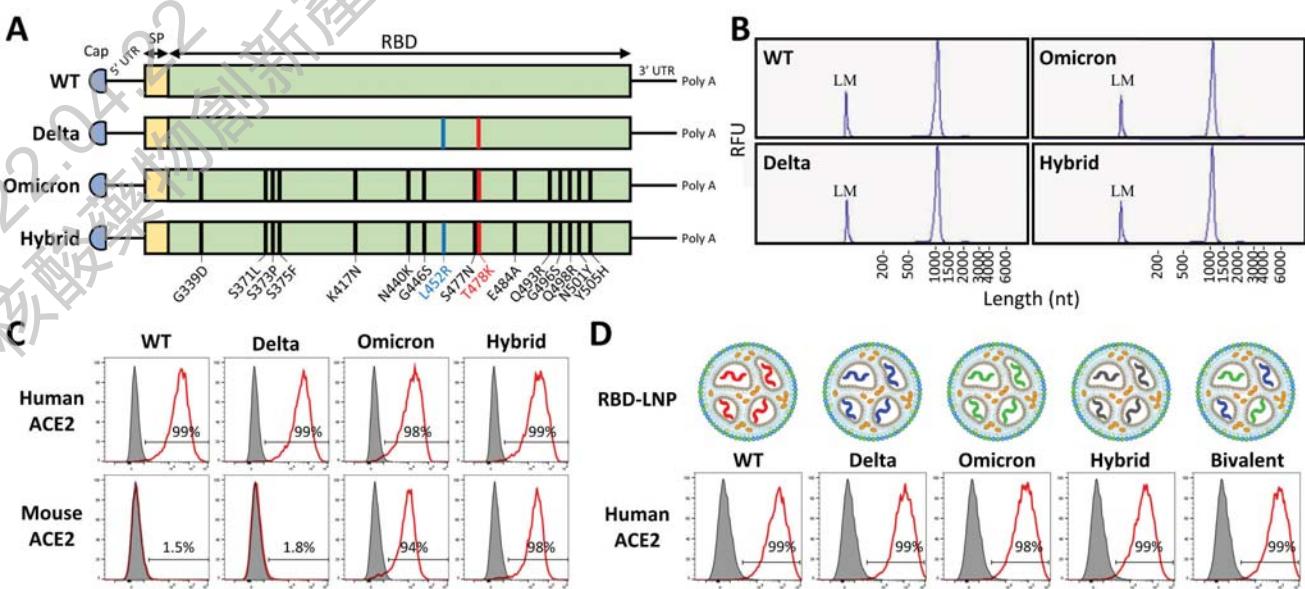
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以Omicron變異株為標的演練中研院團隊應付未來緊急疫情時開發疫苗的能力和速度

- 2021/11/26 WHO宣布Omicron為新的VOC變種病毒，病毒基因體序列公布。
- 2021/12月初中研院團隊開始Omicron mRNA疫苗開發計畫。
- 2星期完成疫苗模板(plasmid template)的製作。
- 1星期完成mRNA疫苗(mRNA-LNP, 脂質奈米粒)生產。
- 2021/12/24在小鼠進行第一次疫苗注射。
- 2022/1/7在小鼠進行第二次疫苗注射。
- 2022/1/14採血分析中和抗體。
- 2022/1/28完成第一版的preprint manuscript，投稿bioRxiv。
- 2022/1/31搶先全球在bioRxiv發表第一例針對Omicron變異株的次世代mRNA疫苗。
- 2022/2/3 ~ 2/15搶陸續有6篇論文發表在bioRxiv
- 2022/2/14, 18 Nature (News), Nature Reviews Microbiology引用我們的論文
- 2022/2/22完成實驗資料補充，投稿正式期刊。

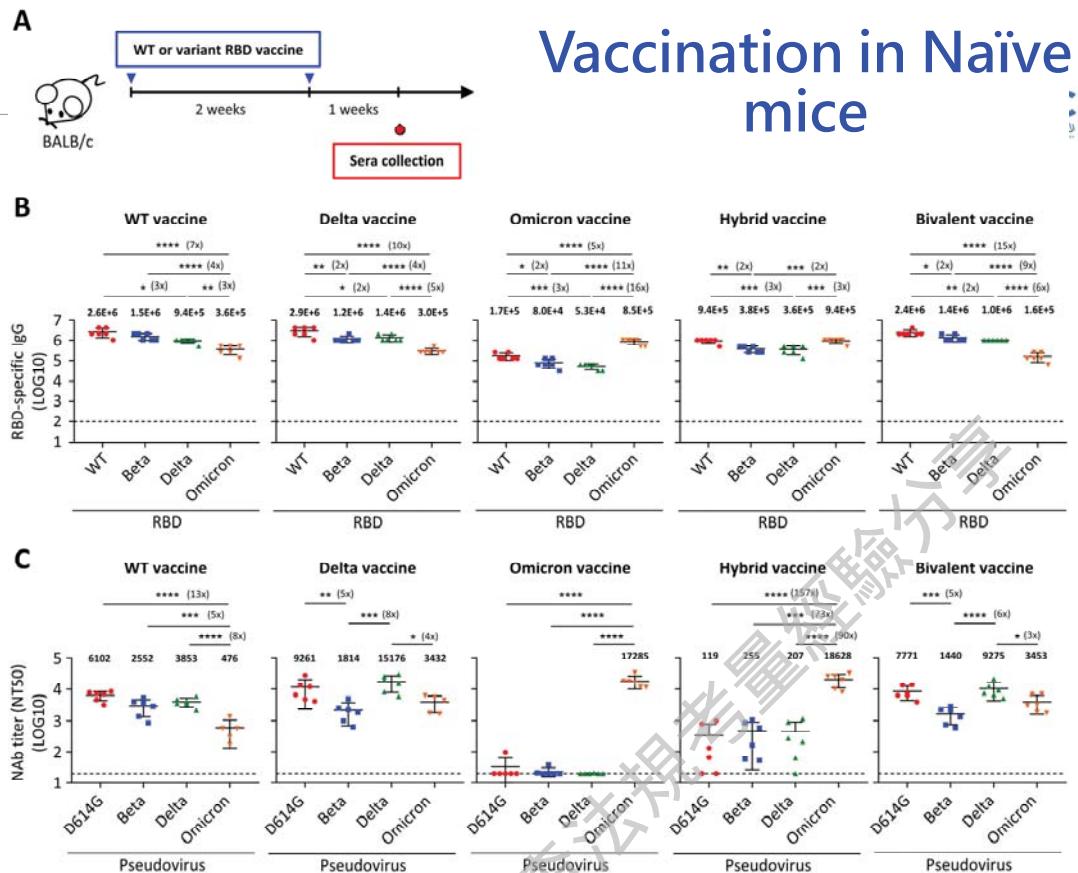
RBD mRNA constructs and RBD-LNP vaccines

RNA transfection
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Applied to ACE2-expressing cells
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polyclonal Ab against all RBDs
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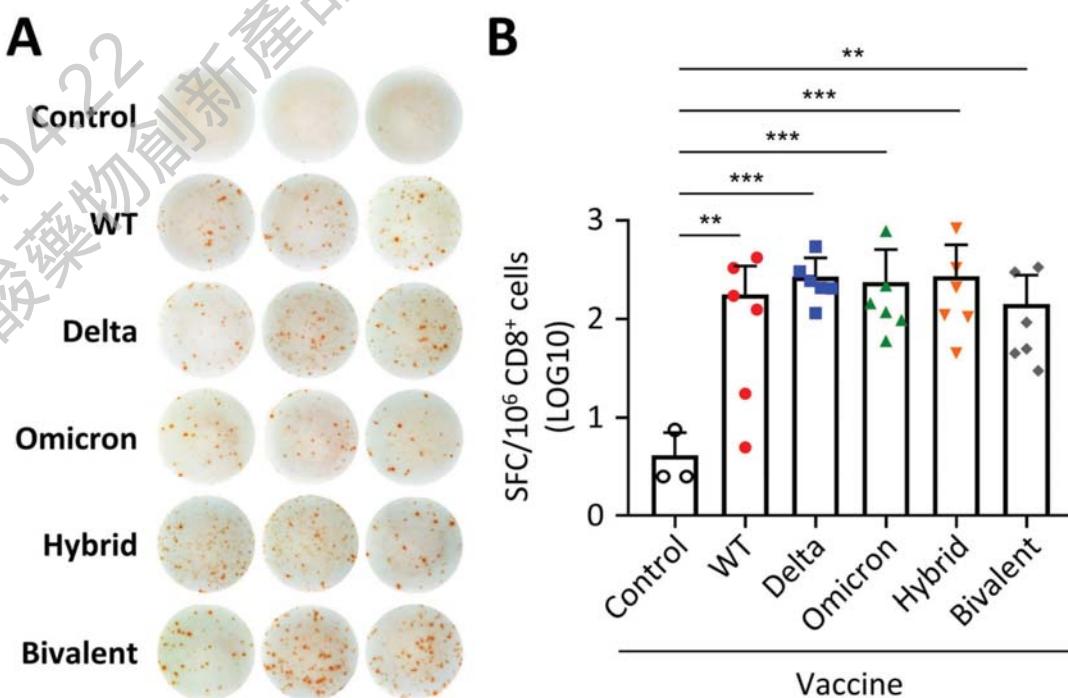


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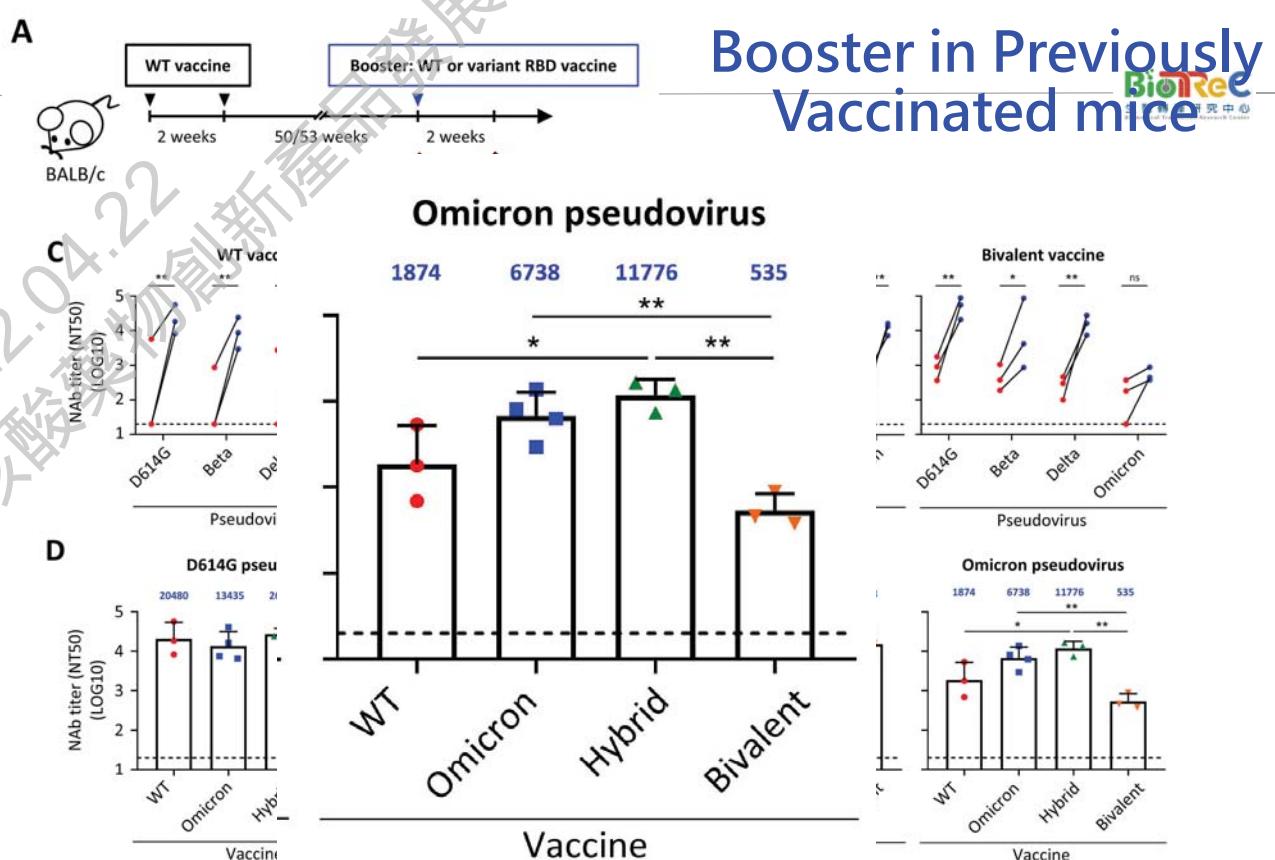
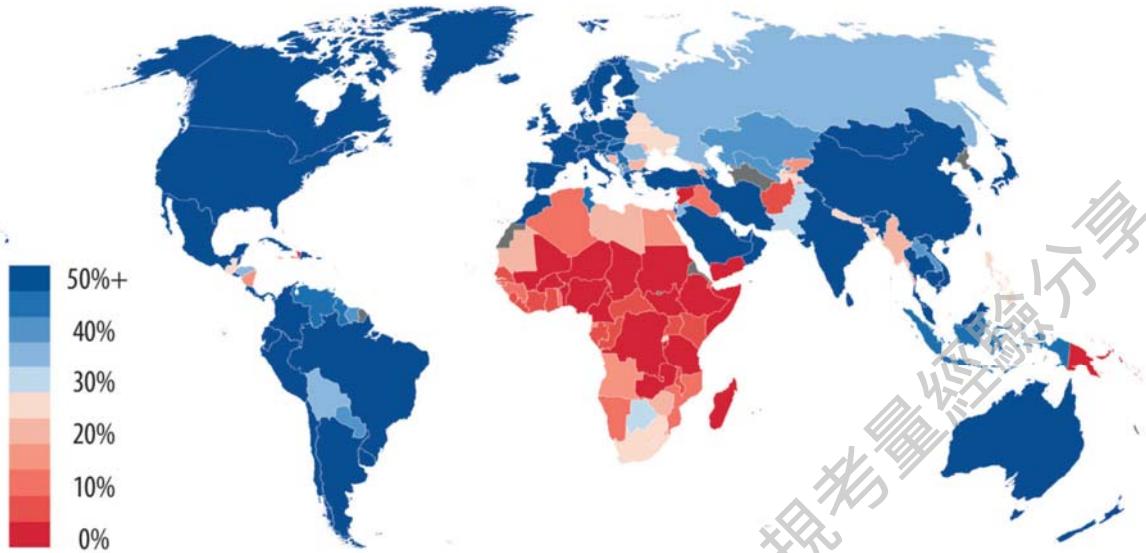
不同變異株mRNA疫苗都能引發T細胞免疫反應

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全球COVID-19疫苗覆蓋率(至少一劑) 2022.12

Picture 2: Vaccine coverage—at least one dose administered (percent of population)





Omicron mRNA疫苗的相關論文

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Date	Authors	Institute	Major findings
1/31	Lee JJ/Tao MH	Academia Sinica	Omicron-specific mRNA vaccine induced potent neutralizing antibody against Omicron but not other SARS-CoV-2 variants https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.01.31.478406
2/3	Hawman D./Erasmus J.	NIH/ University of Washington School of Medicine	Replicating RNA platform enables rapid response to the SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant and elicits enhanced protection in naïve hamsters compared to ancestral vaccine https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.01.31.478520
2/4	Gagne M./Seder R.	NIH/Moderna	mRNA-1273 or mRNA-Omicron boost in vaccinated macaques elicits comparable B cell expansion, neutralizing antibodies and protection against Omicron https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.02.03.479037
2/7	Zang J/Huang Z	Institute Pasteur of Shanghai, CAS	An mRNA vaccine candidate for the SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.02.07.479348
2/9	Ying B/Diamond M.	Washington University School of Medicine/Moderna	Boosting with Omicron-matched or historical mRNA vaccines increases neutralizing antibody responses and protection against B.1.1.529 infection in mice https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2022.02.07.479419v1
2/14	Zhang N./Qin C.	Academy of Military Medical Sciences	Rapid development of an updated mRNA vaccine against the SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant. LETTER TO THE EDITOR_Cell Research
2/15	Fang Z./Chen S.	Yale University School of Medicine	SARS-CoV-2 Omicron-specific mRNA vaccine induces potent and broad antibody responses in vivo https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2022.02.14.480449v1



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挑戰(2021.05-迄今)

mRNA製程/申請試驗中新藥IND /
開發自有專利技術





發展策略

- 發展新技術平臺開發核酸疫苗
- 引領台灣mRNA產業發展，肩負國家重點科技布局之大任

●利用現有技術發展核酸疫苗

- 建立平台並且全盤部局，了解未來產業化各面向
- 應付未來不時之需(防疫及國安問題)
- 具技轉潛能

●開發新智財權

- 新脂質奈米微粒配方 (New cationic lipid)
- 新型核酸遞送系統 (New biomaterials)
- 新生產製程技術 (Microfluidic reactor system)
- mRNA新適應症開發:癌症治療, 傳染性疾病, 其他疾病 ...etc

●與業界商討新創公司或技轉

mRNA先導研究設施

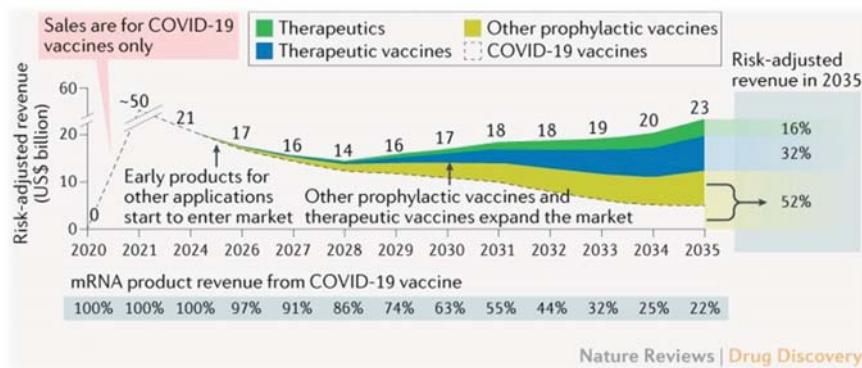
轉譯中心已著手於國家生技研究園區建置符合GMP標準與精神之mRNA先導研究設施，預計於111年完成硬體建置。

- 為發揮mRNA疫苗快速應變之特性，並解決以往新藥在研發端與製程端之技術斷層，於研發時期同步考量後續量產之法規規範與技術背景，突破製程關鍵技術。
- 建立以液相層析、微流道技術為主軸的製程，進行mRNA疫苗研發，使研發與產製銜接順暢，縮短應變期程。
- 供應mRNA疫苗臨床一期和二期試驗規模。



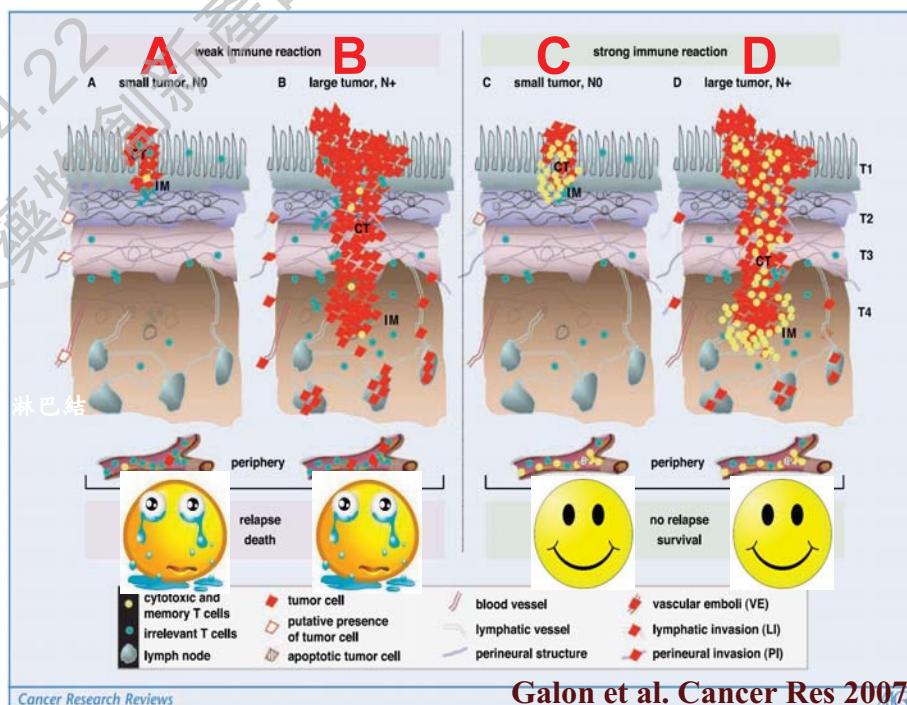
mRNA技術的市場估值逐年成長

- 只看短期，著重眼前的效果 – 僅評估Covid-19 mRNA Vaccine的效果
- 放遠眼光、掌握時機及堅持 – 評估mRNA技術是否為未來發展主軸

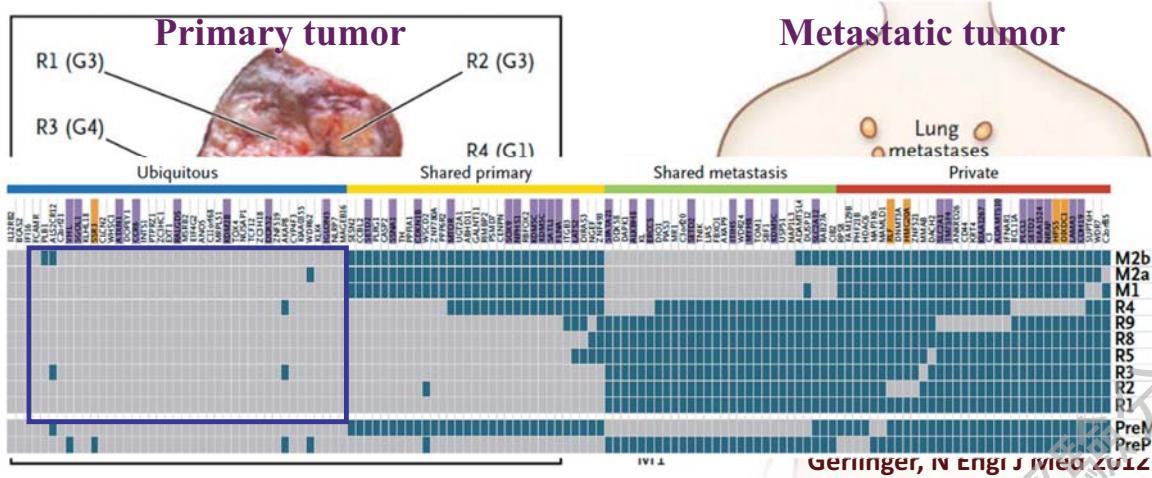


- 短期內，mRNA 產品主要為COVID-19 疫苗的銷售，**2021 年其價值超過 500 億美元**。
- 2022-2024 全球廣泛進行加強注射，預計可達 200 億美元的銷售額，但 COVID-19 疫苗逐年需求減少，因此其銷售額預計逐年遞減。
- **預防性疫苗和治療性藥物**預計於2028 年開始增長，到 2035 年達到 230 億美元。

大腸癌病人治療的效果，決定於治療前腫瘤內的免疫細胞(T細胞)數目

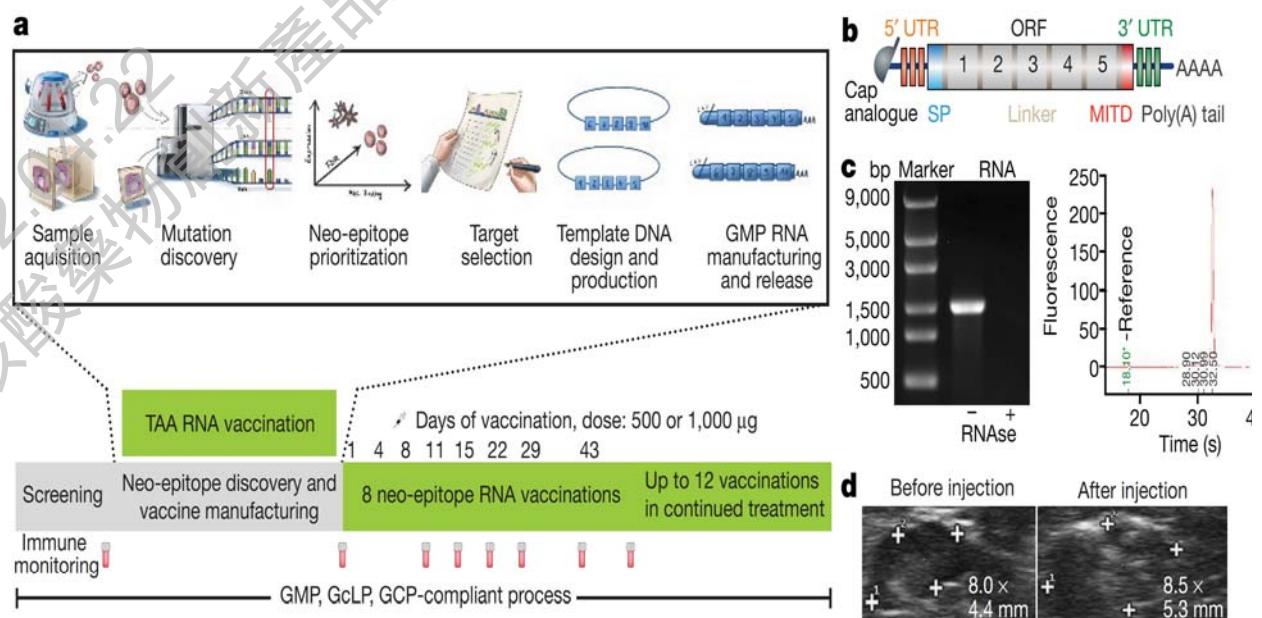


Primary and Metastatic Tumors Have Shared Mutations (Tumor Antigens)



1. NGS was applied to sequence tumor tissues from primary renal cell carcinoma located at different regions as well as samples from their metastases.
2. In the 101 mutations, some shared by primary tumors; some shared by metastatic tumors; some are shared by both primary and metastatic tumors.
3. In theory, anti-tumor T cells induced by treatment of primary tumors may be able to recognize and control both primary tumors and their metastases.

Neoantigen mRNA Vaccine Design and Manufacturing

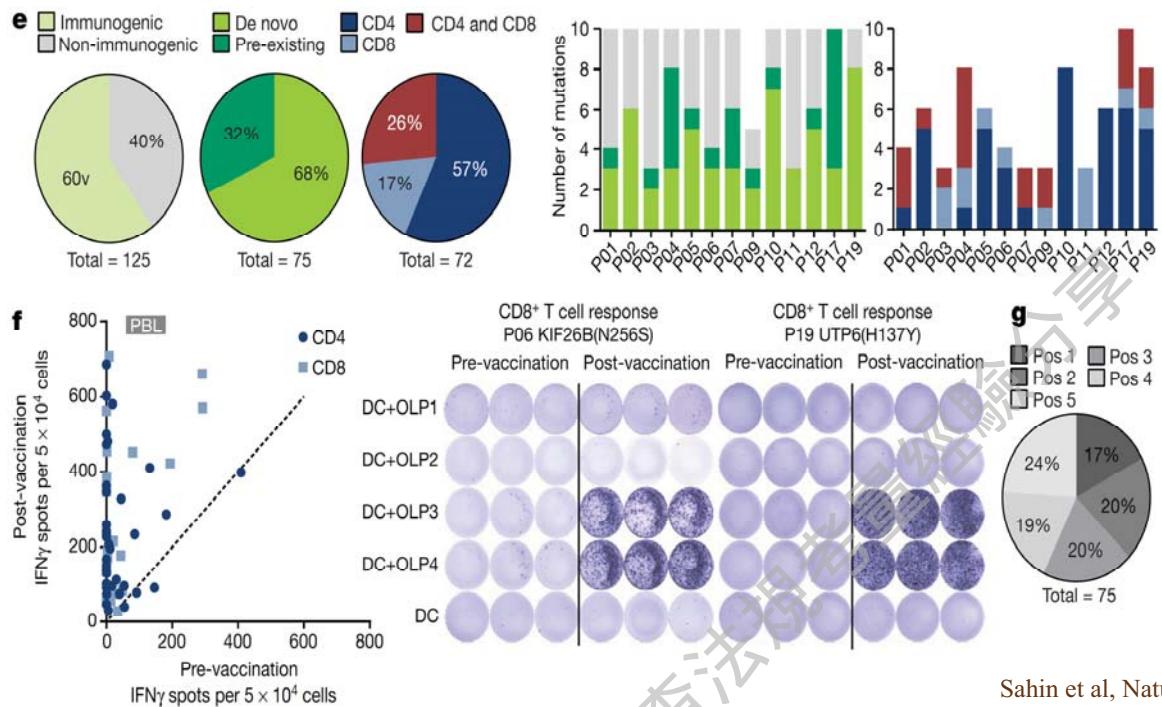


Sahin et al, Nature 2017



CD4+ and CD8+ T Cells induced by Neoantigen mRNA Vaccine

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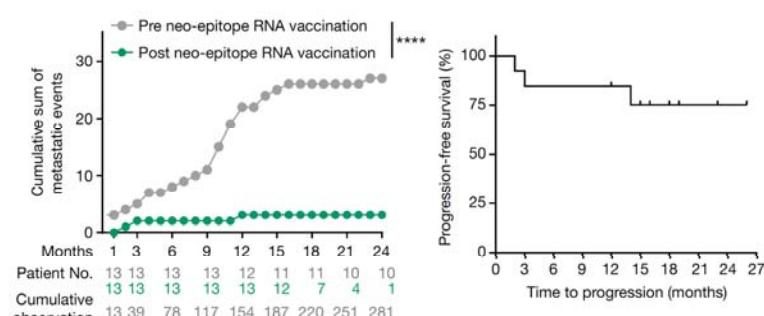
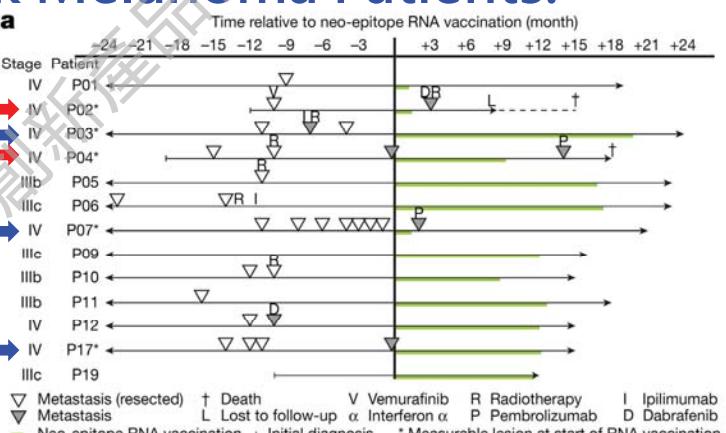
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mRNA Neoantigen Vaccine Control Disease of High Risk Melanoma Patients.

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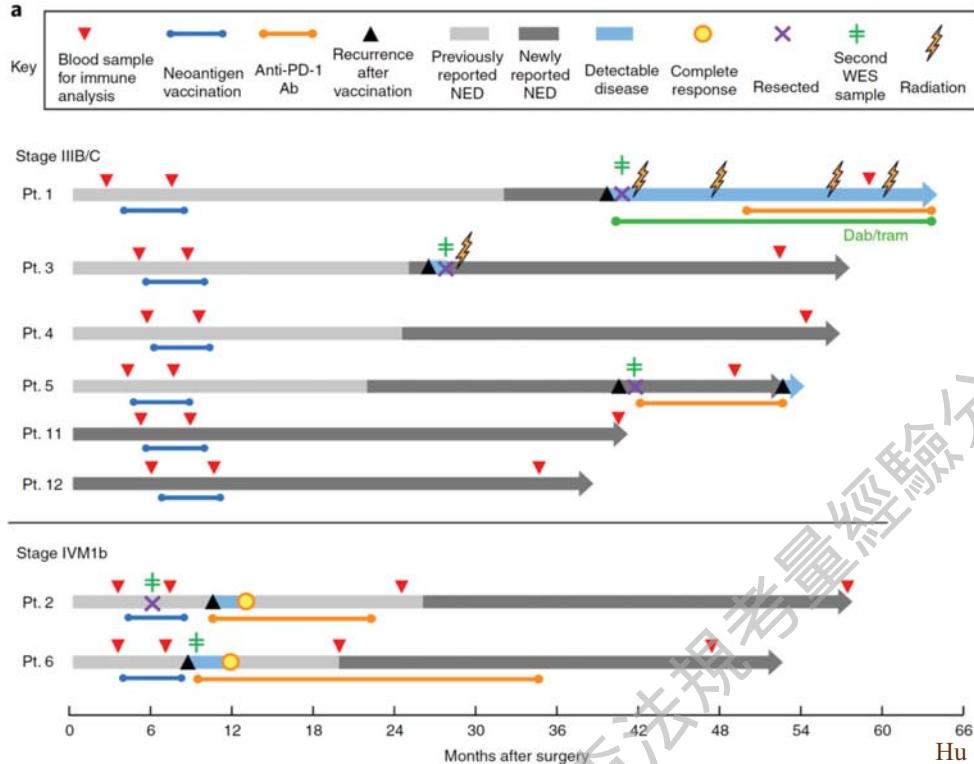
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Neoantigen Vaccine Induced Long-term Clinical Effect

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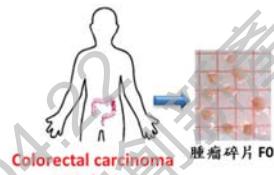
Hu et al, Nat Med 2021

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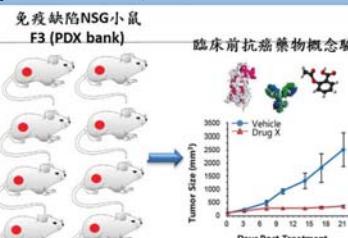
人源化腫瘤異種移植 (PDX) 動物模型

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F3 (PDX bank)

臨床前抗癌藥物概念驗證

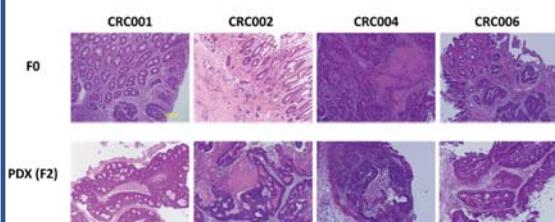


人源化大腸直腸腫瘤異種移植

病患基本資料及完整異種移植資料及精準基因定序

Case No.	Age	Location	Stage (AJCC)	Tumor formation rate (%)		Analysis	F0	F1
				F1	F2			
CRC001 (M)	67	Sigmoid colon	III	60 (3/5)	100 (5/5)	WES	✓	✓
CRC002 (M)	59	Descending colon	IV	17 (1/6)	80 (4/5)	WES	✓	✓
CRC003 (M)	60	Ascending colon	IV	43 (3/7)	100 (3/3)	WES	✓	✓
CRC004 (F)	52	Rectum	III	83 (5/6)	100 (7/7)	WES	✓	✓
CRC005 (M)	77	Sigmoid colon	II	60 (3/5)	100 (7/7)	WES	✓	✓
CRC006 (F)	63	Rectum	III	29 (2/7)	100 (4/4)	WES	✓	✓
CRC007 (M)	84	Cecal	IV	X	X	WES	✓	X
CRC008 (F)	41	Sigmoid colon	III	X	X	WES	✓	X
CRC009 (M)	65	Ascending colon	III	25 (2/8)	100 (4/4)	WES	✓	✓
CRC010 (M)	70	Splenic flexure	II	20 (1/5)	100 (3/3)	WES	✓	✓

專業病理切片



F2代PDX腫瘤病理切片保留了患者初代腫瘤組織之
病理特徵

缺點/優點

- 具有人體腫瘤異質性
- 與原發腫瘤的分子、組織病理一致
- 需長時間建立癌症動物模式
- 可以預測臨床結果，提供可靠臨床前資料

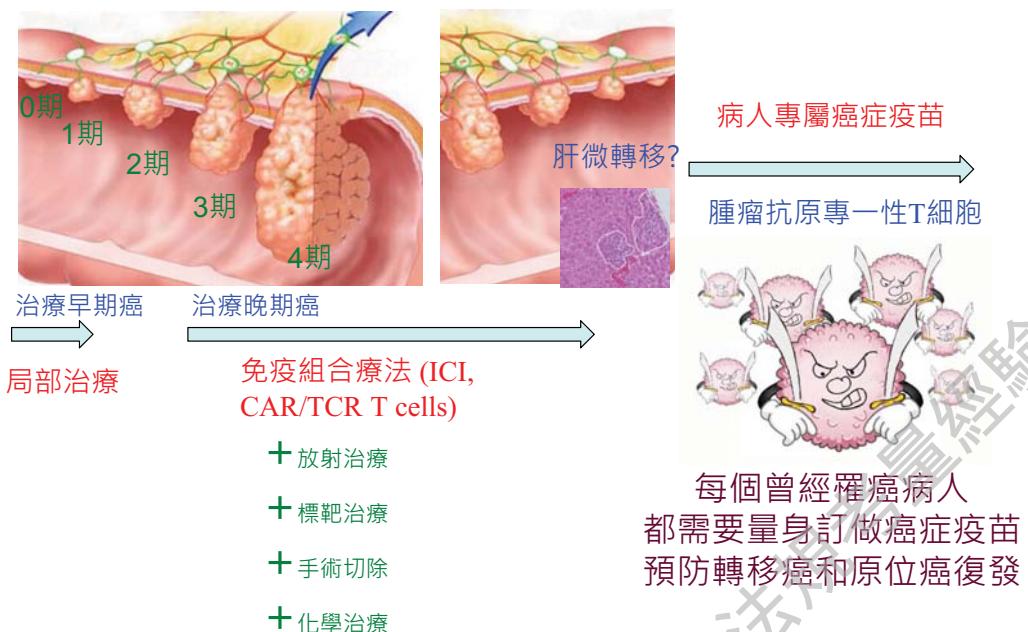
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主題

核酸藥物
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藥物標靶的選擇

如何越過
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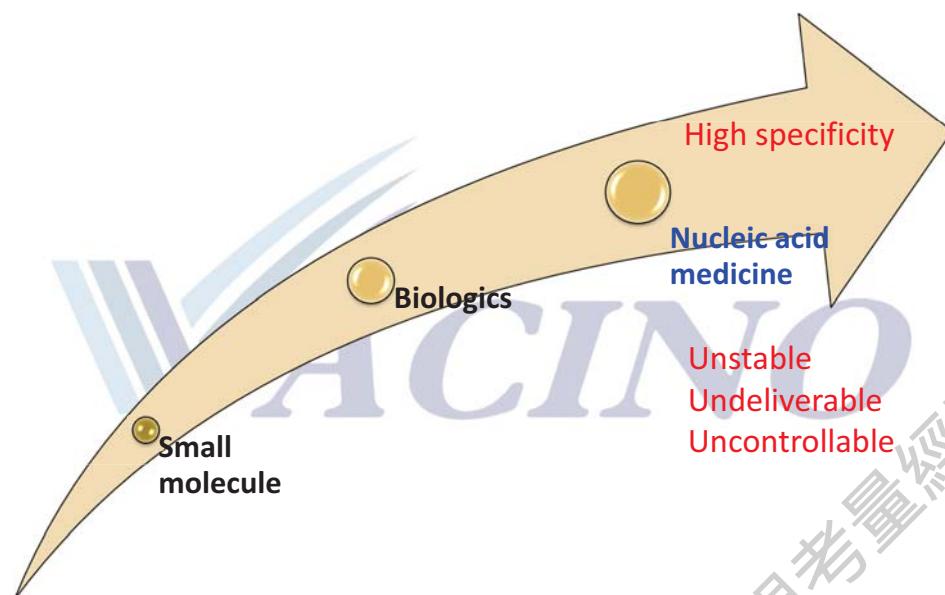
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藥物發展的歷史

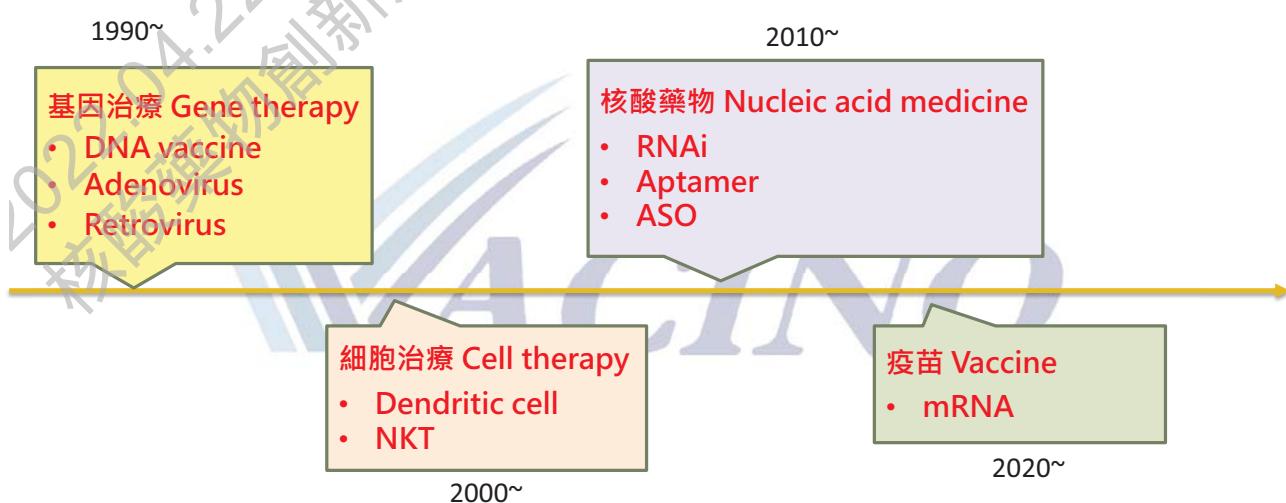


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核酸藥物的歷史



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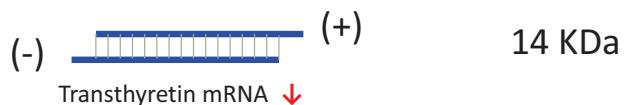
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已核准的核酸類藥物

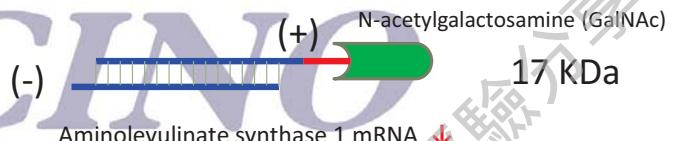
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals

1. Patisiran, 2018, to treat hereditary transthyretin amyloidosis (hATTR)

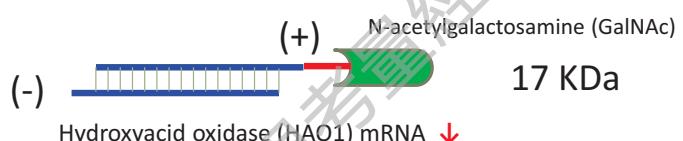


The FDA granted this application [Fast Track](#), [Priority Review](#) and [Breakthrough Therapy](#) designations. Onpattro also received [Orphan Drug](#) designation, which provides incentives to assist and encourage the development of drugs for rare diseases. (US FDA)

1. Givosiran, 2019, to treat acute hepatic porphyria.



2. Lumasiran, 2020, to treat primary hyperoxaluria type 1.



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藥物標靶的選擇

- Huge market
 - EGFR inhibitor
- Clinical unmet need
 - Market leading drug
- Rare disease
 - Orphan drug

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藥物開發死亡之谷



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建構核酸藥物

- 基礎材料
 - A、T、C、T
- 特殊材料
 - Methylation
 - Halogenation
 - Psudonucleotide
- 功能修飾
 - Linker
 - Targeting
 - Stabilizer

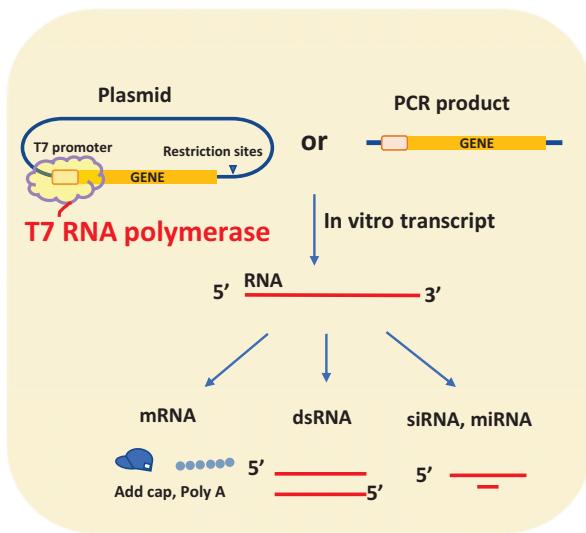
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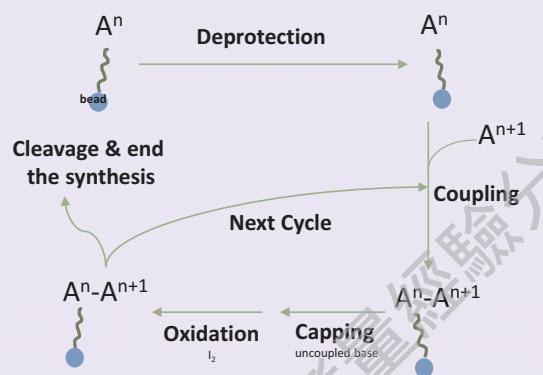
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生產技術的選擇

生物長鏈合成 In vitro transcription



直接短鏈合成 Solid phase synthesis



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核酸藥物的配方設計要點

- **Stability**
 - Storage
 - Administration
- **Excipient**
 - Buffer
 - Surfactant
 - Salt
 - pH

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已核准核酸藥物的配方設計

ONPATRO (patisiran) (2018) GIVLAARI (givosiran) (2019) OXLUMO (lumasiran) (2022)



	ONPATRO	GIVLAARI	OXLUMO	COMIRNATY (Purple cap)	COMIRNATY (Gray cap)	SPIKEVAX
RNA	2 mg Patisiran	189 mg Givosiran	94.5 mg Lumasiran	30 mcg of a nucleoside-modified messenger RNA (mRNA) encoding the viral spike (S) glycoprotein of SARS-CoV-2	30 mcg of a nucleoside-modified messenger RNA (mRNA) encoding the viral spike (S) glycoprotein of SARS-CoV-2	100 mcg of nucleoside-modified messenger RNA (mRNA) encoding the pre-fusion stabilized Spike glycoprotein (S) of SARS-CoV-2 virus.
Excipients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13.0 mg DLin-MC3-DMA ((6Z,9Z,28Z,31Z)-heptatriaconta-6,9,28,31-tetraen-19-yl-4-(dimethylamino) butanoate) 1.6 mg PEG2000-C-DMG (α-({3'-{[1,2-di(myristyloxy)propanoxy]carboxylinyl}propyl}-ω-methoxy polyoxethylene) 3.3 mg DSPC (1,2-distearoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine) 6.2 mg Cholesterol 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.43 mg ((4-hydroxybutyl)azanediyl)bis(hexane-6,1-diyl)bis(2-hexyldecanoate) (ALC-0315) 0.05 mg 2-[(polyethylene glycol)-2000]-N,N-ditetradecylacetamide (ALC-0159) 0.09 mg 1,2-Distearoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine (DSPC) 0.2 mg Cholesterol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.43 mg ((4-hydroxybutyl)azanediyl)bis(hexane-6,1-diyl)bis(2-hexyldecanoate) (ALC-0315) 0.05 mg 2-[(polyethylene glycol)-2000]-N,N-ditetradecylacetamide (ALC-0159) 0.09 mg 1,2-Distearoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine (DSPC) 0.19 mg Cholesterol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.93 mg Lipid SM-102 (heptadecan-9-yl 8-((2-hydroxyethyl)hexyl)octanoate) 1,2-Dimyristoyl-α-glycero-3-methoxy polyethylene glycol-2000 (PEG2000 DMG) 1,2-distearoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine (DSPC) Cholesterol
2.3 mg Disodium hydrogen phosphate, heptahydrate	Sodium hydroxide (pH adjustment)	Sodium hydroxide (pH adjustment)	Sodium hydroxide (pH adjustment)	0.07 mg dibasic sodium phosphate dihydrate	0.06 mg Trometamol	0.31 mg Trometamol
0.2 mg Potassium dihydrogen phosphate, anhydrous	Phosphoric acid (pH adjustment)	Phosphoric acid (pH adjustment)		0.01 mg monobasic potassium phosphate	0.4 mg Trometamol hydrochloride	1.18 mg Trometamol hydrochloride
8.8 mg Sodium chloride				2.52 mg sodium chloride, 0.01 mg potassium chloride	31 mg Sucrose	0.043 mg Acetic acid 0.20 mg Sodium acetate trihydrate
Water for injections	Water for injections	Water for injections	Water for injections	Water for injections	Water for injections	43.5 mg Sucrose
pH ~ 7.0	pH ~ 7.0	pH ~ 7.0	pH: 6.9 - 7.9	pH: 6.9 - 7.9	Water for injections	Water for injections pH: 7.0 - 8.0

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聲明



本次演講內容僅代表查驗中心之觀點，
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應依衛生主管機關之指示為準。

Outline



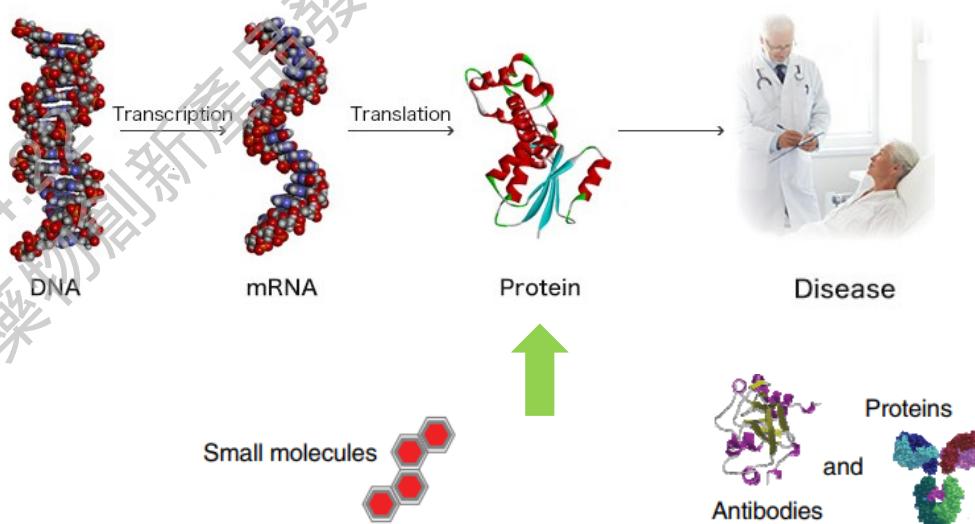
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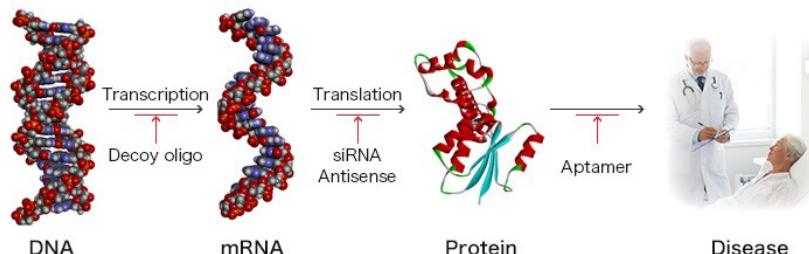
The Central Dogma



- Antagonism or agonism of target
- Extracellular and intracellular targets
- Not all target classes can be modulated selectively and potently
- Lead ID and optimization slow
- Easy to synthesize

- Antagonism or agonism of target
- Extracellular targets
- Highly selective and potent
- Lead ID and optimization slow
- Difficult to produce

Nucleic Acid Drugs

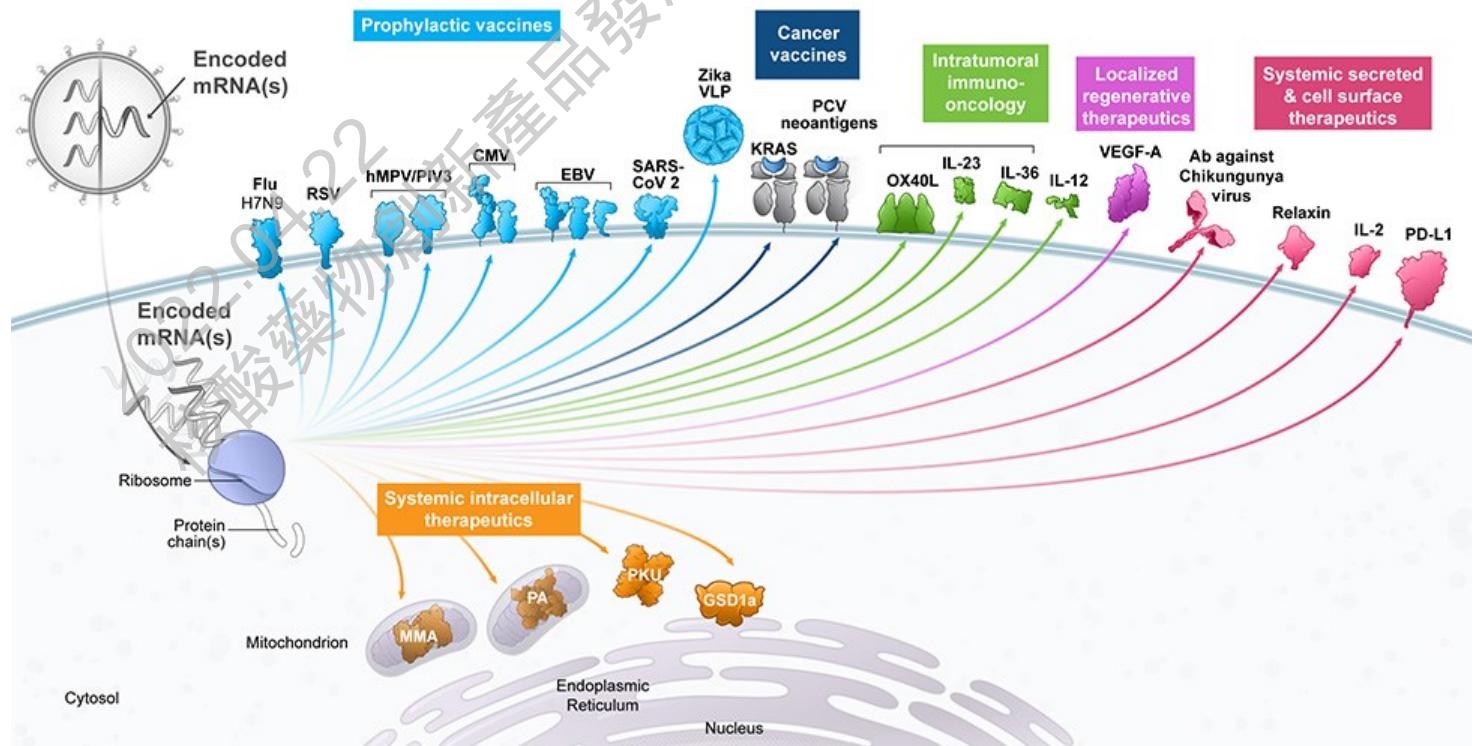


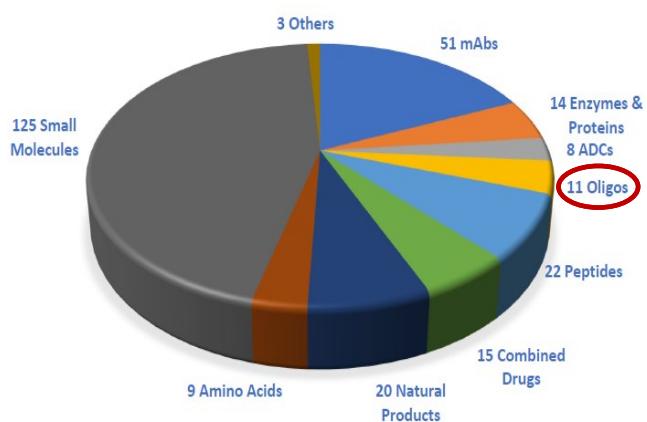
Type	Target	Site of action	Mechanism of action	Summary
siRNA	mRNA	Inside the cell (cytoplasm)	mRNA cleavage	Double-stranded RNA with cleavage of mRNA homologous to the sequence (siRNA), single-stranded hairpin RNA (shRNA), etc. with effect according to the principle of RNAi
miRNA	microRNA	Inside the cell (cytoplasm)	microRNA replacement	Double-stranded RNA, miRNA of single-stranded hairpin RNA or its mimic is used to strengthen the function of miRNA deteriorated by disorders
Antisense	mRNA, miRNA	Inside the cell (in the nucleus, cytoplasm)	mRNA and miRNA degradation, splicing inhibition	Single-stranded RNA/DNA which binds to the target mRNA and miRNA to cause degradation or inhibition, or acts to skip exon when splicing
Aptamer	Protein (extracellular protein)	Outside the cell	Functional inhibition	Single-stranded RNA/DNA which binds to the target protein in a similar manner to antibodies/DNA
Decoy	Protein (transcription factor)	Inside the cell (in the nucleus)	Transcription inhibition	Double-stranded DNA with identical sequence to the binding site for transcription factor, which binds to the transcription factor of the affected gene to suppress the target gene
Ribozyme	RNA	Inside the cell (cytoplasm)	RNA cleavage	Single-stranded RNA with enzyme function for binding and cleavage of target RNA
CpG oligo	Protein (receptor)	Cell surface	Immunopotentiation	Oligodeoxynucleotide with CpG motif (single-stranded DNA)

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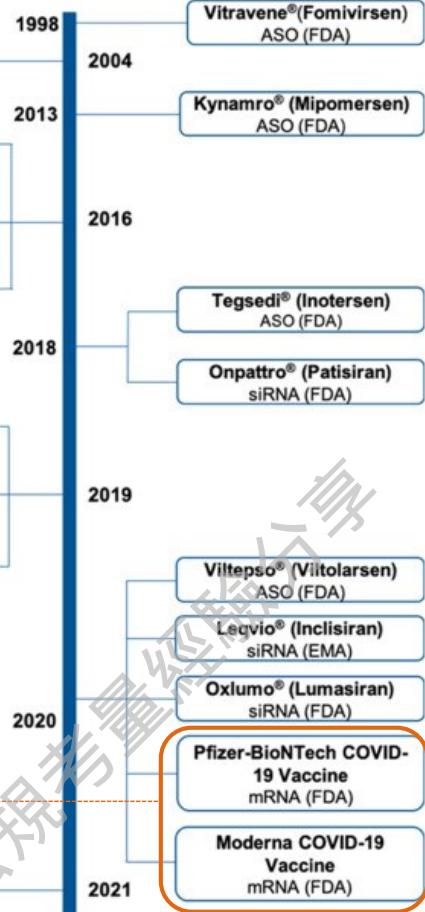




A total of **278** new drugs were approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) from 2016 to 2021.

*Comirnaty (Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine): FDA, August 23, 2021
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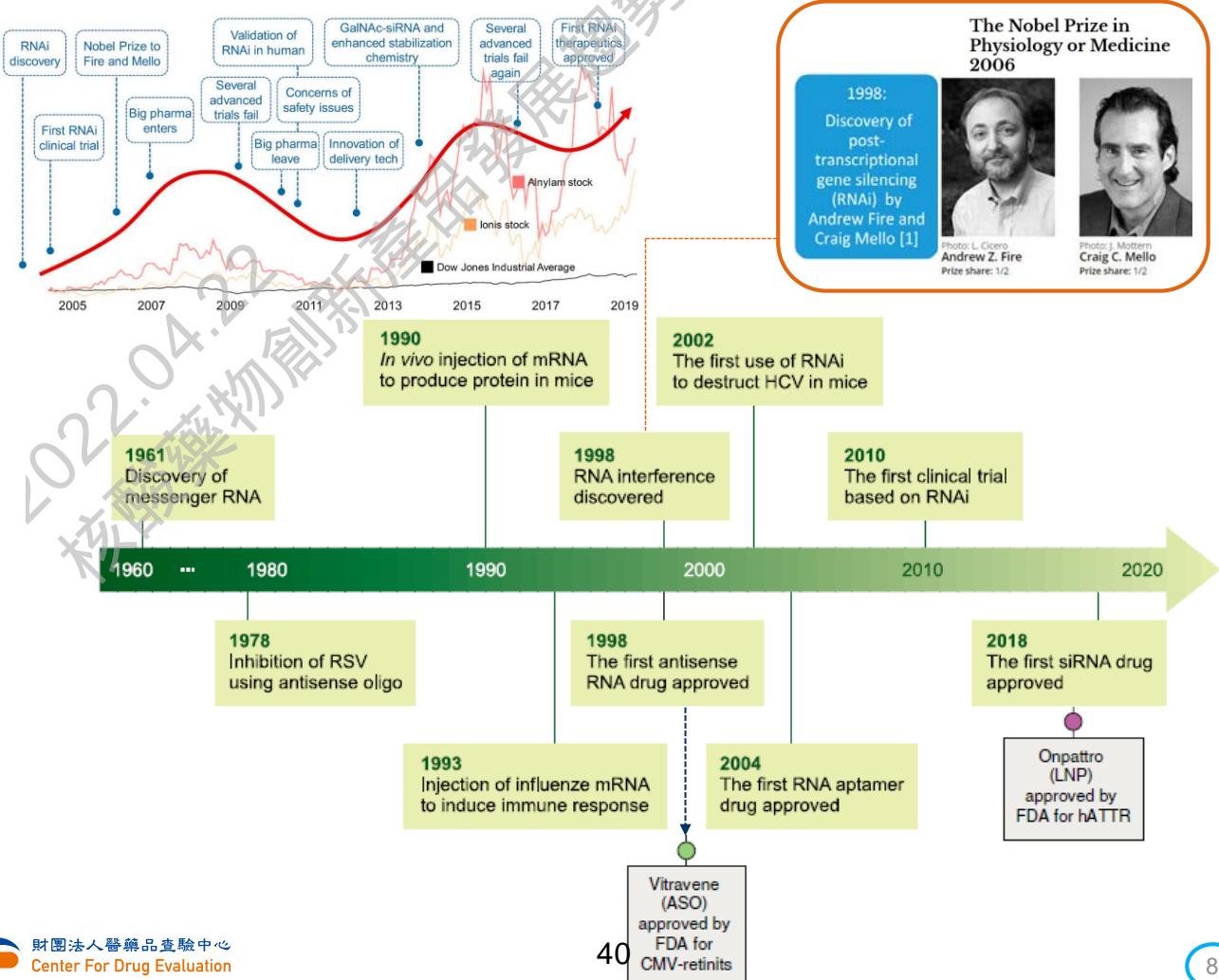
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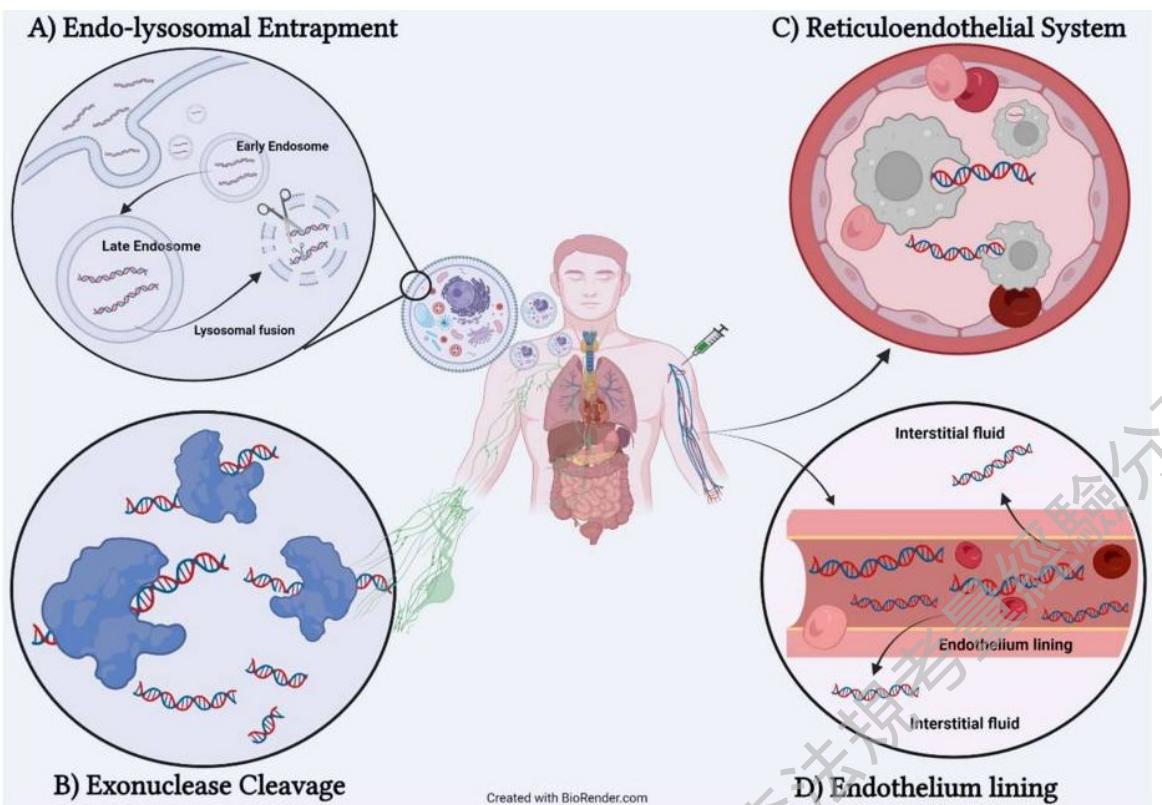
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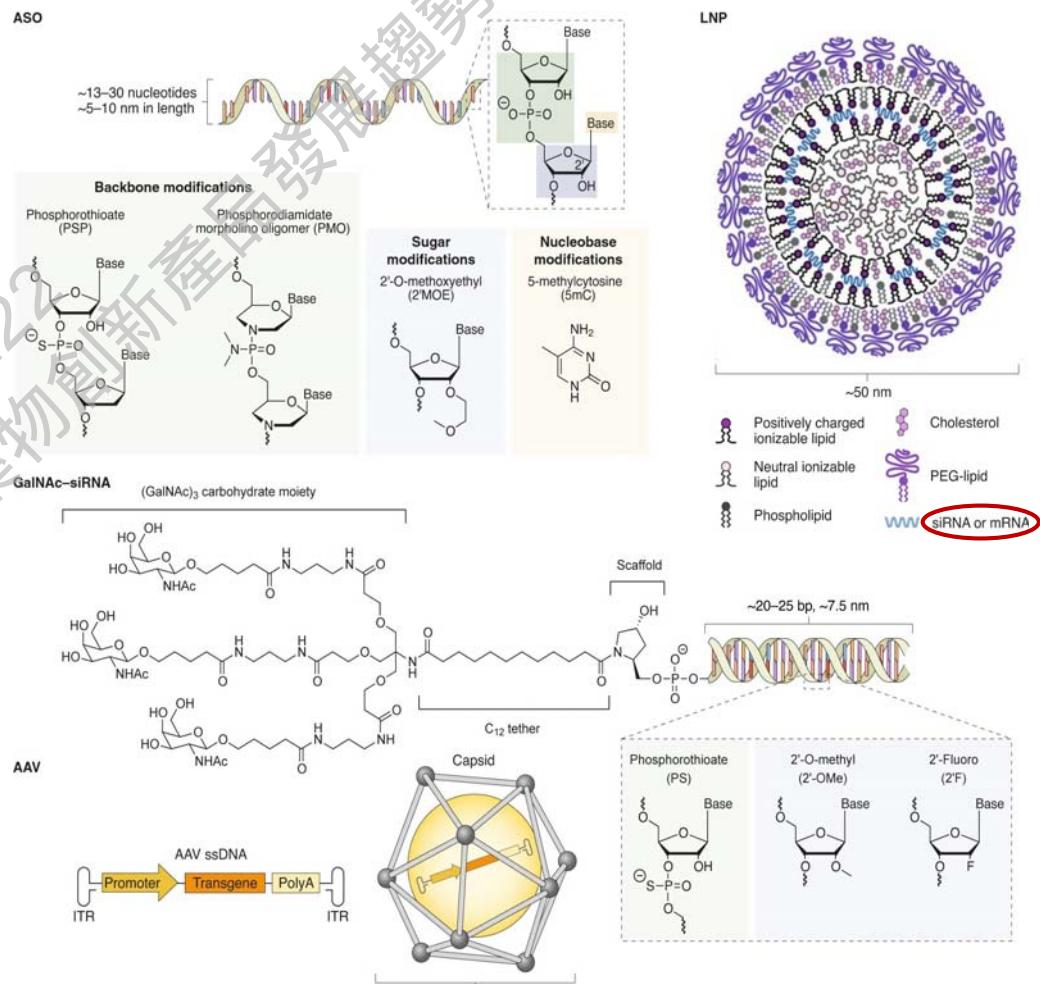


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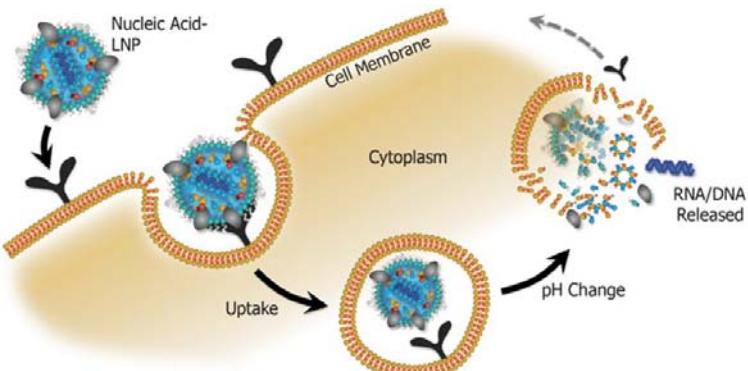


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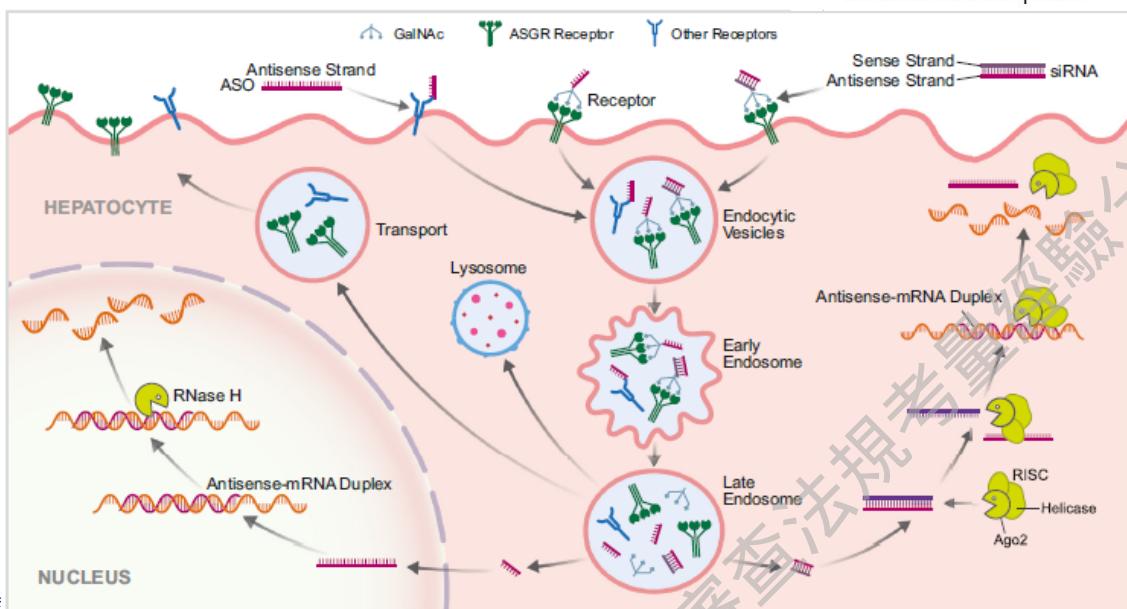
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Asialoglycoprotein Receptor (ASGPR)

Highly expressed in hepatocytes
High turnover (recycling time ~15 min)
Conserved across species



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FDA Approved Oligonucleotide Drugs

Name	Type	Modification	Mechanism	Indication/Target	FDA Approval
Fomivirsen	ASO	21 nt PS DNA	RNase H1	Cytomegalovirus retinitis/ <i>CMV UL123</i>	Aug 1998
Pegaptanib	Aptamer	27 nt 2'-F/2'-OMe PEGylated	Blocking binding	Neovascular age-related macular degeneration/ <i>VEGF-165</i>	Dec 2004
Mipomersen	ASO Gapmer	20 nt PS 2'-MOE	RNase H1	Homozygous familial Hypercholesterolemia/ <i>APOB</i>	Jan 2013
Defibrotide	ssDNA and dsDNA	Mixture of PO	Non single sequence dependent based mechanism	hepatic veno-occlusive disease	Mar 2016
Nusinersen	Steric block ASO	18 nt PS 2'-MOE	Splicing, intron 7	Spinal muscular atrophy/ <i>SMN2 exon 7</i>	Dec 2016
Eteplirsen	Steric block ASO	30 nt PMO	Splicing, exon 51	Duchenne muscular dystrophy/ <i>DMD exon 51</i>	Sep 2016
Milasen	ASO	22 nt PS 2'-MOE	Splicing	Batten disease/ <i>CLN7</i>	Jan 2018
Patisiran	siRNA LNP formulation	19 + 2 nt 2'-OME	Ago2	Hereditary transthyretin amyloidosis, polyneuropathy-TTR	Aug 2018
Inotersen	Gapmer ASO	20 nt PS 2'-MOE	RNase H1	hereditary transthyretin amyloidosis, polyneuropathy-TTR	Oct 2018
Givosiran	Dicer substrate siRNA	21/23 nt- GalNAc conjugate	Ago2	Acute hepatic porphyria <i>ALAS1</i>	Nov 2019
Golodirsen	Steric block ASO	25 nt PMO	Splicing, exon 53	Duchenne muscular dystrophy/ <i>DMD exon 53</i>	Dec 2019
Viltolarsen	ASO	21 nt-PMO	Splicing	Duchenne muscular dystrophy/ <i>DMD exon 53</i>	Aug 2020
Casimersen	ASO	22-PMO	Splicing	Duchenne muscular dystrophy/ <i>DMD Exon 45</i>	Feb 2021
Inclisiran	siRNA	21/23 nt- GalNAc conjugate	Ago2	Hypercholesterolaemia/ <i>PCSK9</i>	Dec 2021

LNP-RNA	GalNAc-siRNA conjugates
Onpattro, patisiran (Alnylam Pharmaceuticals)	Givlaari, Givosiran (Alnylam Pharmaceuticals)
Comirnaty, tozinameran (BioNTech/Pfizer)	Leqvio, inclisiran (Novartis/Alnylam Pharmaceuticals)
mRNA-1273 (Moderna/NIAID/BARDIA)	Oxlumo, lumasiran (Alnylam Pharmaceuticals)

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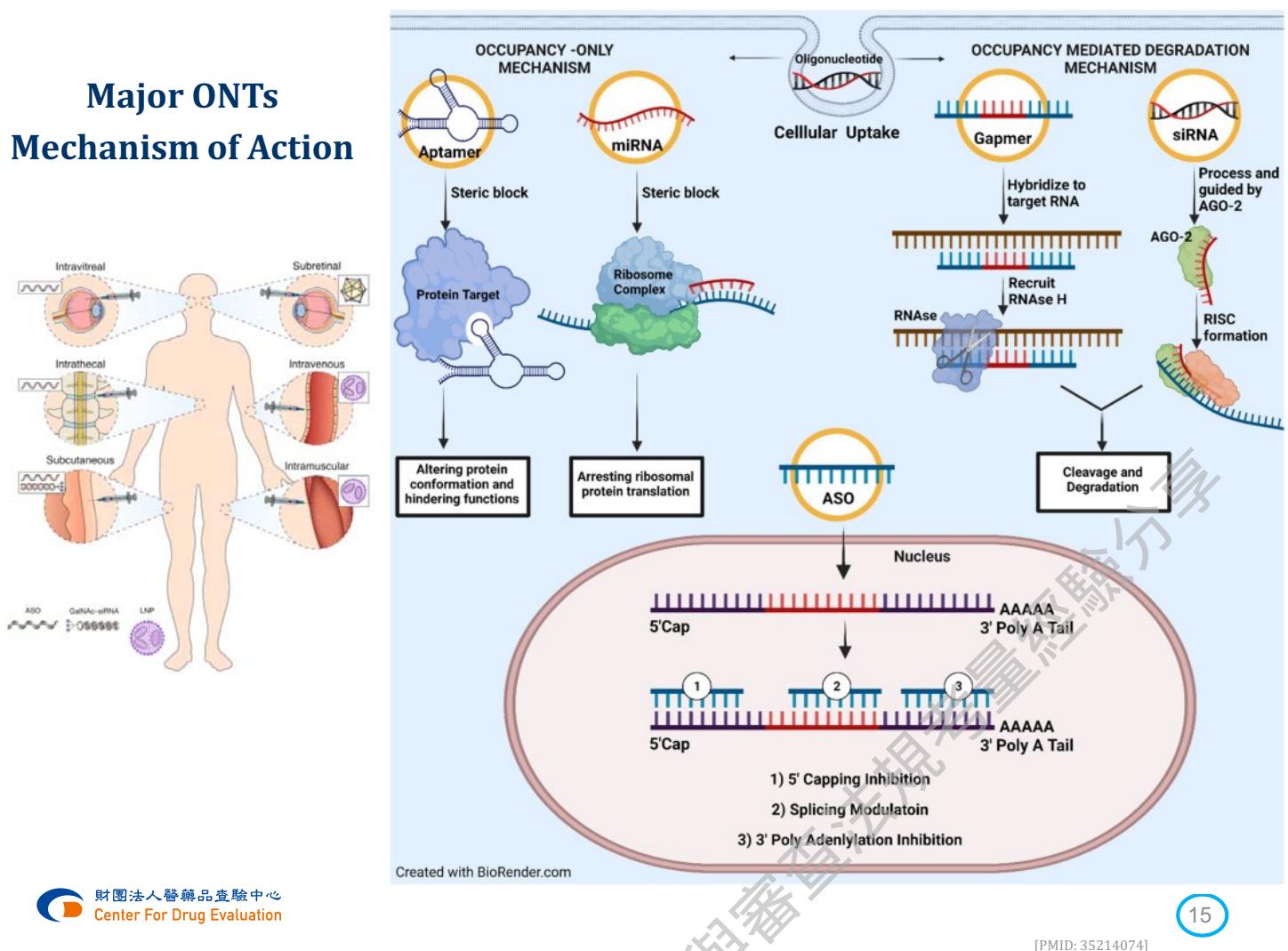
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法規參考



- 藥品臨床試驗計畫-技術性文件指引 (104年11月02日)
- 藥品非臨床試驗安全性規範 (第五版) (103年07月07日)
- ICH Guidelines
- 核酸医薬品の非臨床安全性評価に関するガイドラインについて
(厚生労働省薬生薬審発0330第1号 · 令和2年3月30日)

Major ONTs Mechanism of Action



- Have the properties of both NCEs and biopharmaceuticals
 - **Highly target-specific:** similar to biopharmaceuticals
 - Most ONTs are composed of nucleotides with **various chemical modifications:** have the toxicological characteristics of new chemical entities (NCEs)

SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OLIGONUCLEOTIDE THERAPEUTICS AND EXISTING DRUGS

	<i>Chemically synthesized drugs</i>	<i>Oligonucleotide therapeutics</i>	<i>Biopharmaceuticals</i>
Molecular weight	Generally <1 kDa	Generally ≤10 kDa	Generally >30 kDa
Production method	Chemical synthesis	Chemical synthesis	Biotechnology
Target	Intracellular and/or extracellular	Intracellular and/or extracellular	Extracellular
Species specificity	Nonspecific	Occasionally species specific	Species specific
Metabolism/degradation	Activation or inactivation by metabolism	Degradation to nucleic acids and metabolism	<i>In vivo</i> degradation to amino acids
Predictability of toxicity	Unpredictable	On-target effects, predictable; off-target effects, unpredictable	Predictable
Toxicological mode of action	Off-target effects, (toxicity related to metabolites and nonspecific toxicity independent of mechanism of action)	Exaggerated pharmacology and off-target effects (target dependent/target independent)	Exaggerated pharmacology (known mechanism of action)

Nucleic Acid Ther. 2021 Apr;31(2):114-125. PMID: 33470890



Toxicity



Hybridization to the target sequence (exaggerated pharmacology)

- Pharmacologically relevant species
- Surrogate (generally, one animal species)

Hybridization-dependent (bind to non-target sequence)

- *In silico* analysis
- *In vitro* tests (e.g., qPCR, microarray, RNAseq) using human cells
- Biological information of the intended gene

Hybridization/Sequence-independent (chemical modification, formulation, etc.)

- Conventional toxicity studies
- Rodents and non-rodents

Type of Study

New Chemical Entities

(Generally)

POC

- *In vitro* and/or *in vivo* studies

Safety

- *In vitro* hERG

Pharmacology

- Core battery (CNS, CVS, RS)
- Additional: as needed

Single-Dose

- Separate studies are rarely needed

(Acute) Toxicity

*ONTs

(Additional consideration)

- *In vitro* hERG: generally not warranted

Type of Study	New Chemical Entities (Generally)	*ONTs (Additional consideration)
Repeated-dose toxicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 2 mammalian species (rodents and non-rodents) required Intended clinical route Tox study duration ≥ clinical trial duration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-target & Off-target On-target: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally, at least one of the two species (if only one pharmacologically relevant species) Surrogates (if no appropriate pharmacologically relevant species)

Table 1 Recommended Duration of Repeated-Dose Toxicity Studies to Support the Conduct of Clinical Trials

Maximum Duration of Clinical Trial	Recommended Minimum Duration of Repeated-Dose Toxicity Studies to Support Clinical Trials	
	Rodents	Non-rodents
Up to 2 weeks	2 weeks ^a	2 weeks ^a
Between 2 weeks and 6 months	Same as clinical trial ^b	Same as clinical trial ^b
> 6 months	6 months ^{b, c}	9 months ^{b, c, d}

Table 2 Recommended Duration of Repeated-Dose Toxicity Studies to Support Marketing

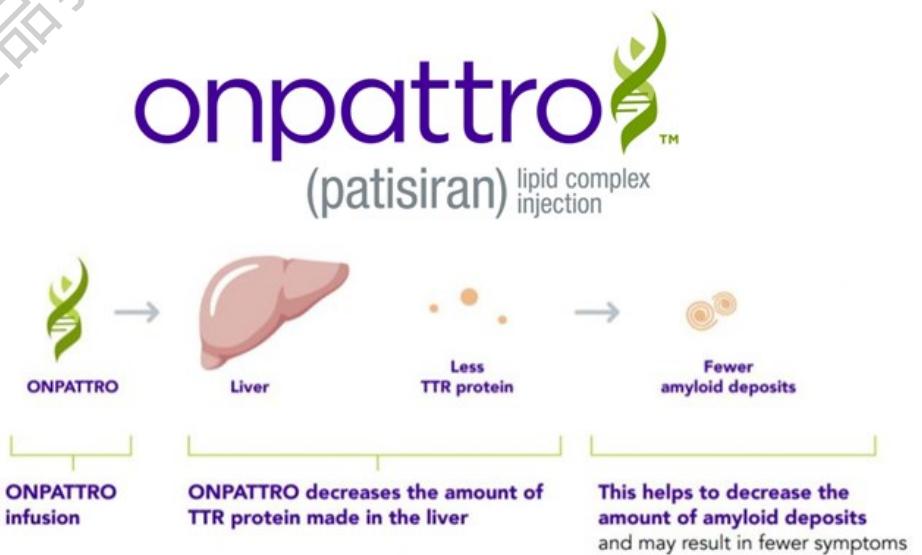
Duration of Indicated Treatment	Rodent	Non-rodent
Up to 2 weeks	1 month	1 month
>2 weeks to 1 month	3 months	3 months
>1 month to 3 months	6 months	6 months
>3 months	6 months ^e	9 months ^{e, d}

Type of Study	New Chemical Entities (Generally)	*ONTs (Additional consideration)
Genotoxicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard battery Typically 2 <i>in vitro</i> and 1 <i>in vivo</i> studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consisting of only native nucleic acids: generally not necessary
DART	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FEED, PPND studies: typically in rodents EFD studies: typically one rodent and one non-rodent species 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Species-specific surrogate molecule (if the clinical candidate is not pharmacologically active in the routine species)
Carcinogenicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If need, typically two species of rodents 	
Local tolerance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate studies are rarely needed 	

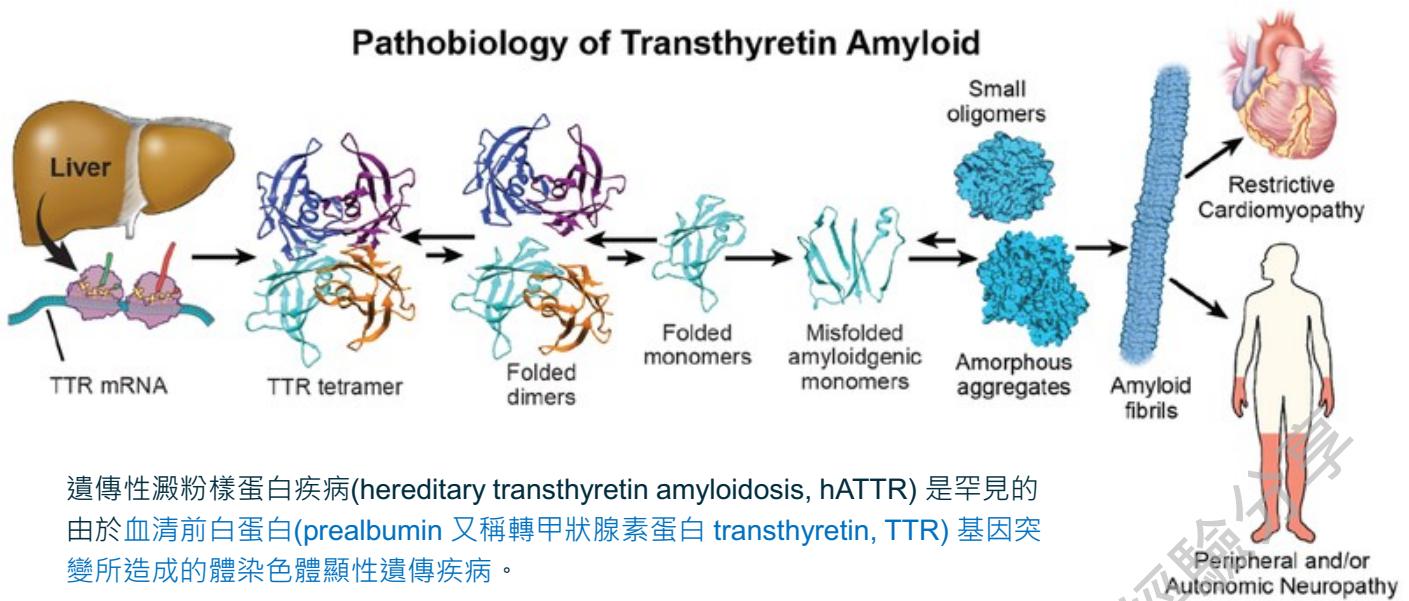
Type of Study	New Chemical Entities (Generally)	*ONTs (Additional consideration)
Immunotoxicity	• Separate studies are rarely needed	
Photosafety	• If there are particular photosafety concerns	• Chemically modified nucleic acids
Toxicokinetics	• Required	
Others	• Case-by-case	

CNS = central nervous system; CVS= cardiovascular system; DART = reproductive and developmental toxicity; EFD = Embryo-Fetal Development; FEED = Fertility and Early Embryonic Development; FIH = first in human; ONT= oligonucleotide therapeutics; PPND = Pre- and Postnatal Development; POC= proof of concept; RS = respiratory system

*Active ingredients include antisense oligonucleotides, siRNAs, or miRNAs, binding to a specific nucleotide sequence, and causing a biological reaction without synthesizing a new protein.



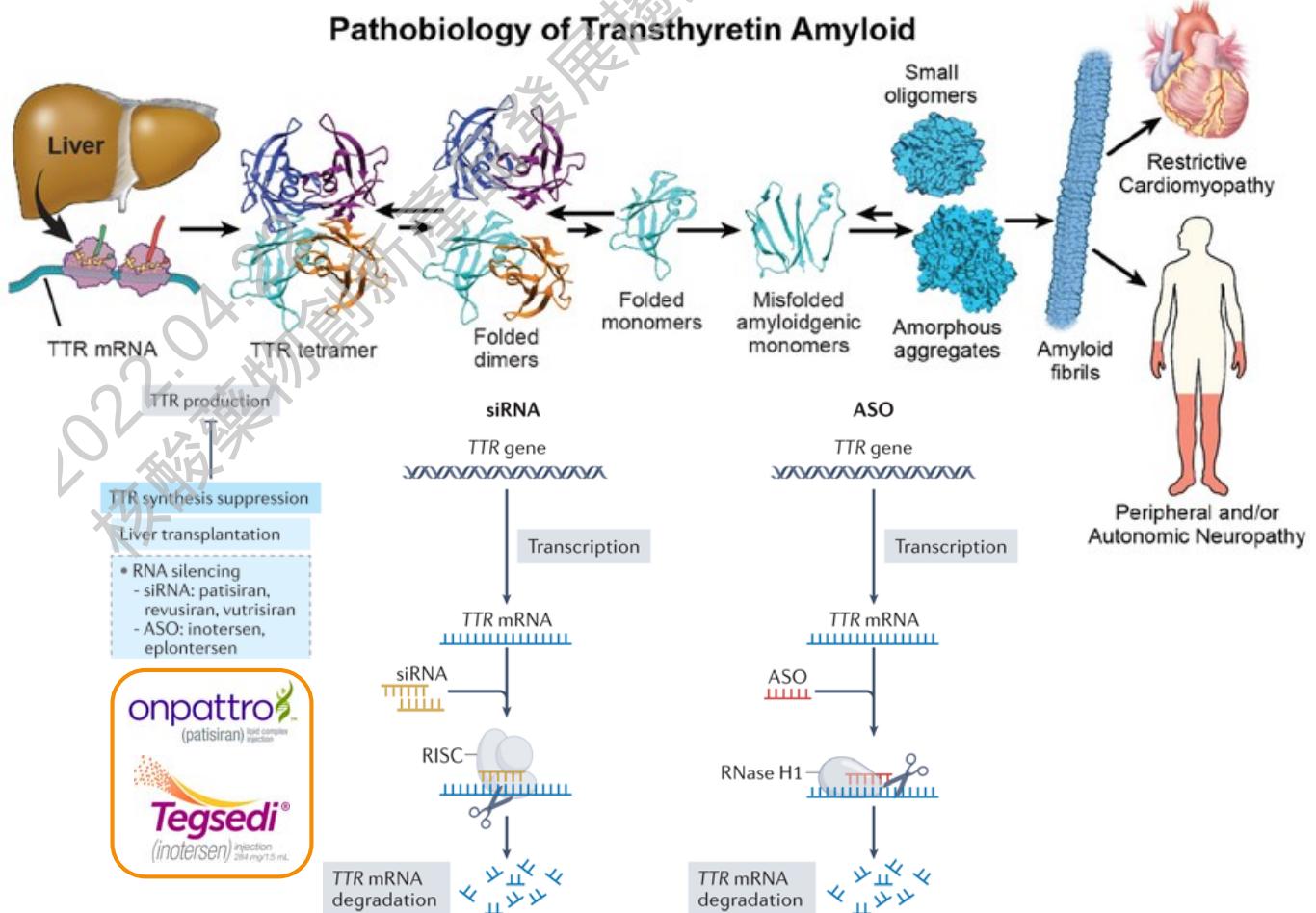
Pathobiology of Transthyretin Amyloid



遺傳性澱粉樣蛋白疾病(hereditary transthyretin amyloidosis, hATTR) 是罕見的
由於血清前白蛋白(prealbumin 又稱轉甲狀腺素蛋白 transthyretin, TTR) 基因突
變所造成的體染色體顯性遺傳疾病。

TTR TETRAMERS	TTR MONOMERS	MISFOLDED TTR	AMYLOID DEPOSITS
TTR is primarily synthesized in the liver and is secreted as a tetramer composed of identical monomers.	In hATTR amyloidosis, the tetramer becomes destabilized, dissociating into monomers.	TTR monomers misfold and aggregate into amyloid fibrils.	Amyloid fibrils are deposited at multiple sites in the body, including the nerves, heart, and GI tract, causing damage that leads to clinical symptoms.

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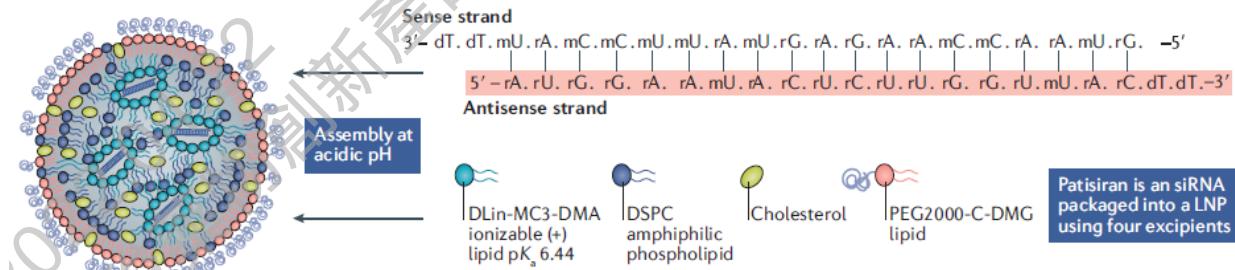


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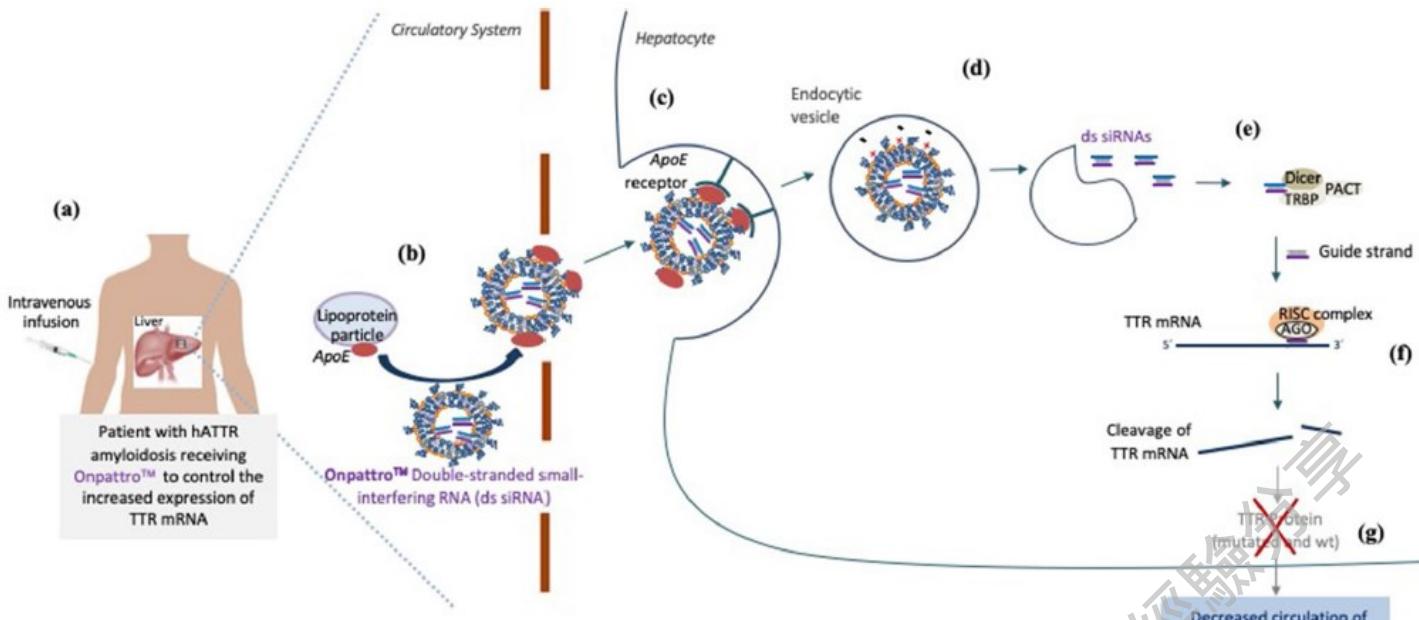
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- **適應症:** 適用於治療成人TTR (transthyretin)家族性澱粉樣多發性神經病變(Familial Amyloidotic polyneuropathy)。神經病變的疾病嚴重度限於第一、二期的病人。
- **用法用量:** 每公斤體重300微公克(300 µg/kg)，每3週靜脈輸注一次。



Nat Rev Drug Discov. 2019 Jun;18(6):421-446. PMID: 30846871

- The active substance, **patisiran**, is a **chemically-synthesized, double-stranded oligonucleotide**.
- The lipid excipients associate with the siRNA, **protect** it from immediate **degradation** in the circulatory system, and aid in its **delivery to the target site** in the liver.
- The drug product is a homogenous solution of nucleic acid/lipid nanoparticles with an average size of approximately 60-100 nm.
- DLin-MC3-DMA and PEG₂₀₀₀-C-DMG are novel excipients.



作用機制:

Onpattro含有patisiran，一種雙鏈小分子干擾核糖核酸(siRNA)，可專一性針對所有突變型和野生型TTR mRNA的3'非轉譯區中的基因保守序列。Patisiran被製成脂質奈米微粒以將siRNA運送至肝細胞，肝細胞是循環中TTR蛋白的主要來源。藉由稱為RNA干擾(RNAi)的自然過程，patisiran引起肝臟中TTR mRNA的催化降解，而使血清TTR蛋白質減少。

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Key Nonclinical Studies with Onpattro (patisiran)

Pharmacology Studies

Type of Study	Study Description
Primary PD (proof-of-concept)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>In vitro</i> studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Patisiran is active in human and nonhuman primate but not in rodent - Reduces wild-type and mutant TTR alleles with similar potency - Potential off-target activity (bioinformatic analysis), further evaluated <i>in vitro</i> (cell-based) • <i>In vivo</i> studies: ↓ liver tissue TTR mRNA and serum TTR protein in mice and cynomolgus monkeys <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Naïve cynomolgus monkeys: patisiran-LNP; a single dose; Q3W or Q4W over 24w +12w recovery - Mouse disease model (the V30M/Hsf-1 KO mouse model): 3mg/kg (only one dose was tested), bi-weekly, 6 doses ALN-TTR01 (LNP with same siRNA as patisiran-LNP)

Key Nonclinical Studies with Onpattro (patisiran)

Type of Study	Study Description
Secondary PD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No stand-alone studyEvaluated potential drug-related effects in the toxicity study in monkeys: TTR protein associated molecule levels (i.e. Retinol binding protein, vitamin A and thyroxine concentrations); treatment impact on cytokine levels
Safety Pharmacology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>In-vitro</i> hERG: only for LNP (with patisiran exchanged for an insect luciferase siRNA with no target in the human genome)<i>In vivo</i>: CNS, cardiovascular, and respiratory parameters were assessed in cynomolgus monkey (single IV infusion; Patisiran-LNP)



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Key Nonclinical Studies with Onpattro (patisiran)

Toxicity Studies

Type of Study	Study Description
Single dose	Cynomolgus monkey, IV (up to 100 mg/kg), unformulated siRNA
Repeat dose (Pivotal IV toxicity studies)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SD Rat (3 GLP studies)<ul style="list-style-type: none">4-week (Q4W) study (+60-day recovery): patisiran-LNP; less relevant to clinical use because of the less frequent dosing, compared to that proposed for humans (Q3W)6-week (Q2W) study (+60-day recovery): patisiran-LNP; a separate group received AF-011-1955 (non-pharmacologically active siRNA against insect luciferase, in same LNP formulation; 3 mg/kg only)26-week (Q2W) study (+12-week recovery): *this study is not considered an adequate assessment of the chronic effects of patisiran-LNP

*50% of the animals had detectable ADA directed against PEG₂₀₀₀-C-DMG; the lack of detectable patisiran in plasma at the Day 183 sampling time



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Key Nonclinical Studies with Onpattro (patisiran)

Type of Study	Study Description
Repeat dose (Pivotal IV toxicity studies) (contd.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cynomolgus monkey (2 GLP studies)- 6-week (Q2W) study (+60-day recovery): patisiran-LNP; a separate group received AF-011-1955 (non-pharmacologically active siRNA against insect luciferase, in same LNP formulation; 3 mg/kg only)- 39-week (Q3W) study (+13-week recovery): Patisiran-LNP
Genotoxicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standard battery of genotoxicity assays (Patisiran-LNP)<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>In vitro</i> Ames assay (bacterial reverse mutation assay)- <i>In vitro</i> chromosomal aberration assay in HPBL (human blood peripheral lymphocytes)- <i>In vivo</i> micronucleus assay in CD-1 mouse

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Carcinogenicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• *A 2-year carcinogenicity study of patisiran-LNP in rats: not conducted• 26-week (Q2W) IV study in Tg.rash2 mouse: patisiran-LNP
DART (Full battery)	<p>Full battery <rat-specific surrogate formulation AF-011-18534></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fertility and early embryonic development (FEED) in male Sprague-Dawley rat: Patisiran-LNP; AF-011-18534 (highest dose)• Embryo fetal development (EFD):<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Combined fertility and early embryonic development and embryofetal development in female Sprague-Dawley rat: Patisiran-LNP; AF-011-18534 (highest dose)- New Zealand White rabbit: Patisiran-LNP• Pre- and postnatal development (PPND) in Sprague-Dawley rat: Patisiran-LNP; AF-011-18534 (highest dose)

*Immunogenicity (development of ADA) that was observed, substantial decrease in systemic exposure to patisiran, with no detectable levels near the end of the dosing period (Day 185) in the 26-week chronic rat study

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Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immunotoxicity/ Immunogenicity: evaluated in the repeat-dose toxicity studies in rat and monkey• Immunostimulation: evaluated by measuring serum cytokines and complement in vitro, CD-1 mice and monkey• Phototoxicity: patisiran was typical for nucleic acids with peak absorbance at 260 nm that extends into the lower UV-B range (molar extinction coefficient=approximately 42,500 L mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹ at 290 nm); None of the lipid components of patisiran-LNP absorb light within the range of natural sunlight (290-700 nm); no dedicated phototoxicity studies are considered necessary.• Excipients (Novel lipids): genotoxicity• Bridging comparability studies: in monkeys



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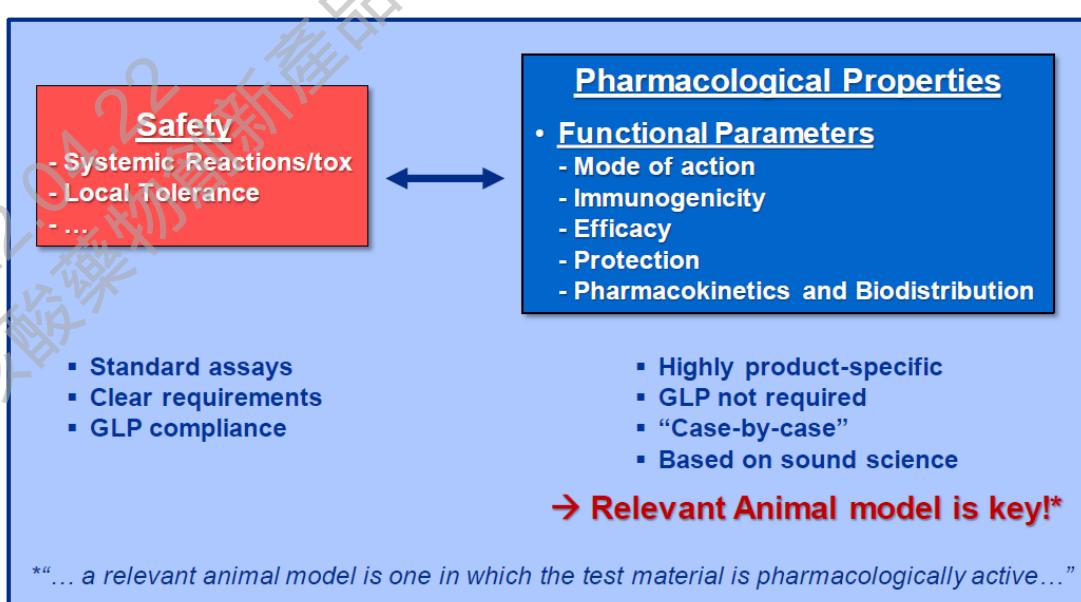
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- 藥品查驗登記審查準則(110年09月14日修正;衛授食字第1101407694號)
- 藥品臨床試驗計畫-技術性文件指引 (104年11月02日)
- 藥品非臨床試驗安全性規範 (第五版) (103年07月07日)
- Evaluation of the quality, safety and efficacy of RNA-based prophylactic vaccines for infectious diseases: regulatory considerations (WHO, 7 December 2021) (The scope is confined to vaccines to prevent infectious diseases)
- Guidelines on the Nonclinical Evaluation of Vaccine Adjuvants and Adjuvanted Vaccines, In: WHO Expert Committee on Biological Standardization. Sixty-Fourth Report. Geneva, World Health Organization, 2014, Annex 2
- Guidelines on nonclinical evaluation of vaccines. In: WHO Expert Committee on Biological Standardization. Fifty-fourth Report. Geneva, World Health Organization, 2005, Annex 1

Basic Elements of Preclinical Evaluation and Testing of Vaccines



The more complex/novel the product the more complex and comprehensive testing scheme

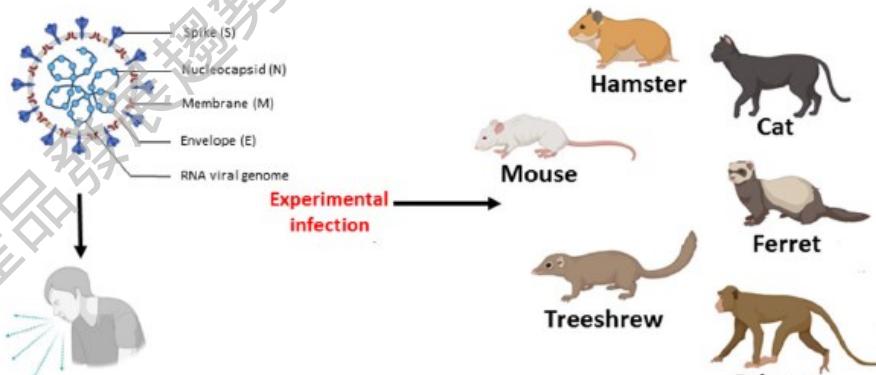
Primary Pharmacodynamics Studies

■ Proof-of-Concept

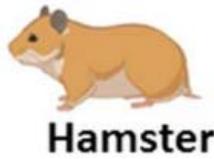
- **Assessment of immunogenicity**
- **Challenge-protection studies in a relevant animal model, if an appropriate animal model is available**

GLP-compliance is not essential for such studies, but **studies shall be “of high quality and reliability”!!!**

Animal Models Currently being used in COVID-19 Research

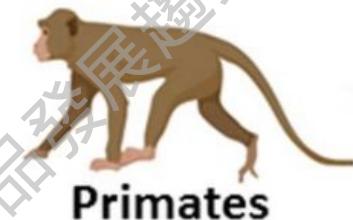


Animal models	
Animal species	Key points
Mice Wild type mice	SARS-CoV-2 cannot invade cells through mouse Ace2.
Human ACE2 transgenic mice	After SARS-CoV-2 infection, the mice show weight loss, virus replication in the lungs, and interstitial pneumonia.
Syrian hamster	After SARS-CoV-2 infection, the hamsters show rapid breathing, weight loss, and diffuse alveolar damage with extensive apoptosis.
Ferrets	After SARS-CoV-2 infection, acute bronchiolitis was observed in the lungs.
Cats	After SARS-CoV-2 infection, intra-alveolar edema and congestion in the interalveolar septa were observed. Abnormal arrangement of the epithelium with loss of cilia and lymphocytic infiltration into the lamina propria were also observed.
Cynomolgus macaques	SARS-CoV-2 can infect both type I and type II pneumocytes. After SARS-CoV-2 infection, pulmonary consolidation, pneumonia, and edema fluid in alveolar lumina were observed.
Rhesus macaques	Infected macaques had high viral loads in the upper and lower respiratory tract, humoral and cellular immune responses, and pathologic evidence of viral pneumonia. The therapeutic effects of adenovirus-vectorized vaccine, DNA vaccine candidates expressing S protein, and remdesivir treatment could be evaluated.



Hamster

Animal model	Clinical symptoms	Histopathological features	Viral titer	Advantages	Disadvantages
- Syrian Golden hamster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progressive weight loss - Rapid breathing - Lethargy, hunched back, and ruffled furs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focal inflammation in the lung - Diffuse alveolar destruction - Pulmonary edema, and alveolar hemorrhage - Mononuclear inflammatory cell infiltration - Lung consolidation 	- High level of virus titer in the nasal turbinates, trachea, and lungs at 2–7 dpi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Easy to handle - High susceptibility to infection due to high binding affinity of ACE2 protein to the Spike of SARS-CoV-2 - Develop severe pneumonia similar to human patients - Infected hamsters develop immunity against reinfection 	
- Chinese hamster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has a similar course of disease as in Syrian hamster - Milder and prolonged pneumonia than in Syrian hamster 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has a similar histopathological picture of the disease as in Syrian hamster 	- The same as Syrian hamster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Highly susceptible to SARS-CoV-2 infection - More suitable than Syrian hamster due to its smaller size 	



Primates

Animal model	Clinical symptoms	Histopathological features	Viral titer	Advantages	Disadvantages
Cynomolgus macaques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asymptomatic except serous nasal discharge in an aged animal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focal pulmonary consolidation in young and aged animals - Edema in alveolar and bronchiolar lumina - Thickened alveolar walls - Hyaline membrane formation - Hyperplasia of type II pneumocyte, and mononuclear infiltration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Viral replication in both upper and lower respiratory tracts. - Viral replication peaks at the early stages of infection. - Higher level of viral RNA expression and prolonged virus shedding in aged animals compared to young animals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Effective virus transmission to other animals - Development of lung disease - Early peak of virus resembles asymptomatic patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Slower reproduction rate - Limited clinical signs developed - High cost - Difficult handling - Ethical reasons
Rhesus macaques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asymptomatic or show mild and transient symptoms, such as, reduced appetite, weight loss, elevated body temperature, rapid respiration, hunched posture, dehydration, pale appearance, and occasional coughing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lung consolidation, edema, hemorrhage - Thickened alveolar walls, inflammatory infiltration - Mild to moderate interstitial pneumonia - Old animals shows diffuse severe interstitial pneumonia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Viral RNA is in pharynx, trachea, bronchi, and lungs - High level of virus shedding from the nose and throat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACE2 receptors are 100% identical to those of humans - The moderate and transient disease resemble that of human cases - Similar virus shedding pattern to that of human 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Slower reproduction rate - Moderate clinical signs developed - High cost - Difficult handling [-] - Ethical reasons



Non-clinical Studies on Safety Aspects

■ Basic Objectives

- Risk mitigation before entering into clinical trial phase
- Detect any toxicities to be monitored in following clinical trials and identify a safe human dose
- If relevant, protection study shall include testing/monitoring for any indications of enhancement of disease due to vaccination

GLP-compliance of pivotal non-clinical safety studies is required!!!

■ Basic Consideration - potential source of toxicity

- Inherent toxicity of vaccine product?
- Toxicity due to impurities or contaminations?
- Toxicity due interactions of vaccine components, such as adjuvants?
- Toxicity due to side-effects induced by immune response?

Safety Pharmacology

- Detection of undesirable pharmacological effects on vital functions (e.g., CNS, CVS, respiratory, body temperature, renal function)
- If feasible, inclusion of safety pharmacology endpoints in general toxicology studies
- Before entering into FIH

Single-dose Toxicity and Local Tolerance

- Stand-alone: not generally required
- Preferably be integrated into repeated-dose toxicity studies if they are adequately designed
- Before entering into FIH

Repeat-dose Toxicity

- Species:
 - Generally, one relevant species
 - Should be able to elicit an immune response to the vaccine antigen
- Route: intended in human clinical trials
- Number of doses: should be equal to or more than the number of doses proposed in humans (N+1, generally)
- Dose: highest absolute dose intended to be used in humans (if feasible)

Repeat-dose Toxicity (contd.)

- Groups: generally, should include a negative controls group(s), treatment group(s), recovery group(s); if appropriate, active controls (formulation without antigen)
- End-points:
 - Similar to conventional repeated-dose toxicity studies
 - Immune end points and local tolerance needs special focus
- Before entering into FIH

Genotoxicity and Carcinogenicity

- Genotoxicity:
 - Normally not needed for the final vaccine formulation
 - A standard battery of genotoxicity studies is generally recommended for particular vaccine components (e.g., novel lipids or any novel excipients)
 - If needed
 - *in vitro* tests for mutations and chromosomal damage should be done prior to first human exposure
 - full battery tests parallel to clinical trials
- Carcinogenicity: generally not needed

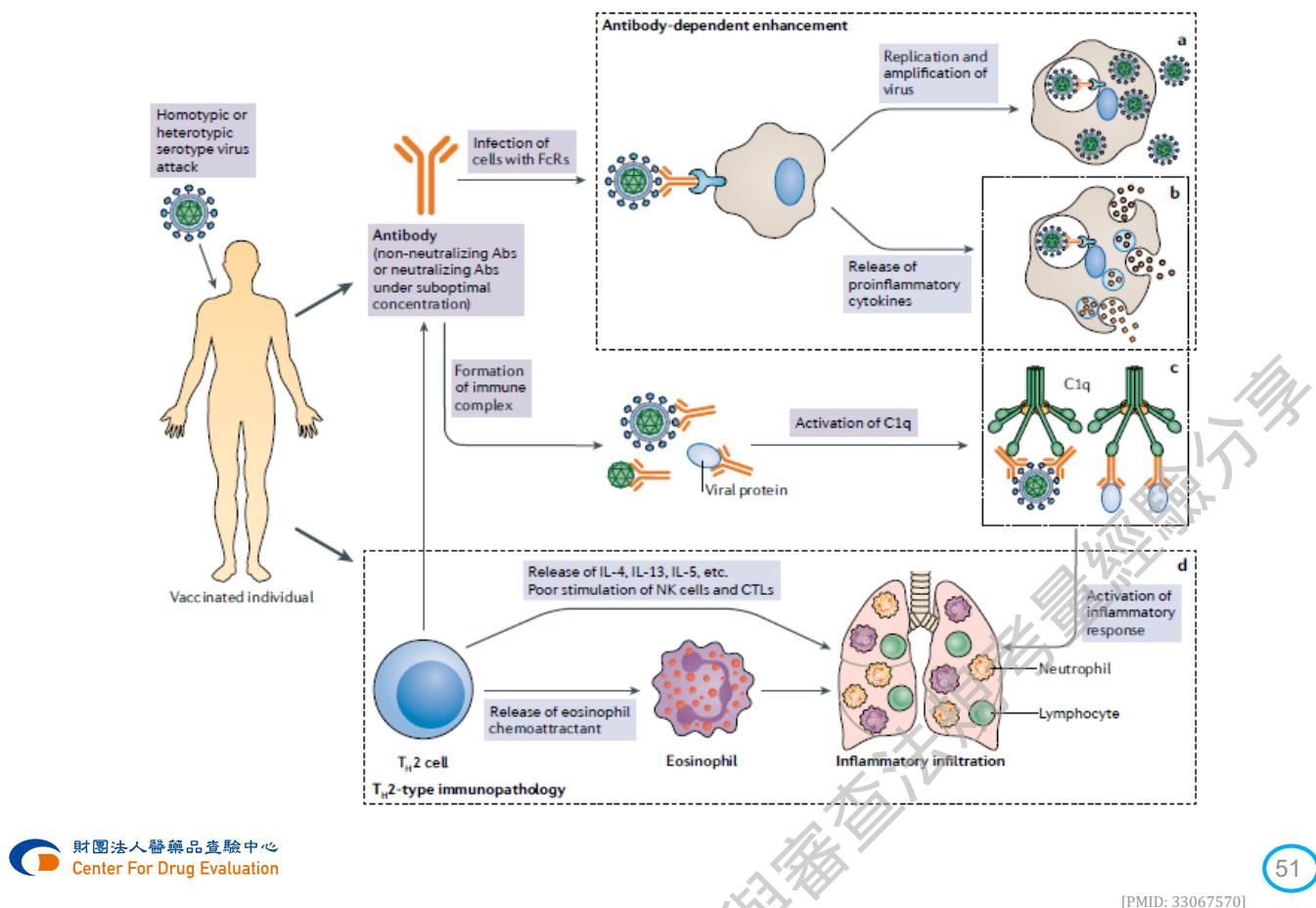
Developmental and Reproductive Toxicology

- Need depends on target population (e.g., pregnant women or women of childbearing potential)
- If need
 - Fertility can be assessed as part of repeated-dose toxicity studies by through standard histopathological examination on reproductive organs
 - In general, focus on prenatal and postnatal developmental (study endpoints covering the period from Stages C through F of ICH S5(3))
 - Species: should demonstrate an immune response
 - Route: should mimic the clinical route of administration
 - Dose: ideally, the maximal human dose should be administered to the test animal (typically full human, single dose level)

Biodistribution and Persistence

- To assess whether the mRNA vaccine distributes away from the tissue into which it was administered, into which tissues it distributes, and how long it persists

Vaccine-associated Disease Enhancement (VADE)



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- Nucleic acid-based drugs (i.g., ONTs) diversity: unique mechanisms of action with diverse toxicology profiles/concerns
- Case-by case!



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