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# Ionizable Lipid Development for Targeted-lipid Nanoparticles

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## Outline

- FUJIFILM ionizable lipid library
- FUJIFILM LNP technology for active-targeting LNPs

### Our mRNA-LNP end-to-end CDMO service



#### Our own pipeline

2018

May 9, 2018

Cl<sup>i</sup>nical Development of Liposome Drug for Improvement of Pharmacological Efficacy through Selective Delivery of Anti-Cancer Agent to Tumors

Fujifilm Starts a U.S. Phase I Clinical Trial of Anti-Cancer Agent FF-10832 on Advanced Solid Tumors

#### November 18, 2019

Fujifilm Starts a U.S. Phase I Clinical Trial of Anti-Cancer Agent "FF-10850" on Advanced Solid Tumors

Clinical Development of a Novel Liposome Drug with Mechanism of Selective Delivery of Anti-Cancer Agent to Tumors

#### Ionizable lipid licensing and CDMO

October 1, 2020

2020 Fujifilm Concludes a Manufacturing Contract Agreement with VLP Therapeutics, for a COVID-19 Vaccine Formulation

> -Process development and manufacture of formulations using lipid nanoparticle Drug Delivery System technology-



#### 10+ years of expertise in lipid nanoparticles

#### 500+ proprietary ionizable lipids

- Multiple patents have been filed and granted
- Optimized through:
  - -In vivo screening (Rodents, NHPs)
  - -Medicinal chemistry approach
  - -Computational chemistry (MD simulation etc.)



#### Successful identification of multiple lead ionizable lipids



#### in vivo LNP screening using siRNA



FUJIFILM in-house data 6



#### Higher hEPO expression than benchmark lipid

Lipid	Application
FL-0445	mRNA vaccine
FL-0207T	Hepatocyte
FL-1252T	Hepatocyte
FL-1207T	Hepatocyte
FL-1779T	DNA delivery



0.2 mg/kg hEPO mRNA, i.v., n=2 Higher dose is being tested.

#### Efficient HBV gene excision in HBV model mice



Data obtained by Excision BioTherapeutics

Addition of GalNAc-PEG lipid enhances hepatocyte delivery



Dose escalation and safety evaluation is underway

0.05 mg/kg hEPO mRNA, i.v., n=1

Time post administration (hr)

Improved DNA delivery efficiency by novel ionizable lipids

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	Passive-targeting Endogenous-targeting	Active-targeting
Mechanism	Passive-targeting Endogenous-targeting Control of the second se	
Examples	<ul><li>EPR effect (Passive)</li><li>ApoE etc. (Endogenous)</li></ul>	
CMC	Simple, established	
Development	Data-driven, empirical	
Ionizable lipid LNP formulation	Highly engineered	



#### antiCD117-LNPs demonstrated efficient RNA delivery to bone marrow HSCs





## Reduced potency in hepatocyte

Hepatocyte gene silencing



Time (hour)

Adapted from Mui B.L. Mol. Ther. Nuc. Acids. 2013

#### Higher uptake in bone marrow HSCs

aCD117-LNP uptake in BM-HSCs in mice



Shi D. Nano Lett. 2023

#### Liver de-targeting strategy | 2. Reduced ApoE binding by lipid ratio optimization



Heparin affinity chromatography

Ionizable lipid for hepatocyte (FL-1252T), High ApoE binding formulation



#### [Physicochemical property]

	Formulation Pa	rticle size nm	PDI	E.E.
<b>1</b>	High ApoE-binding	87	0.11	94%
2		84	0.06	95%
3		73	0.14	94%
4		74	0.09	93%
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#### Suppression of hepatocyte delivery

Luciferase expression (Core LNPs without ligand conjugation)



CD-1 mice 0.2 mg/kg fLuc-mRNA Analysis 6 hrs post injection

#### Liver de-targeting strategy | 3. Low ApoE-binding ionizable lipid

Lung Spleen Kidney



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#### ApoE-independent uptake in human primary T cells

In vitro GFP mRNA transfection



#### Potential ligand-free delivery to T cells | Preliminary in vivo data



Payload

Animal:

Analysis:

Dose:

Further investigation is underway.

**FUJIFILM Ionizable lipids** 

Lipid	Application
FL-0445	mRNA vaccine
FL-0207T	Hepatocyte
FL-1252T	Hepatocyte
FL-1207T	Hepatocyte
FL-1824T	DNA delivery
FL-1030T	Liver de-targeting
FL-1009T	ApoE-independent

#### Active-targeting LNPs

Ligand selection and development

Core LNP
Ionizable lipid (FL-1030T etc.)
Lipid ratio
Polymer-conjugated lipid chemistry

Conjugation and analytical chemistry

Ligand density (Nano FCM)

#### Ligand-free delivery to T cells

ApoE-independent transfection of T cell (FL-1009T)

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