



Targeted non-LNP Delivery of RNA Therapeutics

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Company Progress & Strategic Mission



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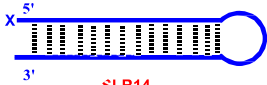


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functions as an immunomodulator.



RIG-I activated state



**Stem Loop RNA Therapeutics
("SLRs")**

**Novel oligonucleotides for diseases
caused by RNA viruses**

Combined in 2022 with...



- Novel complex of surfactants & fatty acids to encapsulate payloads w/o LNPs
- World class respiratory drug and delivery development team



**Advance a platform
technology to effectively
deliver RNA therapeutics
for respiratory diseases
with high unmet needs
w/o the need for LNP
encapsulation**

NEED™ (Nano Emulsion for Enhanced Delivery) Platform Technology
*Effective Delivery of RNA Therapeutics for the Treatment of
Diseases with High Unmet Needs*

- **RIG-101 – pan-viral inhibitor of the transmission of respiratory diseases in at-risk patient populations**
 - **RIG-101 intranasal (IN)** (RIG-I agonist) advancing to clinic in 3Q2025 for viral transmission inhibition in asthma patients
- **RIG-301 Solution for Inhalation - CFTR mRNA for the treatment of cystic fibrosis (CF)**
 - Efficient delivery of Cystic Fibrosis Transmembrane Conductance Regulator (CFTR) mRNA with the potential to produce wild-type CFTR protein in lung bronchial epithelial of CF patients, **independent of genotype**
 - Phase 1-ready inhaled formulation proceeding through preclinical POC studies with potential to enter clinic in 1Q'26
- **Advancement of non-LNP NEED platform technology**
 - Multiple routes of administration with an aqueous formulation in development – intranasal for upper respiratory tract, nebulized solution for lower respiratory tract, and subcutaneous
 - Utilization for ocular and dermal diseases with high unmet clinical needs
 - Potential capability to deliver gene therapies, DNA, and other modalities

Experienced Management Team & Solid Investor Support



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NEED™ PLATFORM

Delivery of nucleic acids critical for therapeutic success

Transfection efficiency required

- RNA must cross cell membrane to reach cytoplasm.
- Respiratory epithelium presents significant barrier to intracellular delivery.
- Ideal formulations should promote rapid cellular endocytosis and cytoplasmic entry.

Site targeting

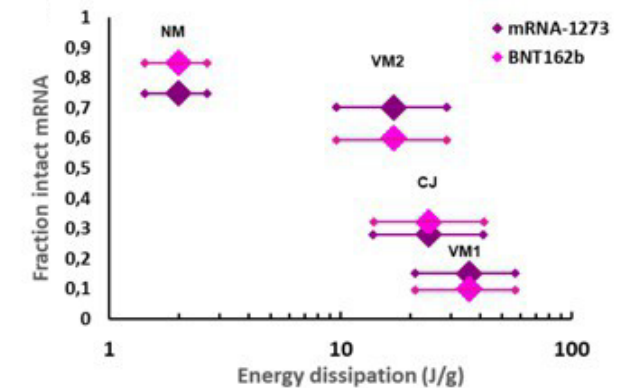
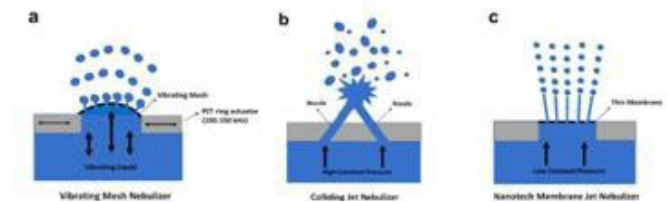
- Effective formulations must deliver modality to site of viral replication in the respiratory tract via nasal or inhaled routes.
- Formulations must be well tolerated, non-irritant and promote sustained cellular entry.
- Targeting factors include viscosity, thixotropic properties and surface tension in addition to emitted dose volume, spray pattern, plume geometry, droplet size distribution and velocity of emitted droplets



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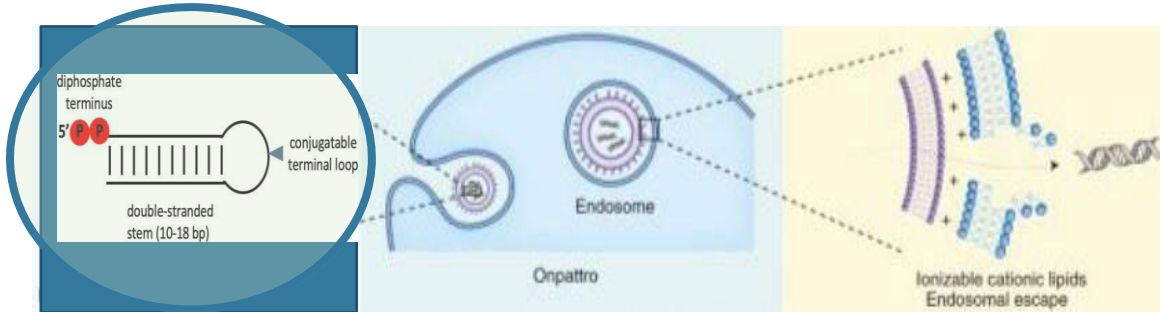
OPEN Low energy nebulization preserves integrity of SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccines for respiratory delivery

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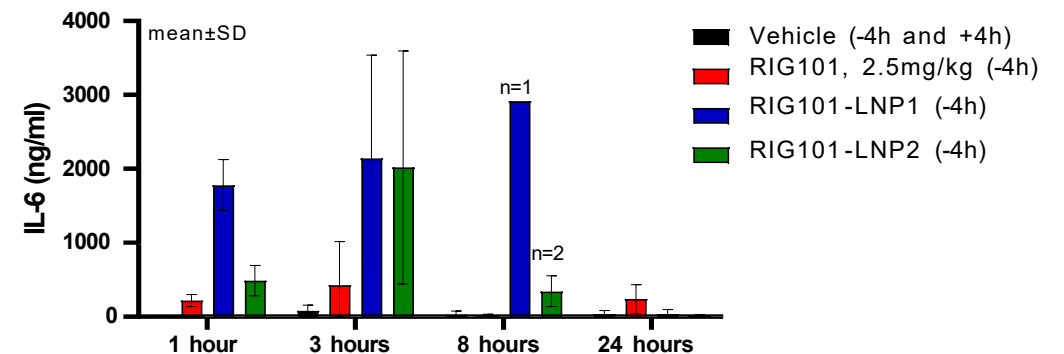
LNPs - unlikely option for respiratory delivery of nucleic acids

Lipid nanoparticle (LNPs) delivery systems are highly pro-inflammatory in the respiratory tract



- Cells are protected by their lipid bilayer from allowing in highly charged and large molecules like RNA therapeutics
- LNPs evolved to neutralize and compact RNA molecules to enable uptake by endosomal process **BUT**
- LNP release of cargo into cytoplasm is highly toxic to respiratory epithelium due to highly ionizable components
- The LNP components activate multiple inflammatory pathways and induce IL-1b and IL-6 which leads to inflammation, sickness and death in animals

RIG-101 formulated into LNPs & dosed IN in mice showed poor tolerability and no antiviral effects



- Greater mortality rates in animals treated intranasally by LNPs
- Animals dosed IN with LNP showed increase in IL-6, IL-10 and TNF- α relative to controls and formulation related

NEED™ (Nano-Emulsion Effective Delivery)



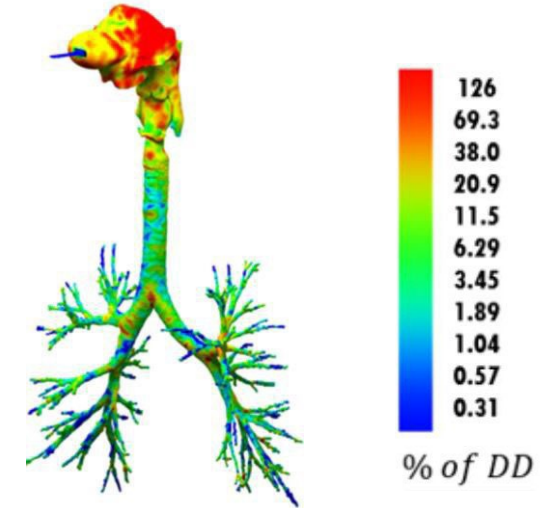
Proprietary transformation of surfactants and fatty acids into a nano-emulsion complex (non-LNP) that encapsulates a nucleic acid payload with control of particle size and charge.

- **Aerosolization of RNA Cargo:** NEED can effectively aerosolize RNA cargo, ensuring that it can be delivered as an aerosol for tracheobronchial administration.
- **Enhanced RNA Transfection:** NEED aids in RNA transfection, allowing for the RNA to enter cells more efficiently after delivery to the target area.
- **Particle Integrity Preservation:** Despite the process of aerosolization, the integrity of the RNA and nano-emulsion particles is maintained, which is critical for therapeutic effect.
- **Versatile Formulation:** The same formulation that is optimized for aerosol delivery can also be used for subcutaneous (SubQ) administration, demonstrating the versatility of the NEED platform.



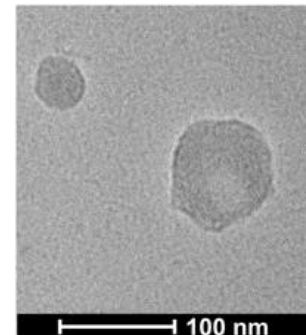
NEED Delivery from VMN

MMAD = 2.69 μ m
FPF% = 55.8%

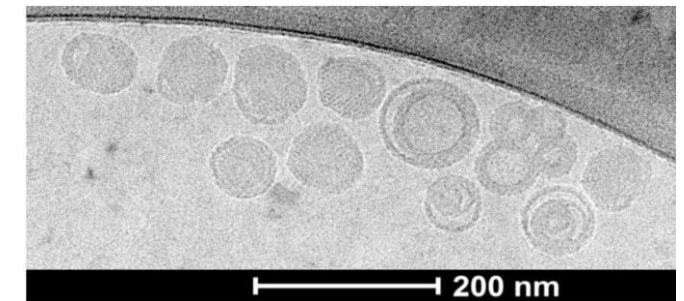


Predicted Regional Deposition of RIG-101 in NEED Platform upon Nebulization

Pre Aerosolization-Delivery



Post Aerosolization Delivery



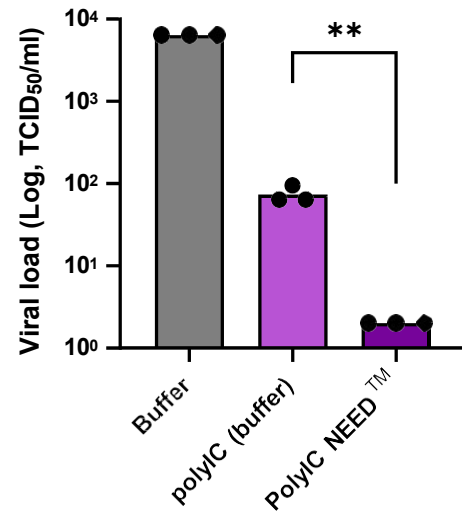
Expansion Opportunities for NEED™ Platform



Poly IC

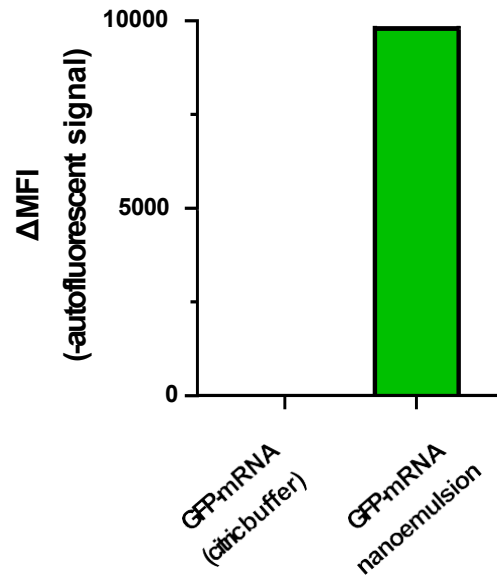
polyI:C (a TLR3 agonist) were applied apically on Day -1 and Day 0 (1hr) before virus inoculation.

Viral load
[Day 1 post infection]



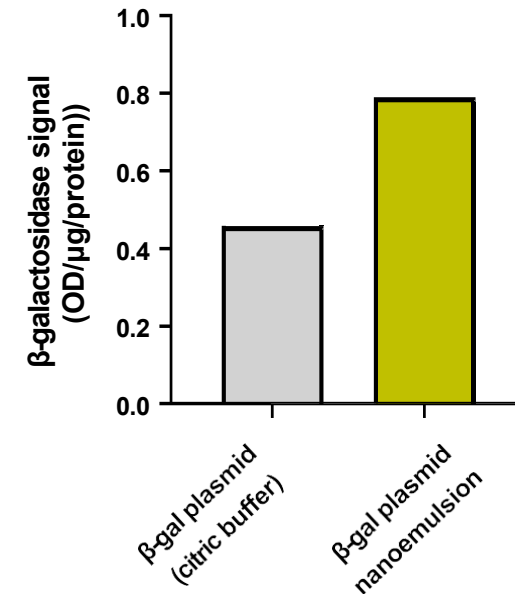
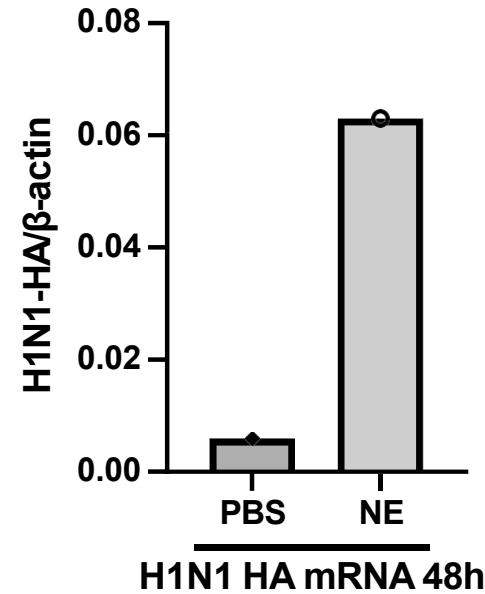
mRNA

GFP coding mRNA was applied apically and cells were collected 24hrs post treatment for FACS analysis.



dsDNA

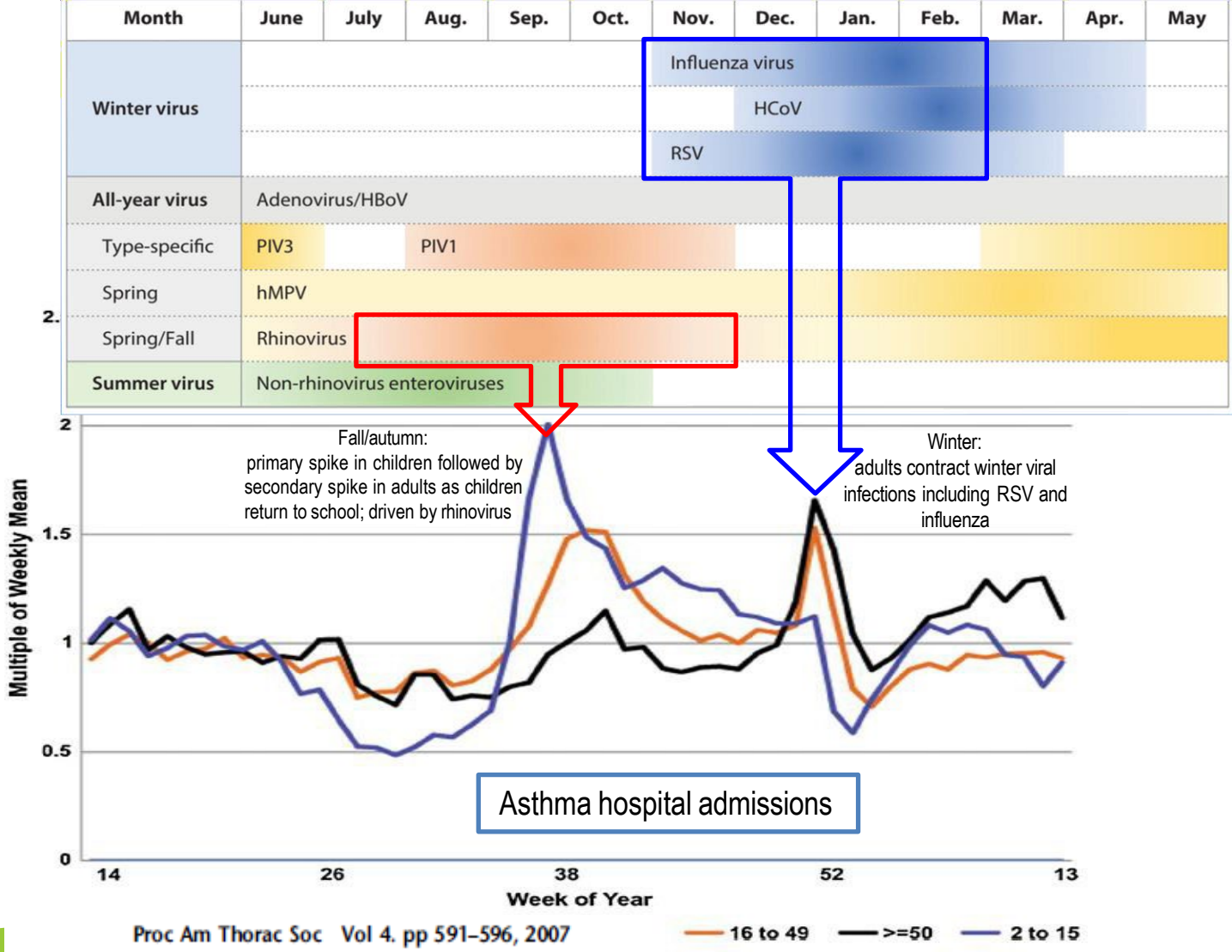
β-galactosidase coding plasmid was applied apically and cells were collected 24hrs post treatment for β-galactosidase enzyme activity analysis.



Future development plans – dry powder formulation, delivery of other modalities including DNA and gene therapies, and delivery to broader sites, e.g., ocular and dermal

PAN-VIRAL TRANSMISSION INHIBITION

Seasonal Respiratory Viral Infections Drive Asthma Hospital Admissions



- Asthma exacerbations have seasonal patterns- spring and autumn peaks in asthma hospitalisations correlating to rhinovirus cases¹⁻⁵
- ‘September epidemic’ among children and young adults coinciding with the start of the school year ^{1, 2}
- Approximately 80% of patients Rhinovirus (HRV) infection at hospital admission

¹ Kakumanu S, et al., Virus-induced wheezing and asthma: An overview, UpToDate, last updated Oct 2023
² Adeli et al., J Family Med Prim Care. 2019 Sep; 8(9): 2753-2759
³ Gavala M, et al., Immunol Rev. 2011 Jul; 242(1): 69-90
⁴ Wisniewski JA, et al., Allergy Asthma Proc 37:475-481, 2016
⁵ Lopes et al, Biosci Rep. 2020 Sep 30; 40(9): BSR20200634

Dramatic fall in global asthma hospital admissions occurred during COVID-19 lockdowns due to reduced circulation of common respiratory viruses

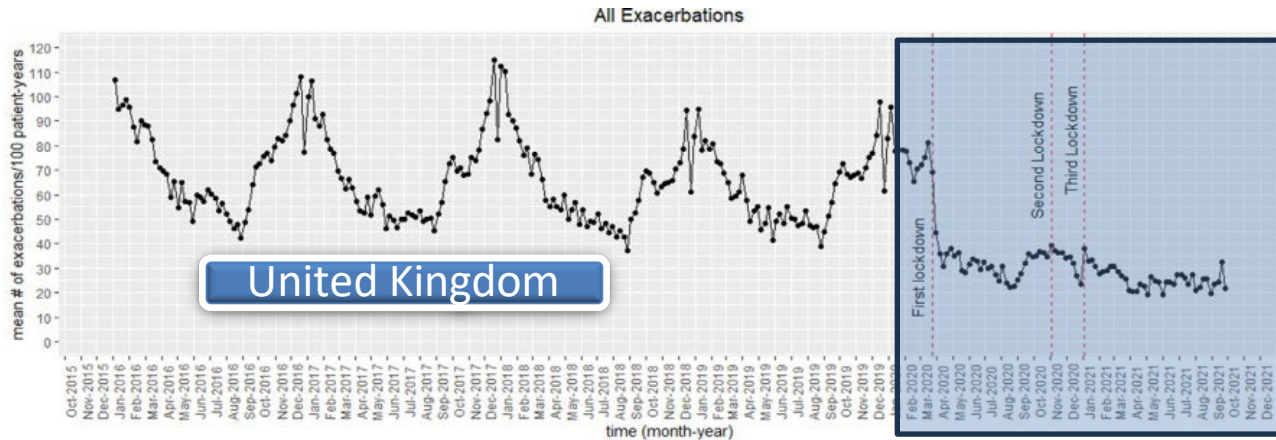
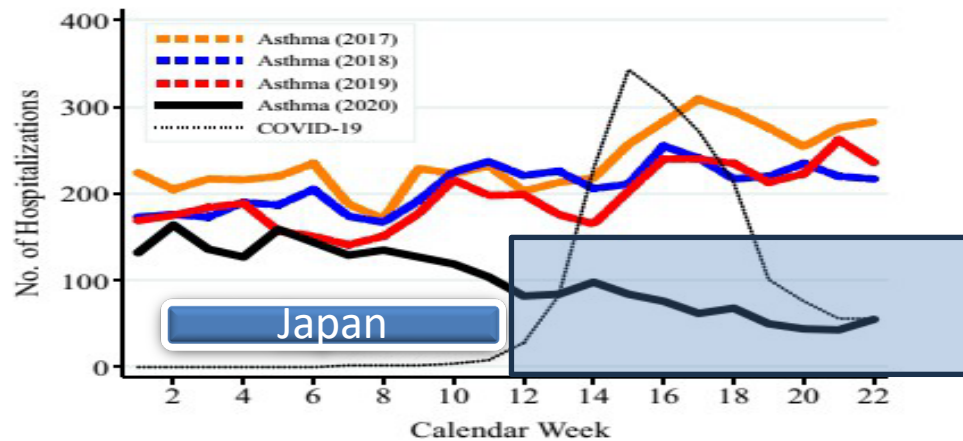


Figure 2. Mean exacerbations rate (number of exacerbations per 100 patient-years) of all asthma patients in the study cohort during the follow-up (January 2016—September 2021).

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lanpe.2022.100428>

RIG-101 will show the same reduction in exacerbations based on viral prevention across HRV, Inf, RSV and SARS



<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaip.2020.09.060>

RIG-101 is an Innovative Solution for the Prevention of Asthma Exacerbations



RIG-101 is an innovative Stem Loop RNA (SLR) therapeutic that selectively activates RIG-I, the first line of defense in innate immune response

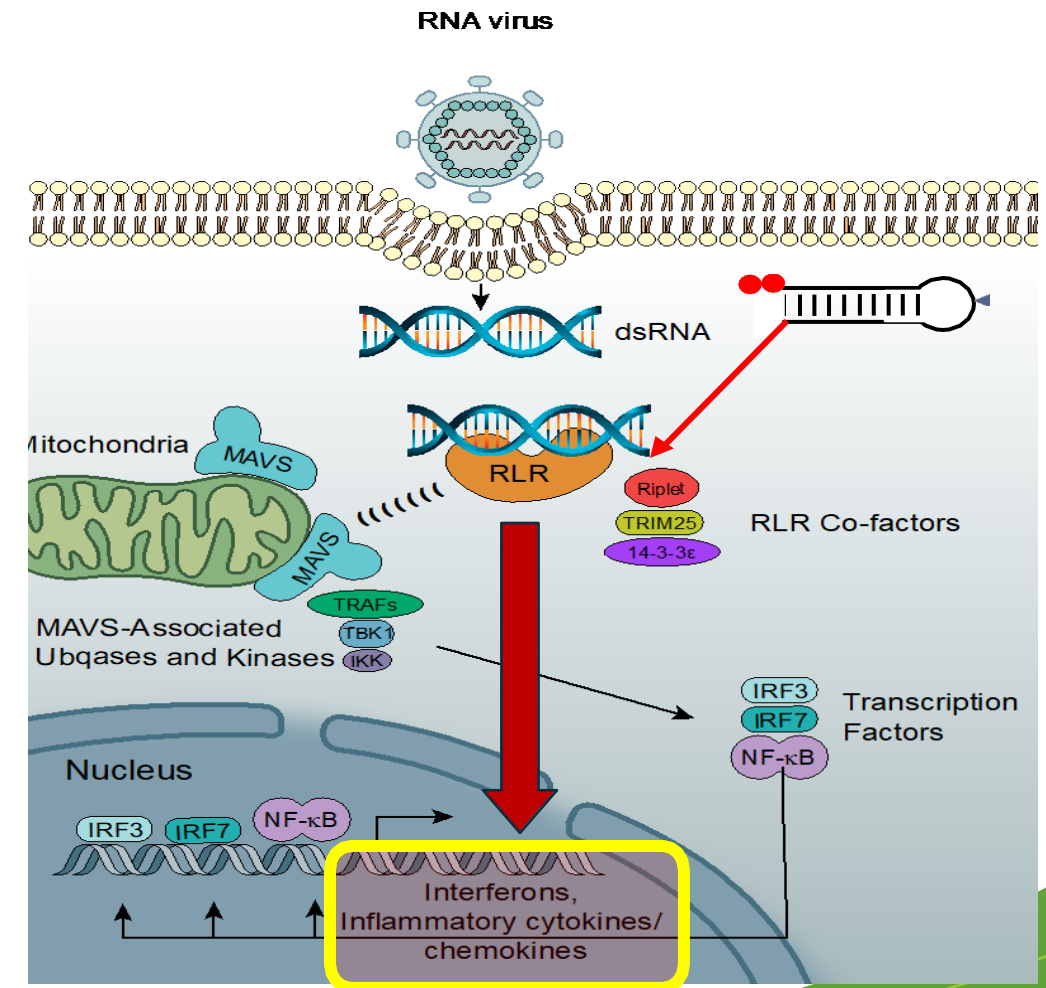
- Recent evidence points to impaired innate interferon responses in the airway of asthmatics which may increase the risk for viral-mediated exacerbations
- RIG-I has been shown to activate interferon and interferon stimulating genes
- No inflammatory risk seen in preclinical data



RIG101 is virus strain-agnostic– designed to prevent infections caused by a broad range of RNA viruses (including rhinoviruses, RSV, influenza, and SARS-Cov-2)



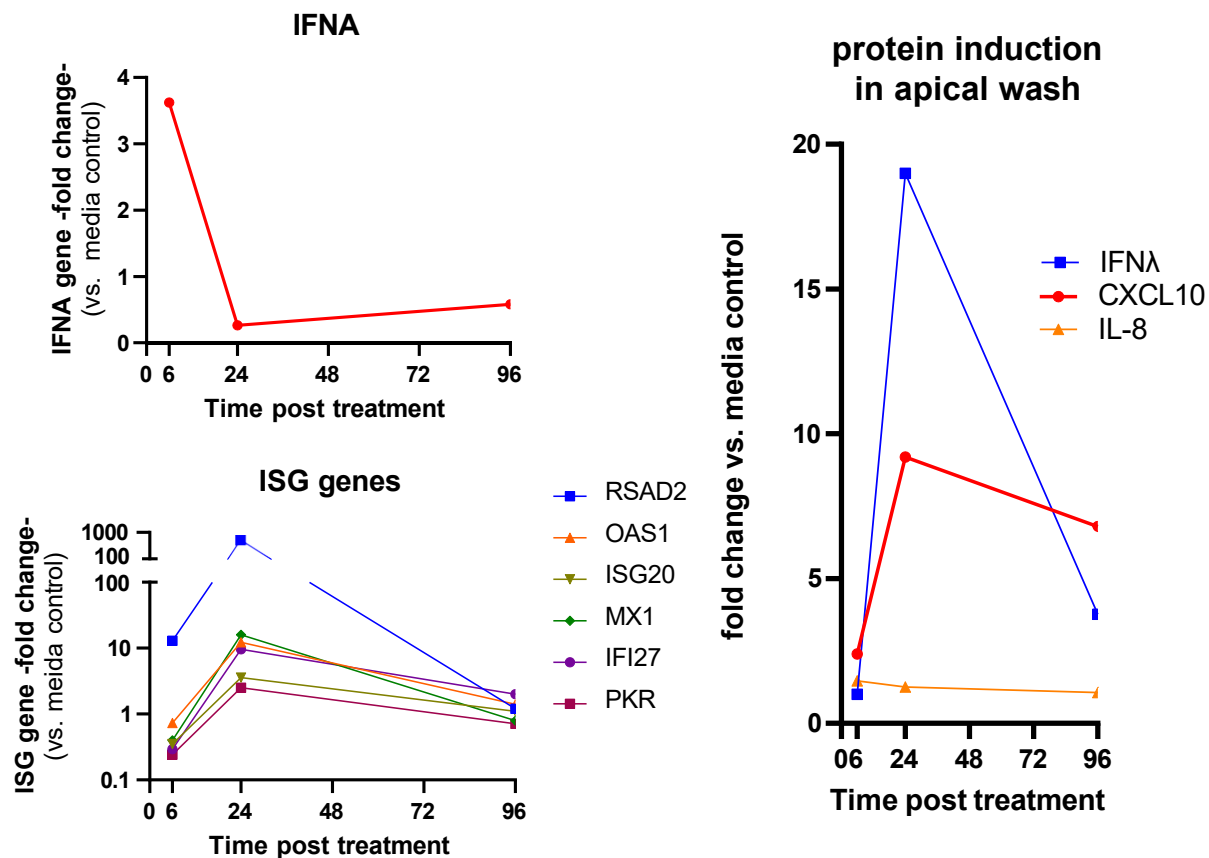
Intranasal NEED™ formulation delivers RIG-101 directly to the site of viral replication with enhanced transfection



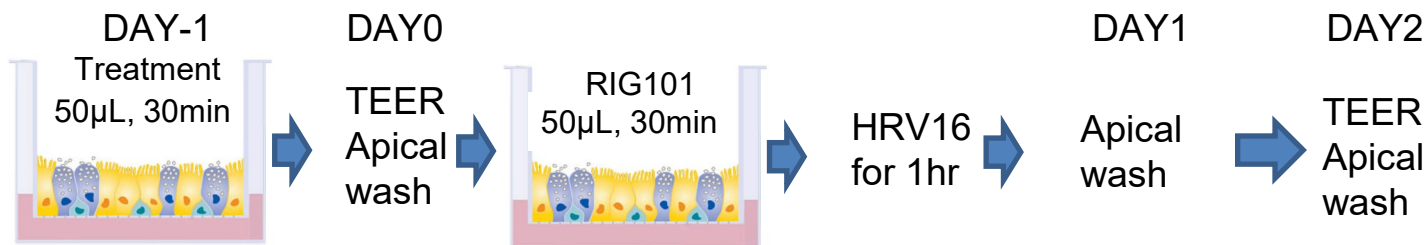
SLRs rapidly activate production of IFN and IFN pathway but not inflammatory pathway



ALI nasal epithelium (preliminary)
(RIG101 nanoemulsion, Fast interferon production, and associated ISG-gene expression later)

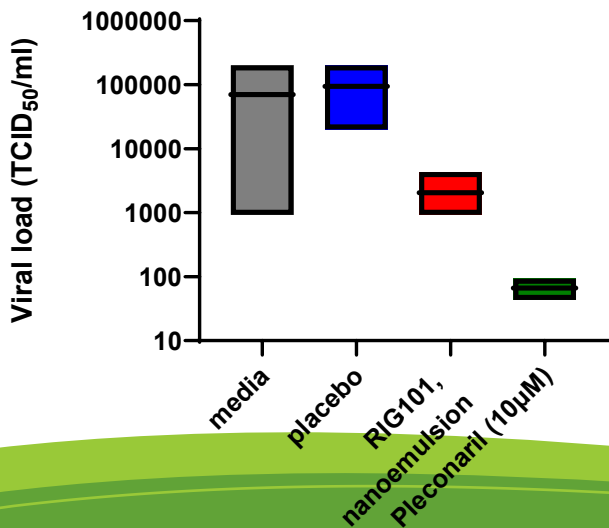


RIG-101 Nanoemulsion demonstrates viral log reduction and prevention of inflammation against Rhinovirus (HRV16) infection in bronchial epithelium from asthma patient

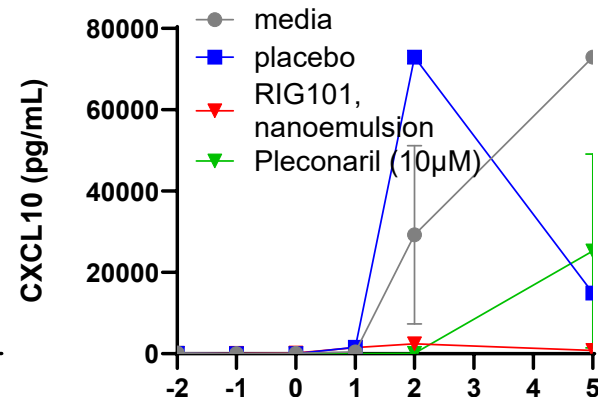


RIG101 showed moderate antiviral effects, but inhibited virus induced inflammation complete.

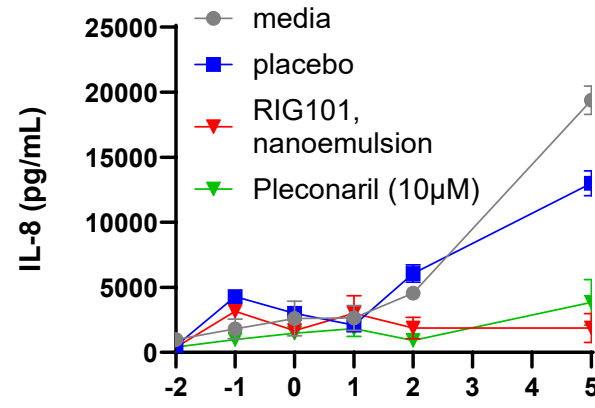
Viral load (Day 2)
R-Ex72 asthma 745



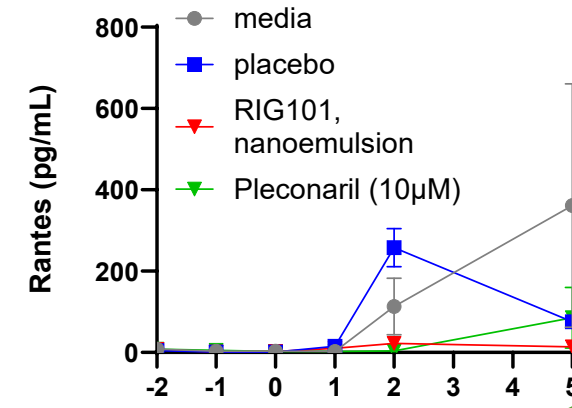
CXCL10 apical
R-Ex72 asthma 745



IL-8 apical
R-Ex72 asthma 745

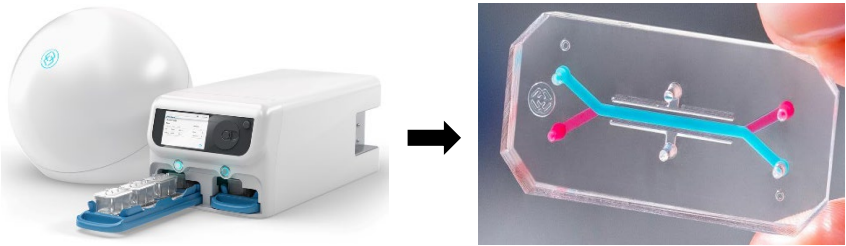


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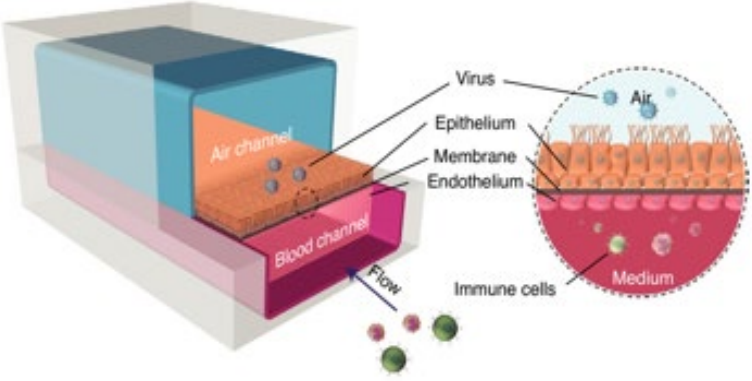


RIG-101 nanoemulsion inhibited RVA 16 replication on HBEC3KT (bronchial)-on-a-chip (pilot study)

HBEC3KT: immortalized human bronchial cell line capable to form pseudostratified epithelium under ALI culture

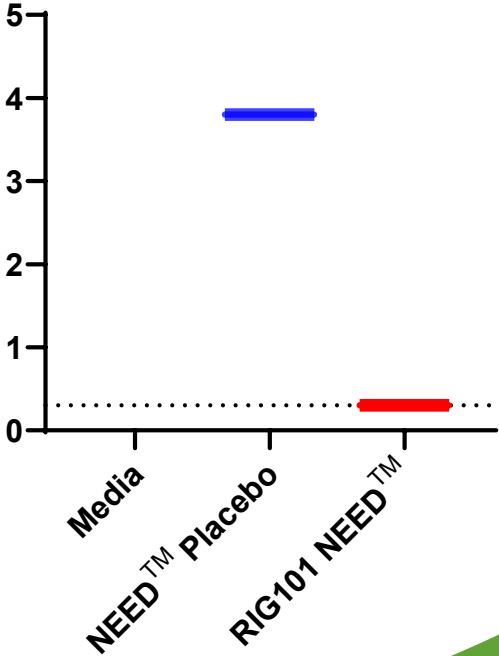
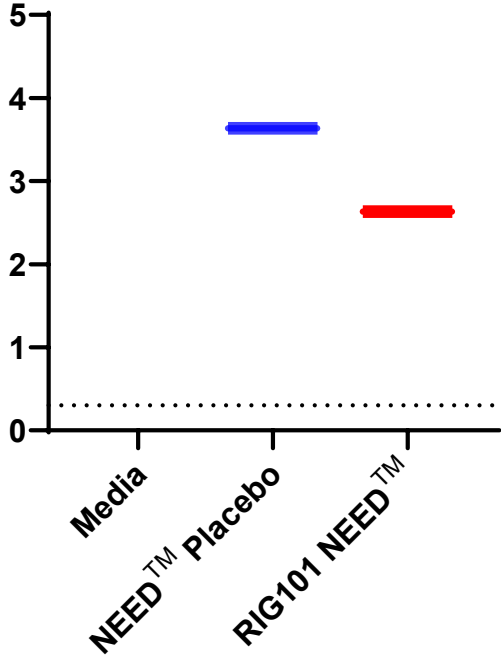


Day -1: Treatment at apical surface (30 min +) 1 chip per treatment
 Day 0: RVA16 (4×10^5 PFU/ml, 500 μ L at 1000 μ L/hr for 3-4min) infection (incubation for 1hr+)
 Day 2 and 3: Apical wash collection

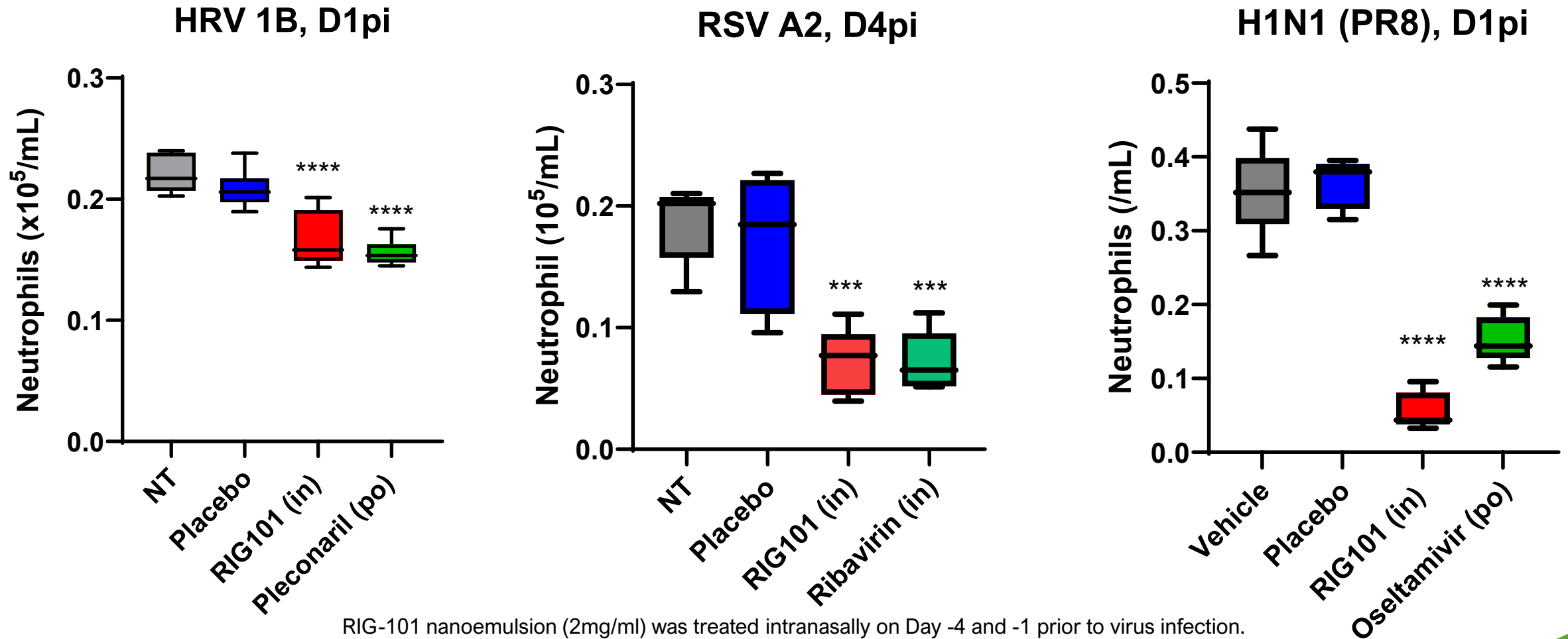


NEED™ Placebo PB
 RIG101 NEED™: 2mg/ml PB

Apply 500 μ L at 300 μ L/hr, the 30min incubation



RIG-101 nanoemulsion reduced airway inflammation (neutrophils) in nasal wash of HRV, RSV, & influenza infected mice



RIG-101 nanoemulsion (2mg/ml) was treated intranasally on Day -4 and -1 prior to virus infection. Pleconaril 200 mg/kg, po [D-1/0], Ribavirin 25 mg/kg, in [bd], Oseltamivir 10mg/kg, po [D0] were given as control.

RIG-101 intranasal (IN) Target Product Profile



- **Selective RIG-I agonist**
 - RNA viruses activate RIG-I, a cellular RNA sensor
- **Structurally designed short hairpin RNA oligonucleotide delivers sterilizing immunity**
- **Pan-viral transmission inhibition pre- and post-exposure**
 - RNA virus strain agnostic – the administration of RIG-101 results in potent broad-spectrum antiviral activity, e.g., HRV, RSV, Influenza, & SARS-CoV-2
 - >100 serotypes of HRV circulate thus pan-viral capability essential for use in asthma
- **Delivery via NEED™ permits effective local delivery to respiratory tract**
- **Well-tolerated with ease of intranasal self-administration by the patient**
- **Once-daily dosing or 2-3x weekly in season (up to 6 months)**

RIG-101 IN Progressing to CTA Submission in 2Q'25

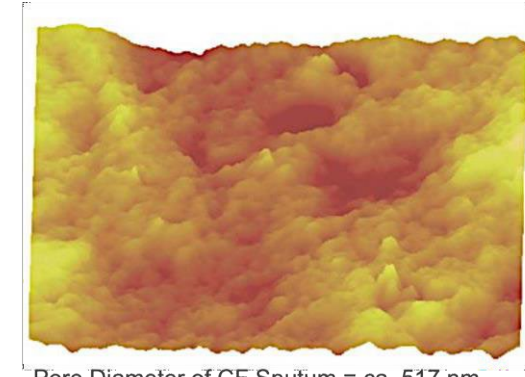


- Utilizing highly translatable models of the human nasal epithelium (ALI system and lung on a chip) & multiple mouse studies, RIG-101 has demonstrated viral transmission prevention across HRV, RSV, and influenza with intranasal delivery in the NEED formulation.
- Non-clinical program has enabled dose and dose regimen projections to design the early clinical development program
- Rat and dog dose range finding studies with intranasal dosing have completed.
 - RIG-101 IN was well-tolerated and no safety signal
 - Doses set for GLP toxicology study with initiation set for Sept '24
- GMP manufacturing will be starting in 4Q2024 to support FIH in mid-2025
- Plan to submit CTA by mid-2025

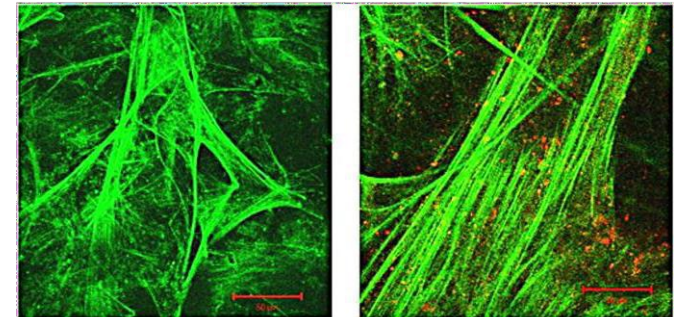
CYSTIC FIBROSIS

Effective delivery of CF treatments to the lungs remains a significant challenge

- **Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is a rare genetic disease caused by a variety of mutations in the CF Transmembrane Conductance Regulator (CFTR) gene**
 - ~40,000 patients in the US
- **CFTR modulator therapies on the market correct the malfunctioning CFTR protein but address only certain CFTR mutations**
 - CF market size ~\$6B in 2022
- **A variety of genetic medicines (e.g., AAV gene therapy, mRNA delivery, base editing) are in development but effective delivery of these modalities to the lungs is a significant challenge**



Pore Diameter of CF Sputum = ca. 517 nm



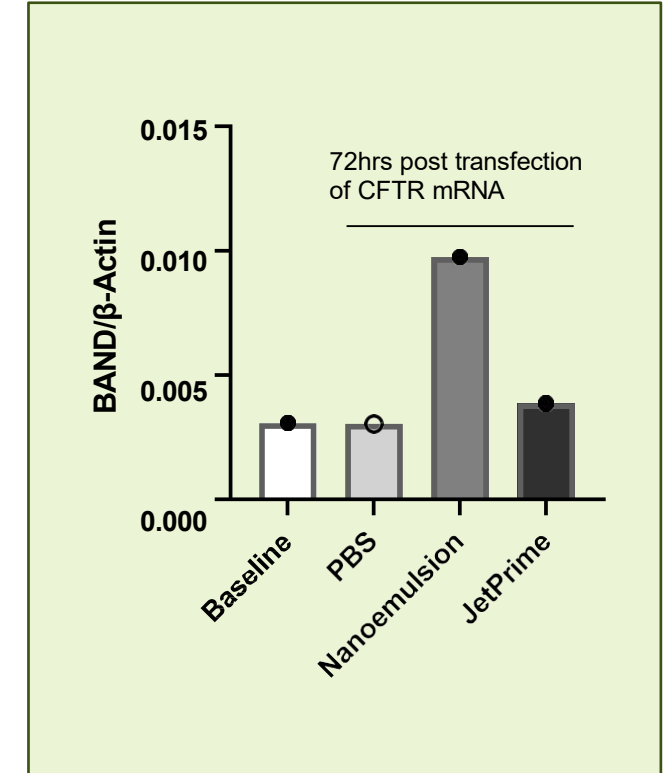
Mucins: 10 – 50 mg/ml; DNA: 1 – 15 mg/ml; Actin: 0.1 – 1 mg/ml

NEED™ formulation overcomes challenges of drug delivery to the CF airways

Inhaled RIG-301 – CFTR mRNA therapeutic formulated with NEED™



- RIG-301 - a CFTR mRNA therapeutic that will deliver a full length CFTR protein to treat all CF patients, agnostic of mutation
- Optimized CFTR mRNA will be delivered as an inhaled aerosol using our proprietary NEED™ formulation
- CFTR mRNA production and NEED™ experiments are completed
 - RIG-301 (NE) shows significant amounts of CFTR being produced after 72H
- Ongoing efforts to demonstrate restoration of normal function in CF human bronchial epithelium (Air Liquid Interface model) and uptake distribution of RIG-301



Pipeline of Platform & Product Opportunities



Program	Therapeutic Use	Delivery	Discovery	Preclinical	Phase 1/2
Platform Technology NEED™ (Nano-Emulsion Enhanced Delivery)	Pan-viral prevention of viral respiratory diseases in high-risk populations	Intranasal	→		
	Rare pulmonary diseases	Solution for Inhalation	→		
	Ocular diseases		→		
RIG-101 (RIG-I agonist)	Pan-viral transmission inhibition in at risk patients	Intranasal	→		
RIG-301 (CFTR mRNA)	Cystic Fibrosis	Solution for Inhalation	→		

Financing History & Plan



Capital raised to date:

- **Gates Foundation grants - \$3.5M**
- **Private investors - \$15M**



Series A Round launched in 2Q'24

Primary Use of Proceeds / Key Objectives

- **Achieve Ph 2a POC viral transmission inhibition for RIG-101 IN**
- **Achieve Ph 1b POC (CF marker data) for RIG-301 Solution for Inhalation**
- **Expand capabilities for the NEED platform to enhance strategic business development opportunities**
- **General corporate purposes & fund company to YE 2027**

Series A Investment Opportunity Summary



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Demonstrate Ph 2a POC for lead product development candidate, **RIG-101 IN**, as a pan-viral transmission inhibitor in “at risk” patient populations
- Demonstrate Ph 1b POC for 2nd product development candidate, **RIG-301 Solution for Inhalation**, as a novel treatment for a broader set of cystic fibrosis patients than currently-available modalities
- Further advance and expand the capabilities of the proprietary **NEED™ platform** to demonstrate the effective delivery of a broad range of nucleic acid payloads

GOAL

- Raise new capital in the range of **\$45M - \$50M**
 - Series Seed Round post-money of **\$18.25M** (1H'2022)

USE OF PROCEEDS

- Fund RIG-101 IN through Ph 2a POC
- Fund RIG-301 solution for inhalation through Ph 1b POC
- Further expand NEED™ platform capabilities to include dry powder formulation, aqueous formulation for ocular use, and effective encapsulation and delivery of multiple payloads, e.g., DNA and selected gene therapies
- Extend cash runway through YE 2027

RIGImmune Strategic Opportunities



RIG-101 IN

- Pan-viral transmission inhibition
- Multiple routes of administration
- Large addressable markets
- Ph 2 POC mid-2026



RIG-301 Inhaled

- Potential to address broader CF patient population
- Overcomes challenges for CF treatments with respiratory delivery
- Ph 1b POC mid-2027

NEED™ Platform

- Non-LNP delivery of nucleic acids
- Formulations expansion
- Capability to deliver diverse payloads
- Monetization via strategic business development for monetization