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Novel design of ionizable lipids and LNP formulations for nucleic acid delivery leading to CAR knock-in

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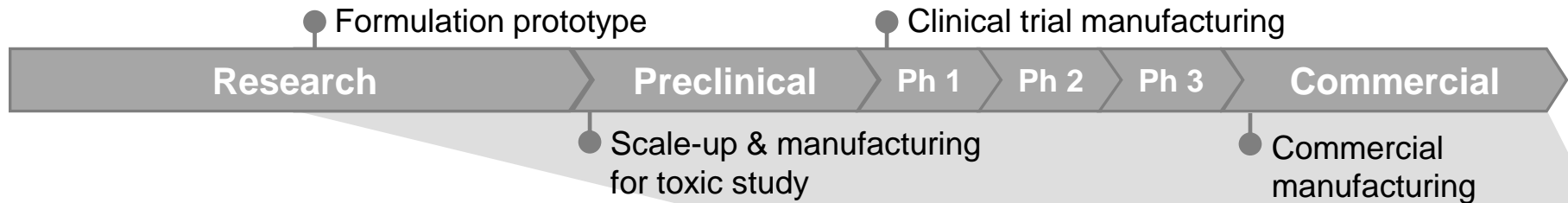
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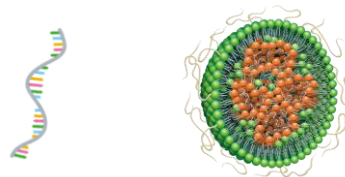


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CDMO Service



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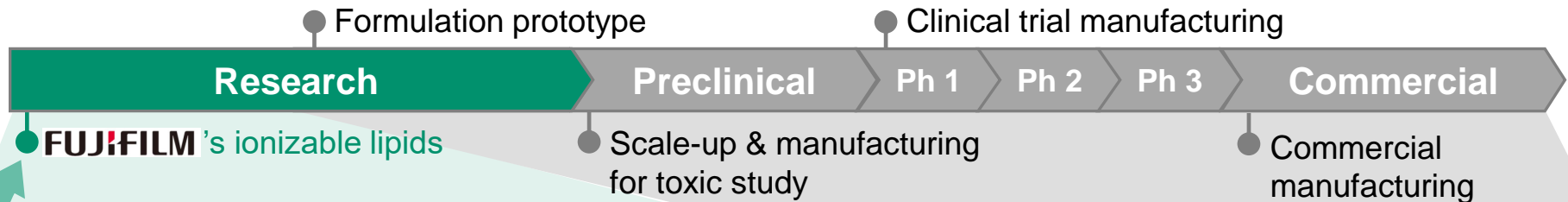
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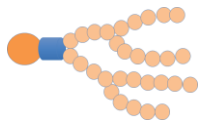
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Lipid Licensing



Discovery Phase:

- Provide **FUJIFILM**'s proprietary ionizable lipids depending on client's purposes

Track Record : **FL-0445**

✓ **Used as client's vaccine in clinical trial Ph3**

✓ GMP manufacture is available

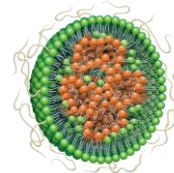
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Today's Topics

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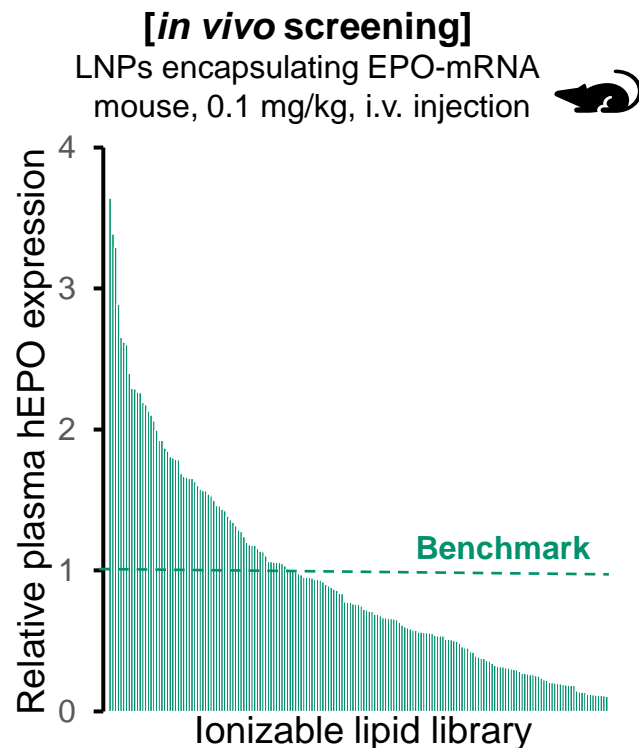
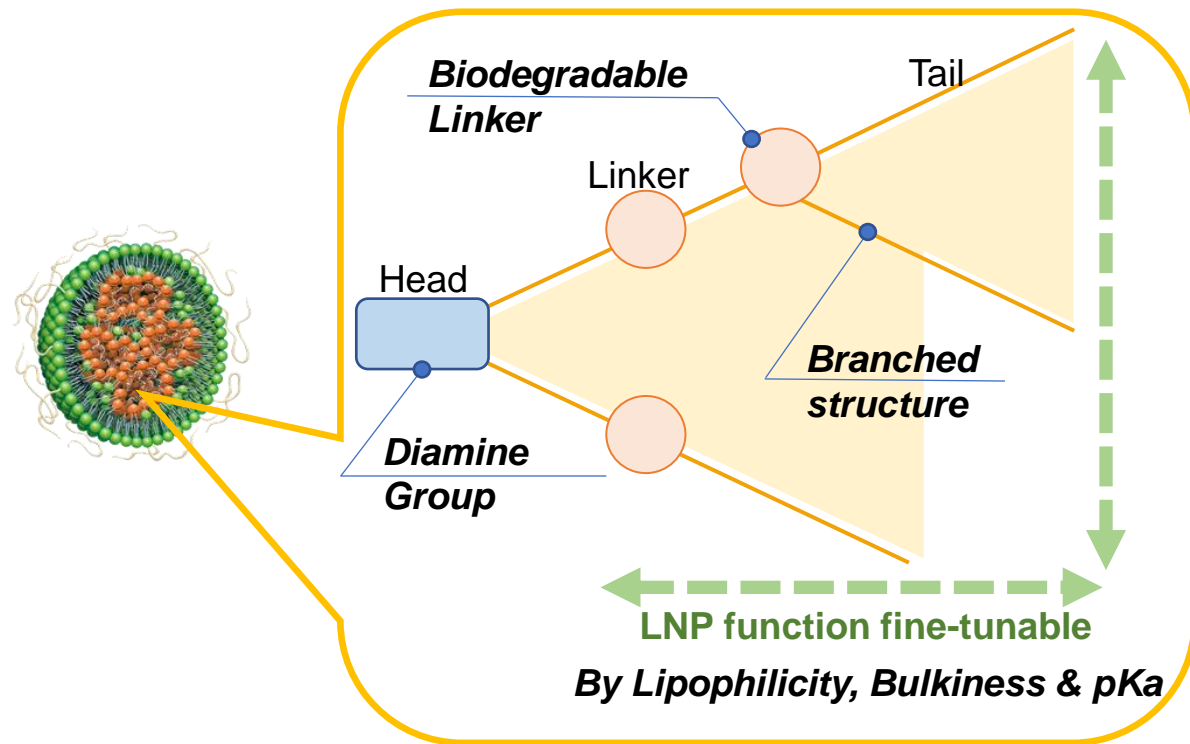
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Design concept of our proprietary ionizable lipids



- We identified multiple potent ionizable lipids through in vivo screening of over 500 newly synthesized compounds.

Overview of FUJIFILM's lipids and LNP formulations

Main Topics

In Vivo

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FL-1207T		✓	
FL-1030T		✓	iv spleen
FL-1009T		✓	iv whole-body

Ex Vivo

Final Goal

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Current Achievement

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FIH: First In Human, NHP: Non Human Primates, RtoU: Ready-to-Use

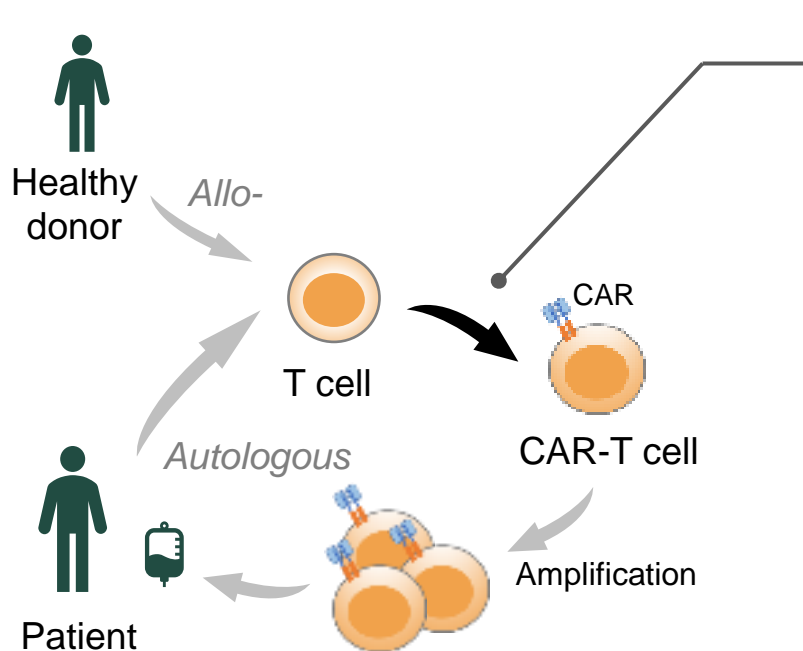
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Knock-in methods in CAR-T manufacture



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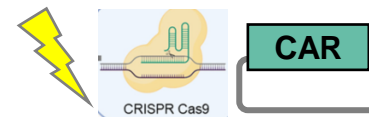
Viral vector



- Pros
 - High transduction efficiency
 - Established manufacturing method
- Cons
 - Cost of Mfg and QC for viral vector
 - Safety: immunogenic, mutagenesis, ..

Electroporation

Gene-editor RNP, template DNA



- Pros
 - High RNP and template DNA delivery into nucleus
- Cons
 - Cell damage, low cell yield

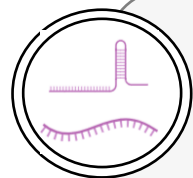
➤ We are challenging to develop LNP formulation for Car knock-in in human T cell.

Overview of our attempts for CAR Knock-In

Two LNP Technologies for Car-KI

1: Deliver sgRNA/ gene-editor mRNA to cytosol

Host DNA cleavage in desired position



Gene-Editor tool



2: Deliver template DNA into nucleus



DNA sensor,
viscosity cytosol

nuclear membrane
barrier

➤ For LNP CAR-KI, DNA cleavage and pDNA delivery technologies are essential.

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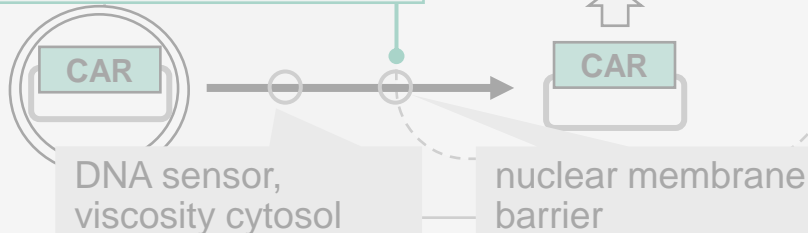
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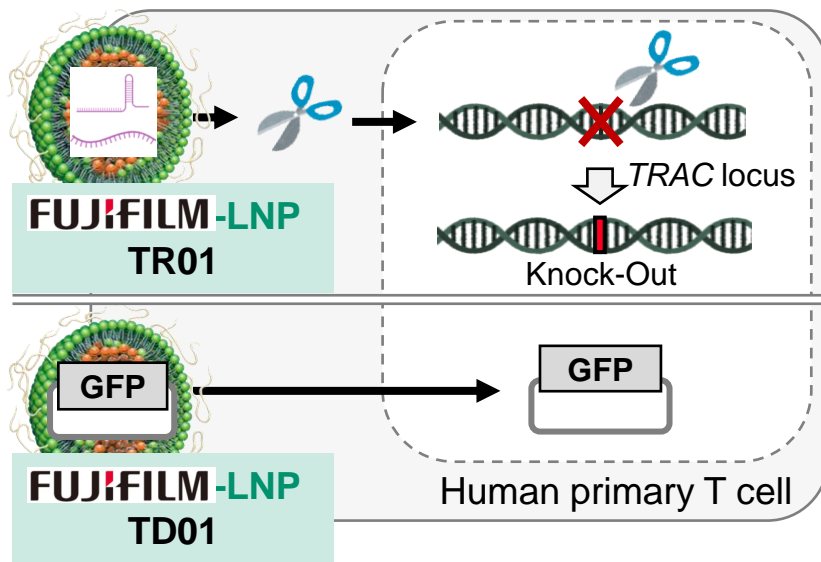
2: Deliver template DNA into nucleus



Current Achievement

Study 1: Knock-out in *TRAC* locus >80%

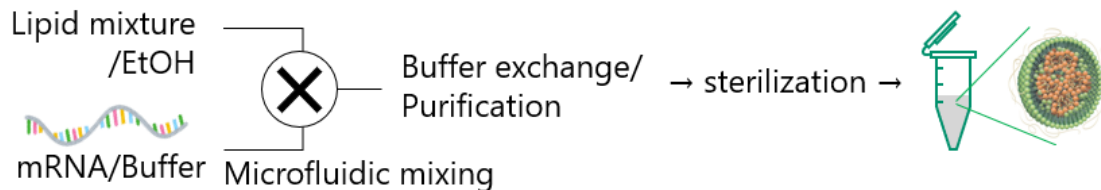
Study 2: pDNA-GFP expression ~60%



➤ We developed high knock-out LNP and high pDNA delivery LNP in T cell.

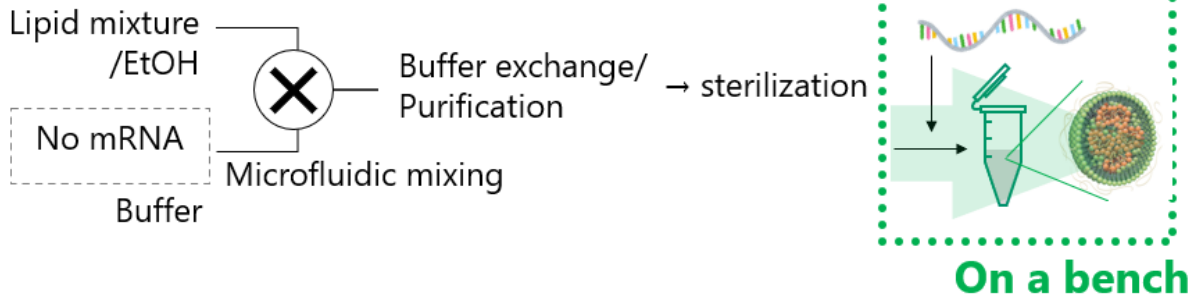
LNP preparation: Ready-to-use LNP

Conventional LNP mRNA mixed at first of the process



- ✓ **Requires mixing device equipment**
- ✓ **Loss of mRNA**
- ✓ **Takes 1-2 days for preparation**

Ready-to-use LNP(RtoU) mRNA mixed at last at a bench

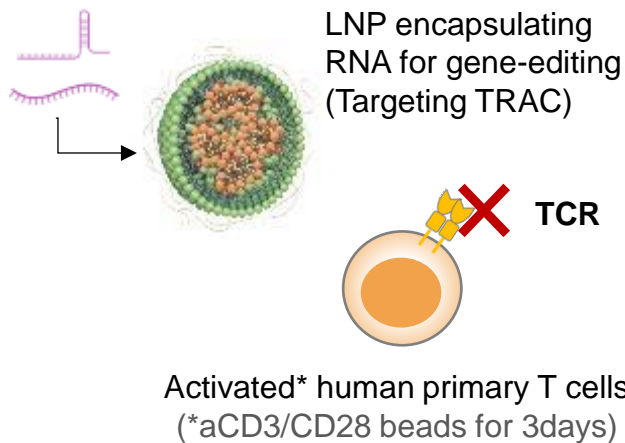


- ✓ **Just mixing by pipette**
- ✓ **No Loss of mRNA**
- ✓ **10 min for preparation**

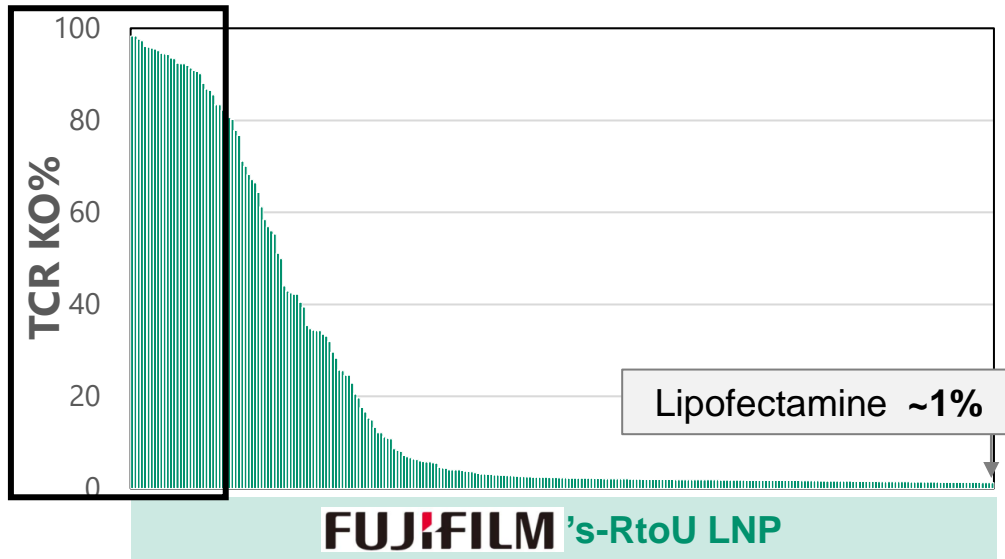
➤ **We developed RtoU LNP in study 1 and 2. We can provide RtoU LNP under MTA.**

Study 1: Knock-out screening with our lipid library

>500 LNPs with our proprietary ionizable lipid library



TCR Knock-out in activated T cells

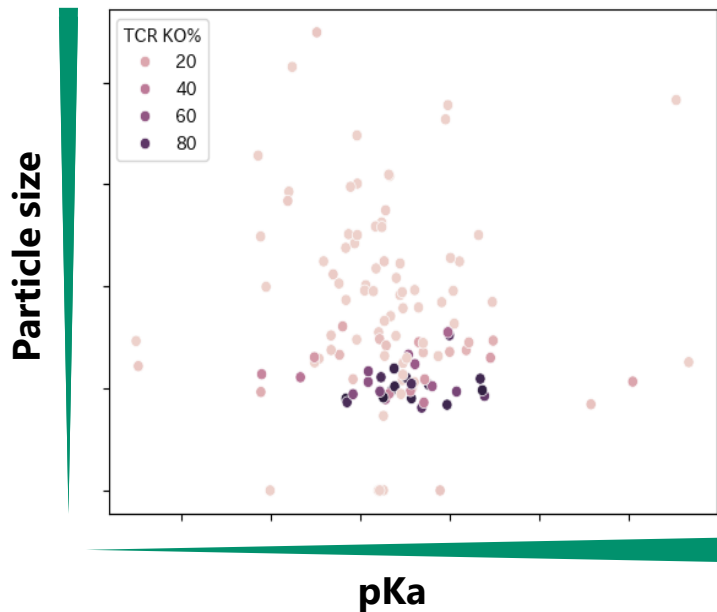


RNA 2 μ g/million cells with each LNP.
TCR KO rate was examined at 4days after treatment.

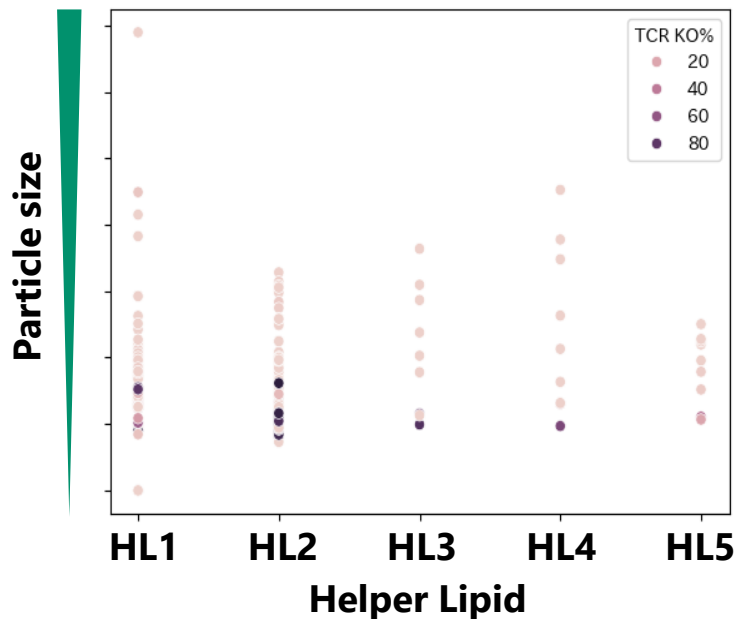
➤ We obtained many RtoU LNP formulations with >80% TCR knock-out.

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LNP physical properties



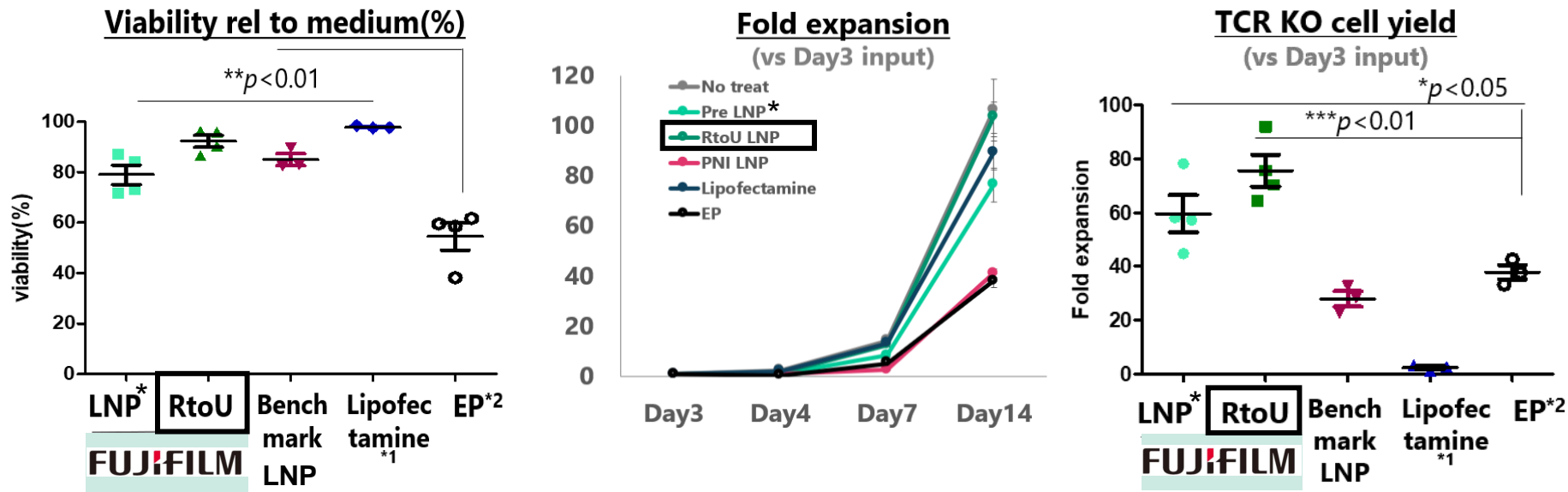
Helper lipid species



- We found appropriate pKa range, particle size and compatible helper lipid.

Study 1: Performance of **TR01** formulation

By using a prototype (**TR01**: KO 80%), we evaluated more detail using three donors.



*Conventional method preparation, *1 Lipofectamine™ MessengerMAX™, *2 4D-Nucleofactor(Lonza)/Ribonucleoprotein complex was used.

➤ **Our RtoU LNP is appropriate for host DNA cleavage process in T cells.**

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Elements for Car Knock-In by LNP

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Gene-Editor tool

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CAR

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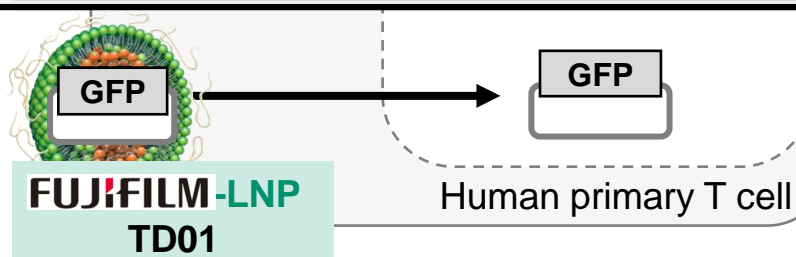
DNA sensor, DNase, .. in viscosity cytosol

nuclear membrane barrier

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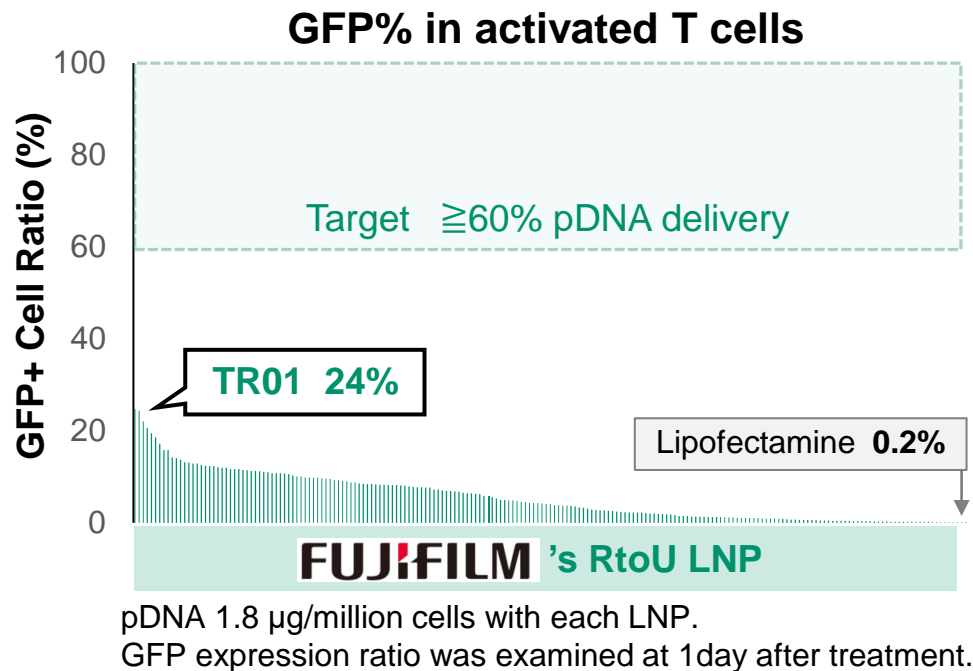
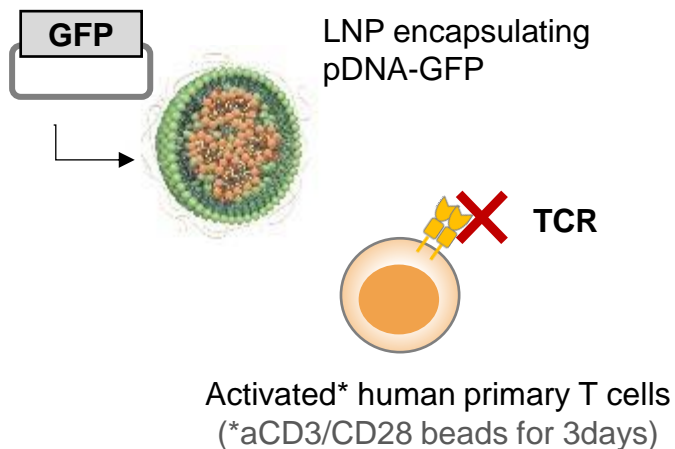
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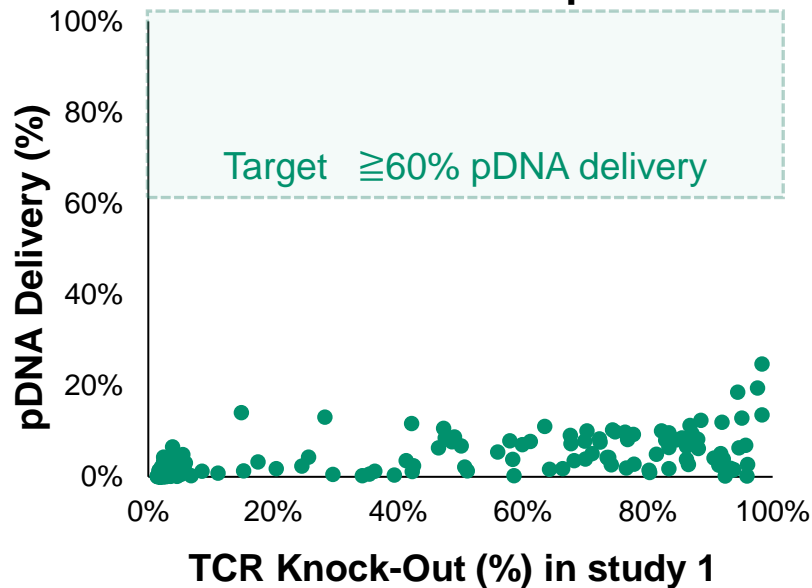
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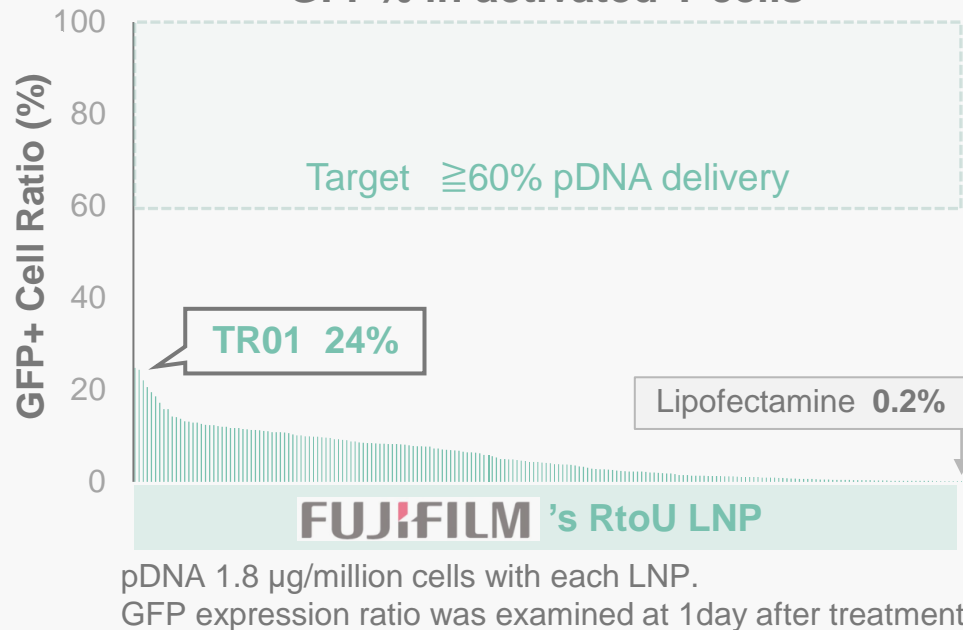
➤ pDNA delivery 24% was higher than Lipofectamine but not sufficient for knock-in.

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Knock-Out – pDNA delivery relationship

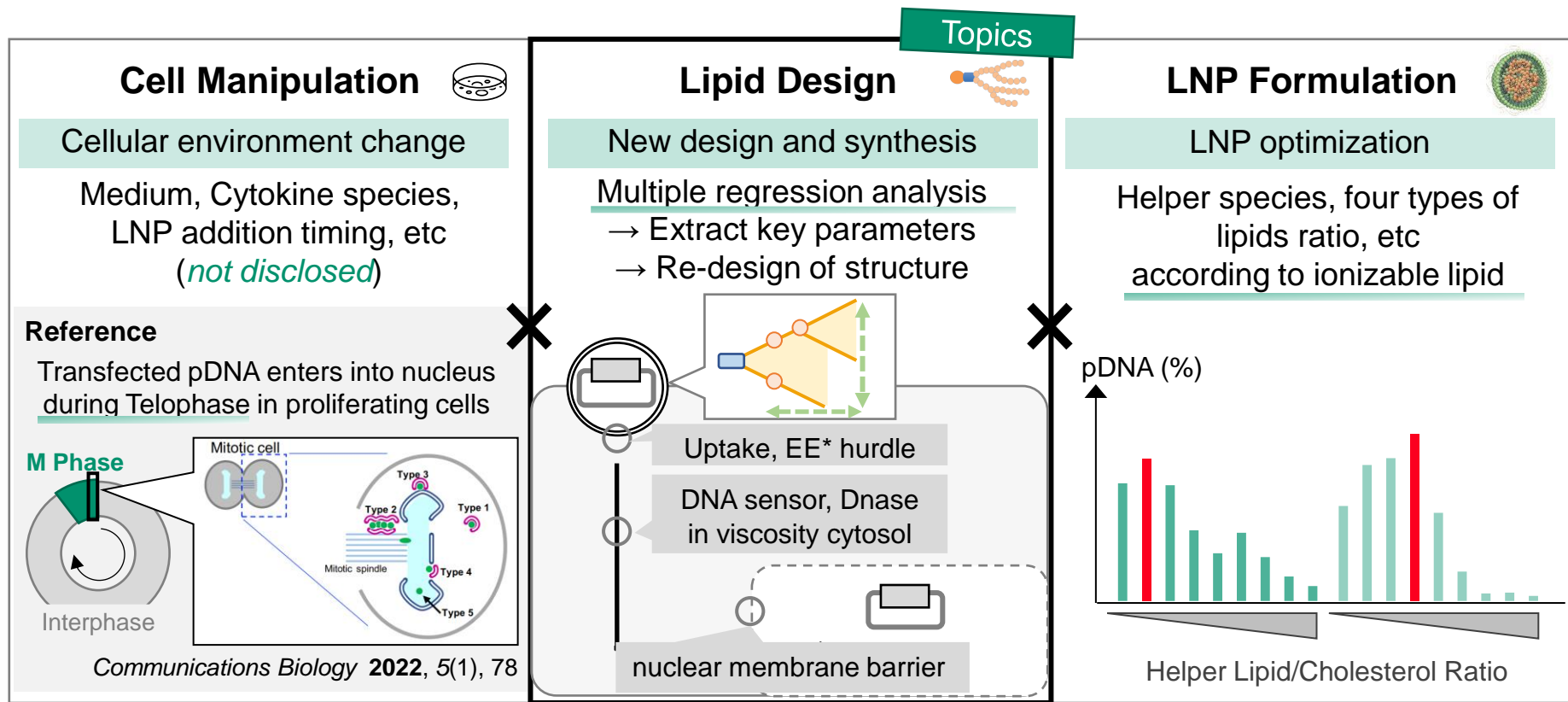


GFP% in activated T cells



- Even in LNP, which showed high knock-out in study 1, pDNA delivery % was low.
- ➔ We worked on further improvement

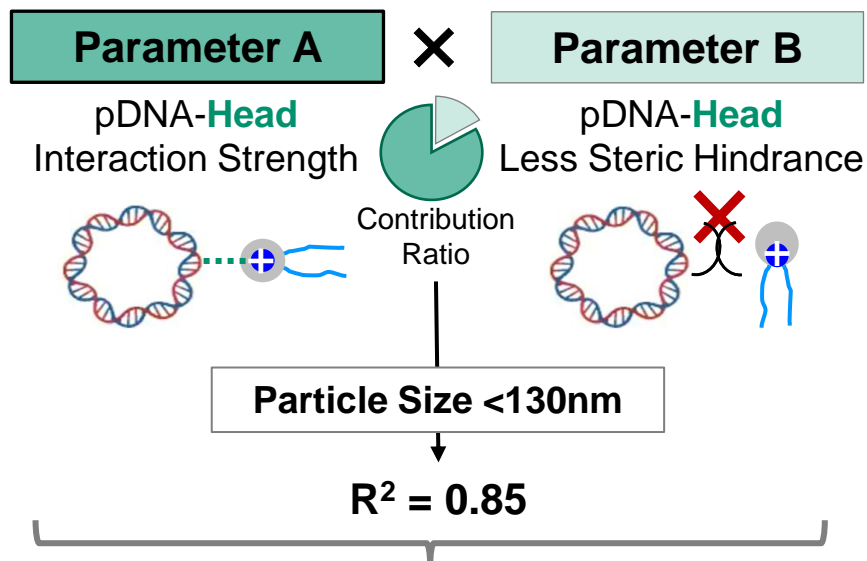
Study 2: pDNA delivery improvement from three perspectives



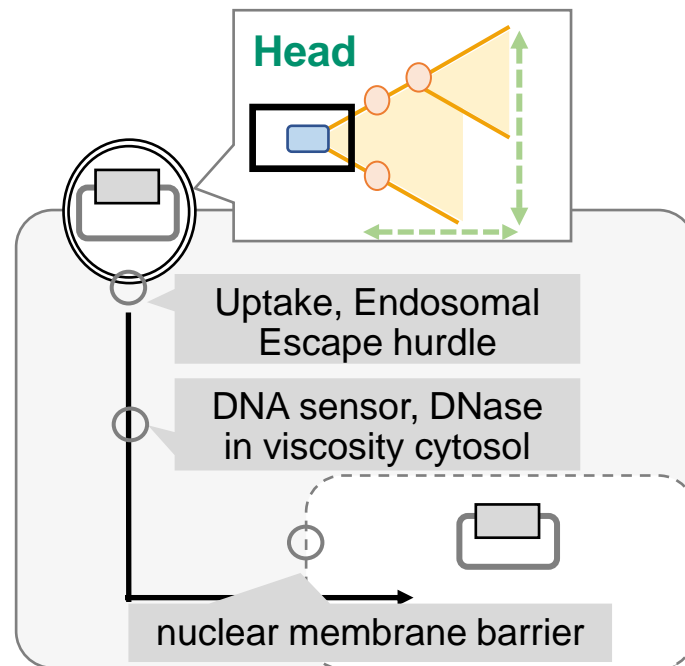
*EE: Endosomal Escape

Study 2: Parameters for new lipid design

Through multiple regression analysis of one part of 1st screening results, correlation was observed between **Parameter A×B** and pDNA delivery%.

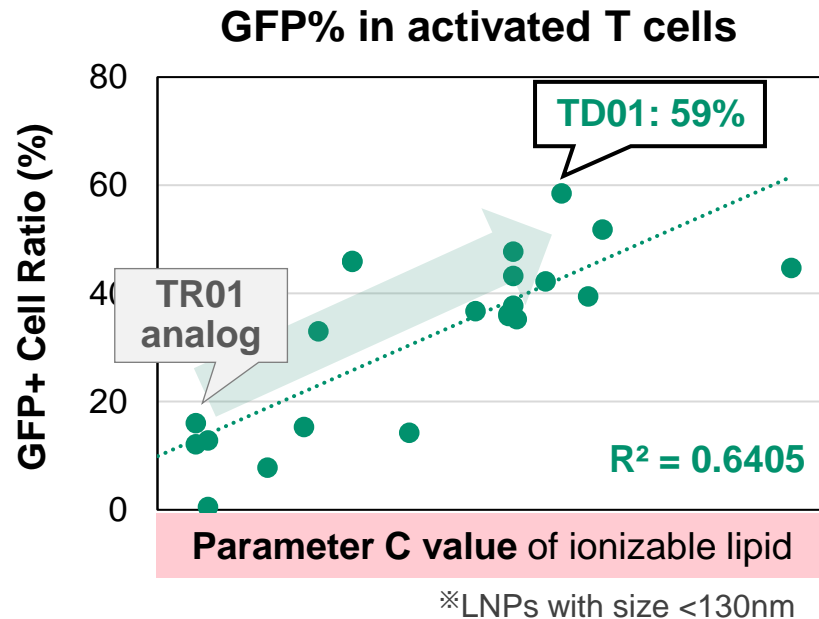
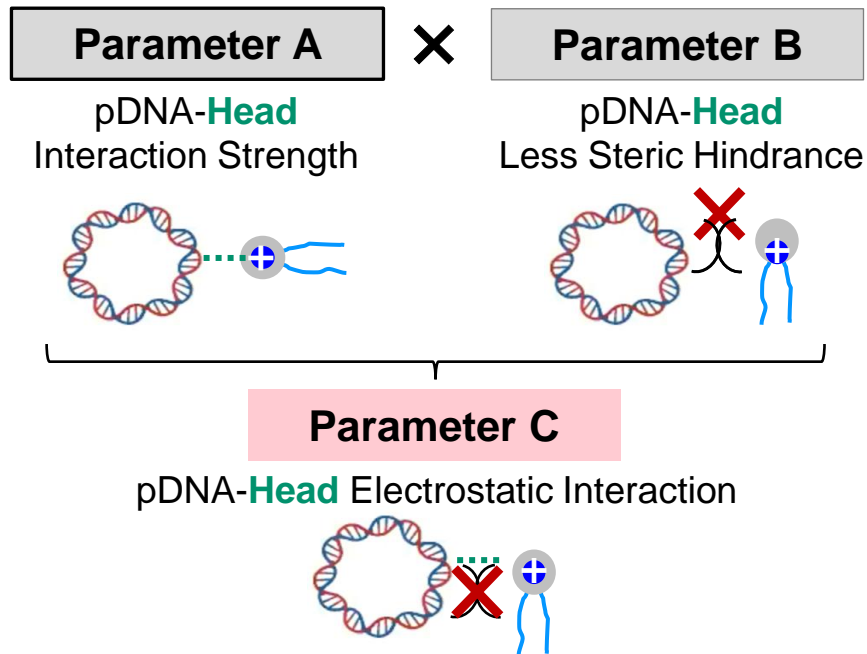


- Strong interaction of pDNA to head-group of our proprietary lipids was efficient.



Study 2: New lipids for pDNA delivery

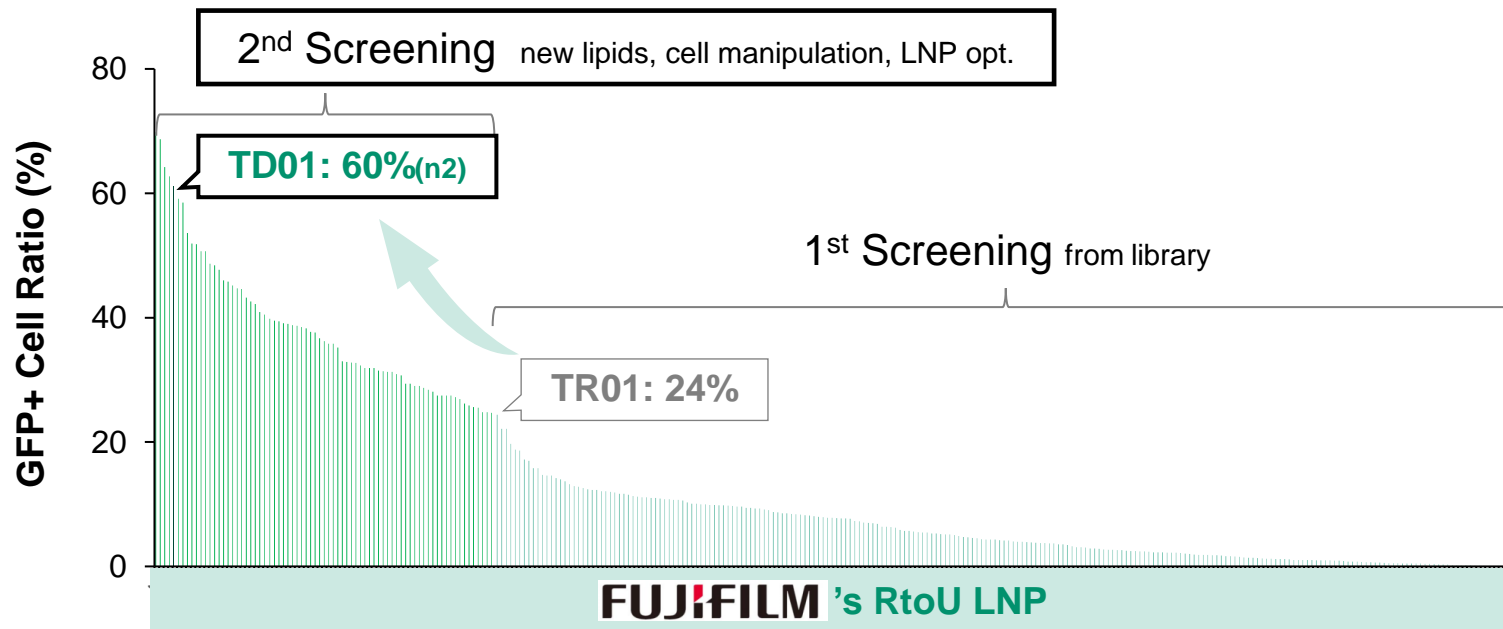
After that, we obtained another **Parameter C**, having both **Parameter A** and **B**, and we designed new **Head** structures with **Parameter C** value \uparrow , then actually synthesized.



➤ We developed RtoU LNP TD01 for pDNA delivery ~60%

Study 2: Summary of pDNA-GFP Delivery

pDNA-GFP delivery(%) in human primary T cells



➤ RtoU LNP TD01 can be evaluated under MTA.

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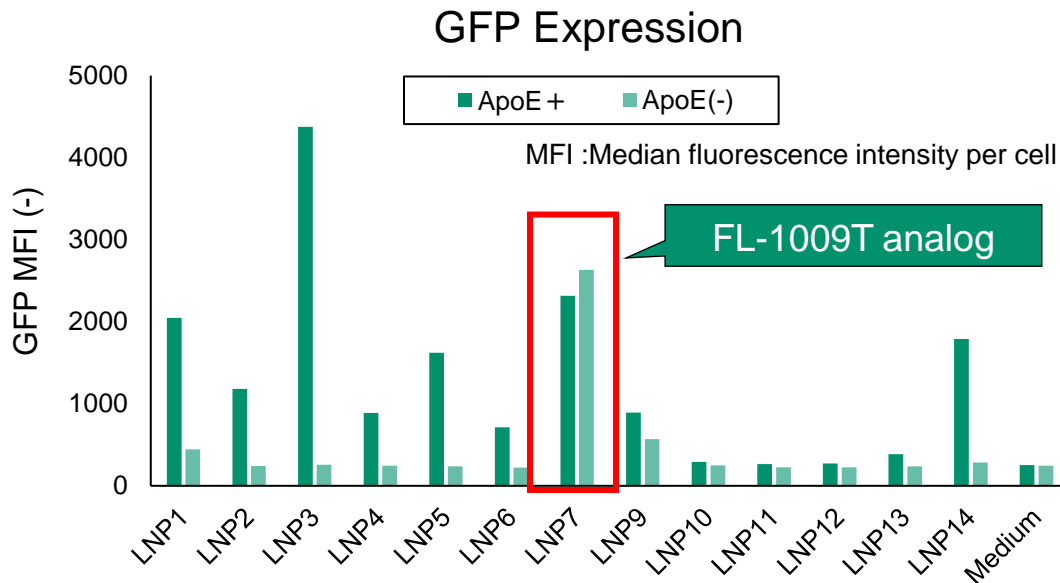
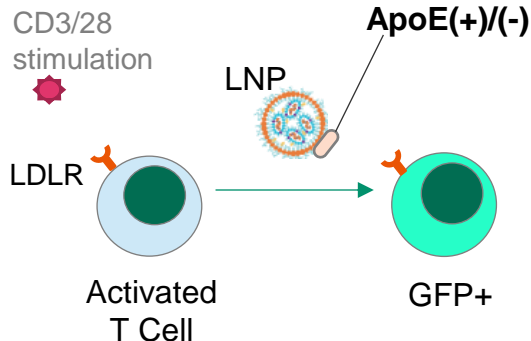
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Opportunity: ApoE non-mediated uptake in ex vivo

GFP-mRNA, LNP1~14

Ex vivo Activated T Cell transfection

ApoE (+/-)



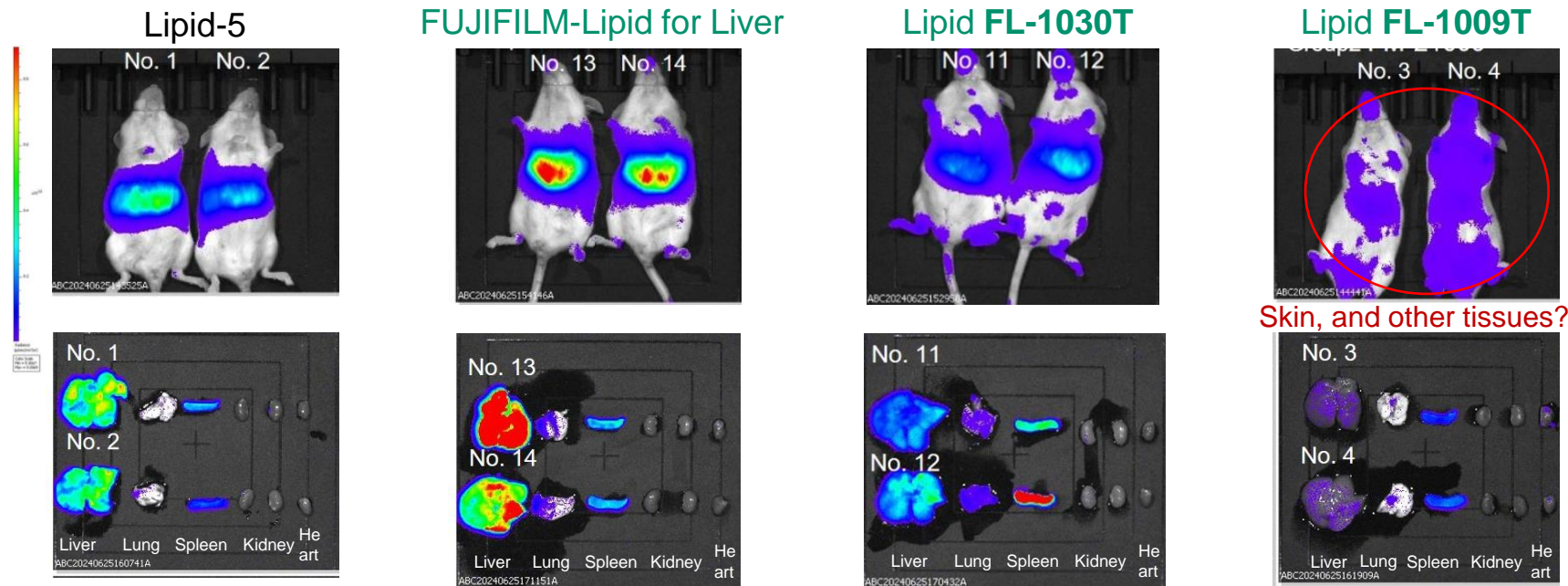
➤ Lipid with ApoE non-mediated uptake potential was found in ex vivo study.

Expression Distribution in Mouse (i.v.)

LNPs encapsulating FLuc-mRNA

Experimental animal : ICR mouse (male, 5wk, N=2)

Dose : 0.2 mg/kg(mRNA), i.v. 5hr(In Vivo), 6hr(Ex Vivo)



Further investigation is underway.

➤ **Lipids with different structure demonstrated different tissue tropism.**

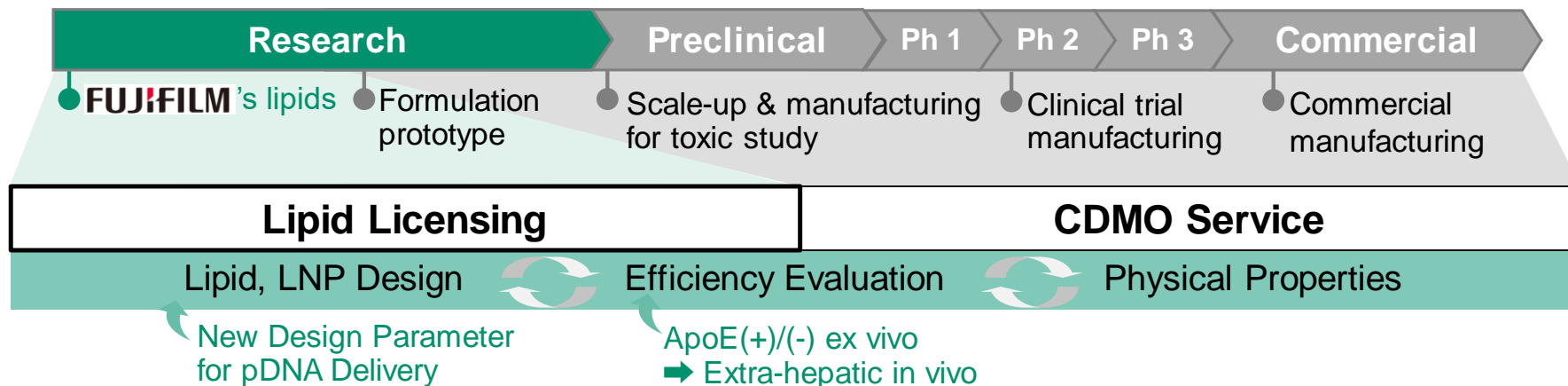
Summary

New Lipids and Delivery Technologies leading to Car-T Knock-In

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New Lipids for extra-hepatic delivery in vivo

- Based on ApoE-independent in Ex Vivo, we obtained **FL-1009**(whole-body) and **FL-1030**(spleen)



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