

mRNA hub meeting Cape Town, April-2023



**World Health
Organization**



**Pan American
Health
Organization**



Afrigen



**Sinergium
Biotech**

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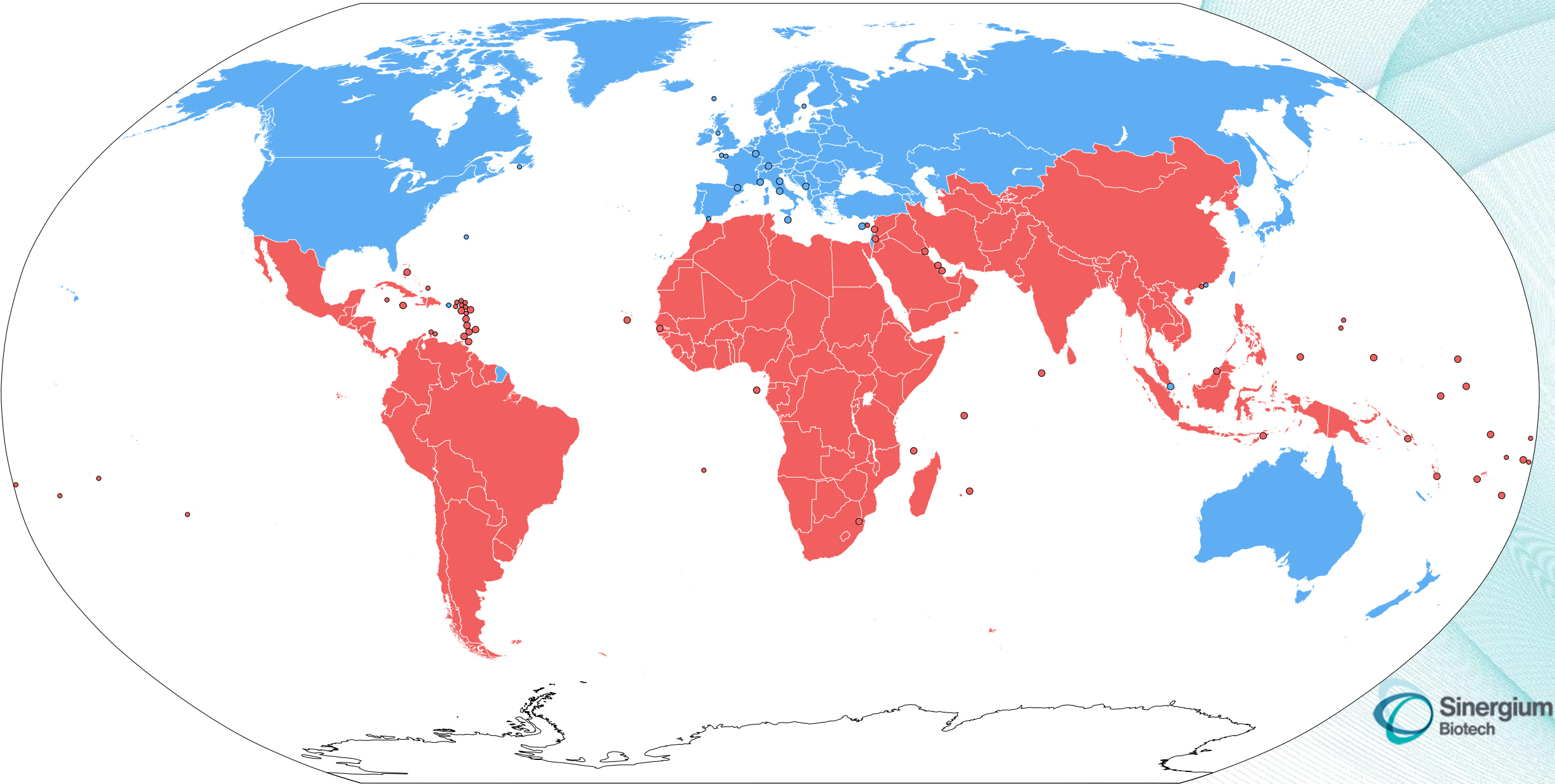
Argentina in the world



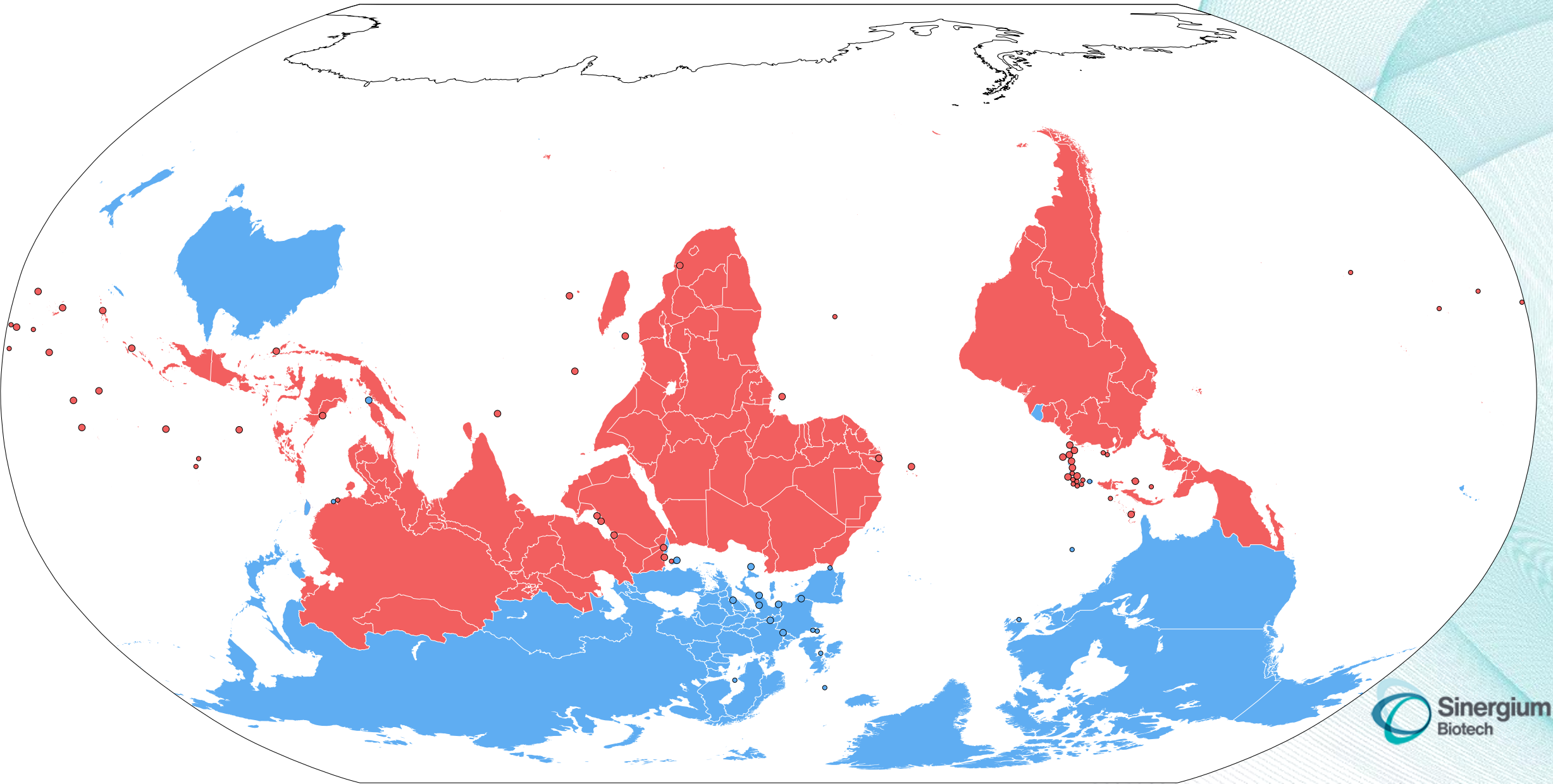
Buenos Aires
34° 36'

Cape Town
33° 55'

Global South



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Our History: Sinergium Biotech S.A.



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**Biotech Hub: 20.000 sqm, 1.500 specialized
employees, three companies.**

Sinergium Biotech in numbers



200

Million doses
produced

>700

Batches
manufactured

0

Rejected
batches

350

Direct
employees

150

Indirect
employees

45 %

Women in our
staff

7

Agreements
with multinational
pharma companies

8

Successful
tech- transfers

6

Public-private
R&D projects

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Vaccines Portfolio

CSL Seqirus

VIRAFLU – 4FLU

Inactivated Sesonal
Trivalent and Quadrivalent
influenza

CSL Seqirus

FLUXVIR

Inactivated Seasonal
Trivalent Influenza
with adjuvant MF59C.1

Pfizer

PREVENAR 13

13-Valent Pneumococcal
Vaccine



Vaccines Portfolio



SILGARD VPH

Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
Vaccine
Type 6, 11, 16, 18



CARCIVAC

Onco BCG Vaccine Bacillus
Calmette Guerin



VAXIPAT

Inactivated Hepatitis A Vaccine



mAbs Portfolio



NOVEX (Rituximab)

100 mg
500 mg



LUMIERE (Bevacizumab)

0.2 ml with
5 mg Bevacizumab



BEBAX (Bevacizumab)

100 mg
400 mg



Manufacturing site



The Production Site

Strong know-how in formulation and filling

Pre-filled syringes line

- Capacity for **50 million doses**
- 60% available capacity (30 million doses)

Vials line

- Capacity for **400 million doses** (estimated for 10-dose vials)
- Project under execution – 100% available for future projects from 2024

Site and industrial area

- Biotech Hub (Sinergium, Biogenesis Bago, Mabxience)
- 1.500 employees in the area
- 20.000 sq meters (only Sinergium site)

Antigen production

- Mammalian/insect cells capacity
- Adenovirus production
- **24.000 L** biorreactor capacity



The Production Site

Formulation areas - Grade C



- Fixed stainless Steel 316 AISI tank - Manufacturer: GEA Diessel GmbH (Germany)
 - 400 Liter capacity
- Mobile stainless steel 316 AISI tank - Manufacturer: GEA Diessel GmbH (Germany)
 - 200 Liter capacity
- Expertise in single use technology for vaccines & mABS
- Double jacket / Rupture disk included / Vesta Sterile Valve GEA / Temperature sensor / Pressure sensor
- Filter Integrity test equipment: Millipore IT5 / Biowelder and Biosealers: Sartorius
- Automatic CIP/SIP and formulation recipe : Simatic Batch (SIEMENS)



Quality Control

- HPLC/UPLC
- Capillary Electrophoresis
- UV
- QPCR
- Osmometer
- TOC
- Cell Bioassay Lab. (BSC, Incubators, Plate readers)
- Full Microbiology Lab. (BSC, Strain identification ViTek, particle counter)
- Sterility Test Area
- Hygienic control Area
- Physicochemical / Raw Material Lab. (pH meter, Conductivity meter, IR)
- Stability Areas ($5\pm3^{\circ}\text{C}$ / $25\pm5^{\circ}\text{C}$ / $-15\pm5^{\circ}\text{C}$)



Process development team

- 2 R&D centers, 1 dedicated tech-transfer team for new products
- 27 dedicated people
- AMBR High Throughput Microbioreactors Technology.
- 1 to 10L Bench Scale reactors.
- ATF Systems
- TFF, Chromatography and Filtration Scale Down Technology.
- Independent Analytical capacity



Sinergium Strategic Vision

Our objectives

- Foster strong long-term partnerships.
- Expand our reach globally.
- Expand our portfolio.
New partnerships.
New products.
- Develop new products under different platforms
 - Projects ongoing:
 - Baculovirus recombinant platform
 - mRNA platform



Advances in mRNA platform Development.



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Sinergium Biotech in mRNA Program: Key events



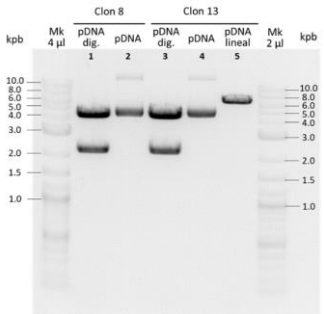
Jul-2021

mRNA hub
lunch (Afrigen-
Biovac-WHO-
MPP)



Dec-2021

Kick off Tech
transfer
Meeting-
WHO-PAHO



Apr-2023

Package
1a

Abr-2021

WHO-EOI
for mRNA
techology

Sept-2021

Sinergium
Selected as
a “Partner”

Training in RNA
tech at UBA



Mar-2022

Training on
Afrigen

Apr-2022

Starts uL
tests.
mRNA for
research
grade

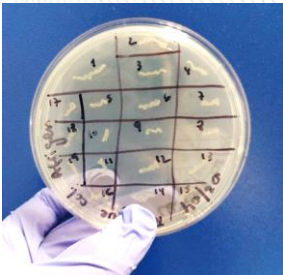
Feb-2023

WHO-PAHO-
MPP visit to
Argentina.



PAHO selects centers in Argentina, Brazil to develop COVID-19 mRNA vaccines

21 Sep 2021



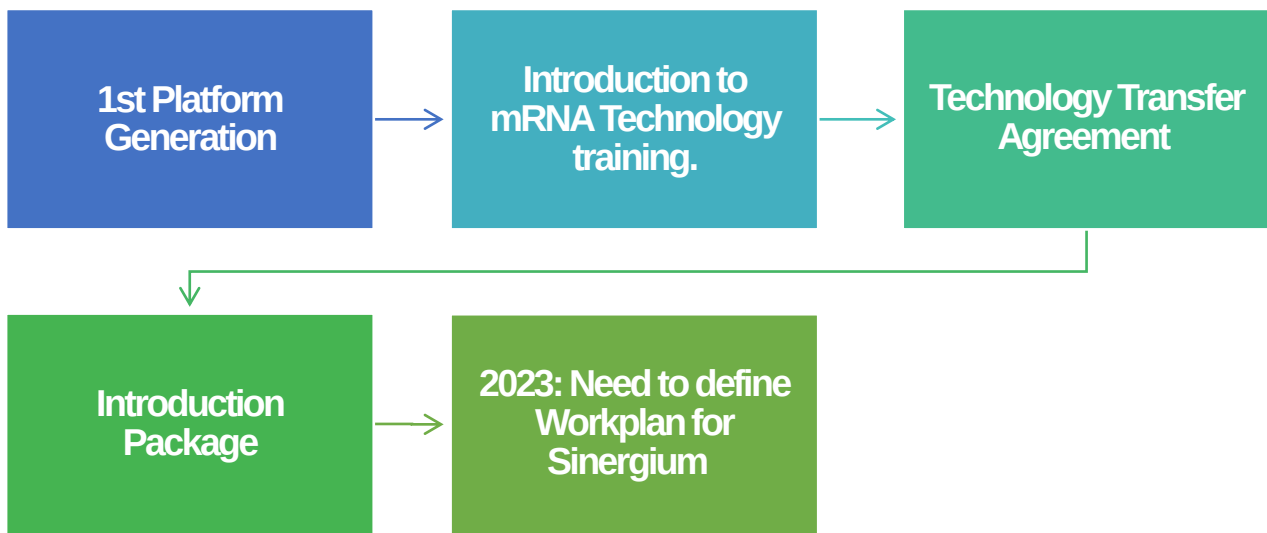
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Sinergium Biotech in mRNA Program: Platform technologies

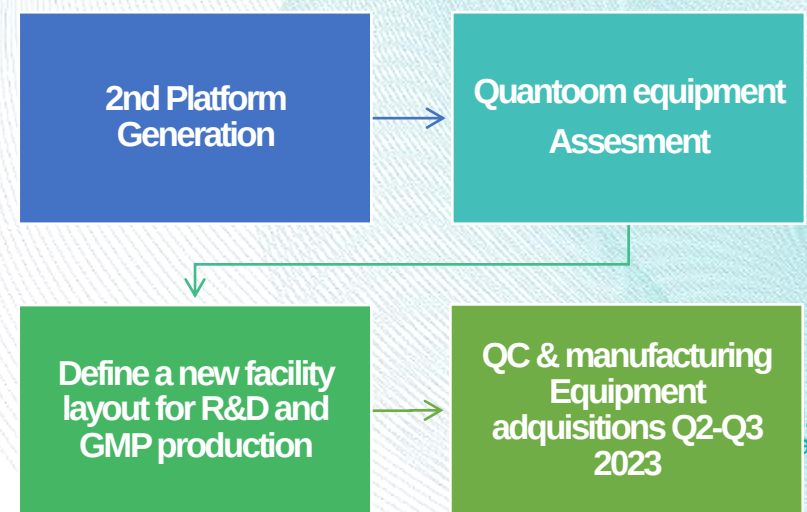
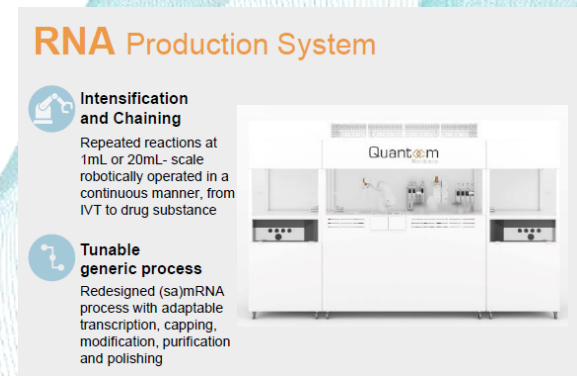


1st generation mRNA technology – focusing on being able to demonstrate region capabilities to developed mRNA vaccines – base on mRNA Technology Transfer HUB Program (WHO/MPP)

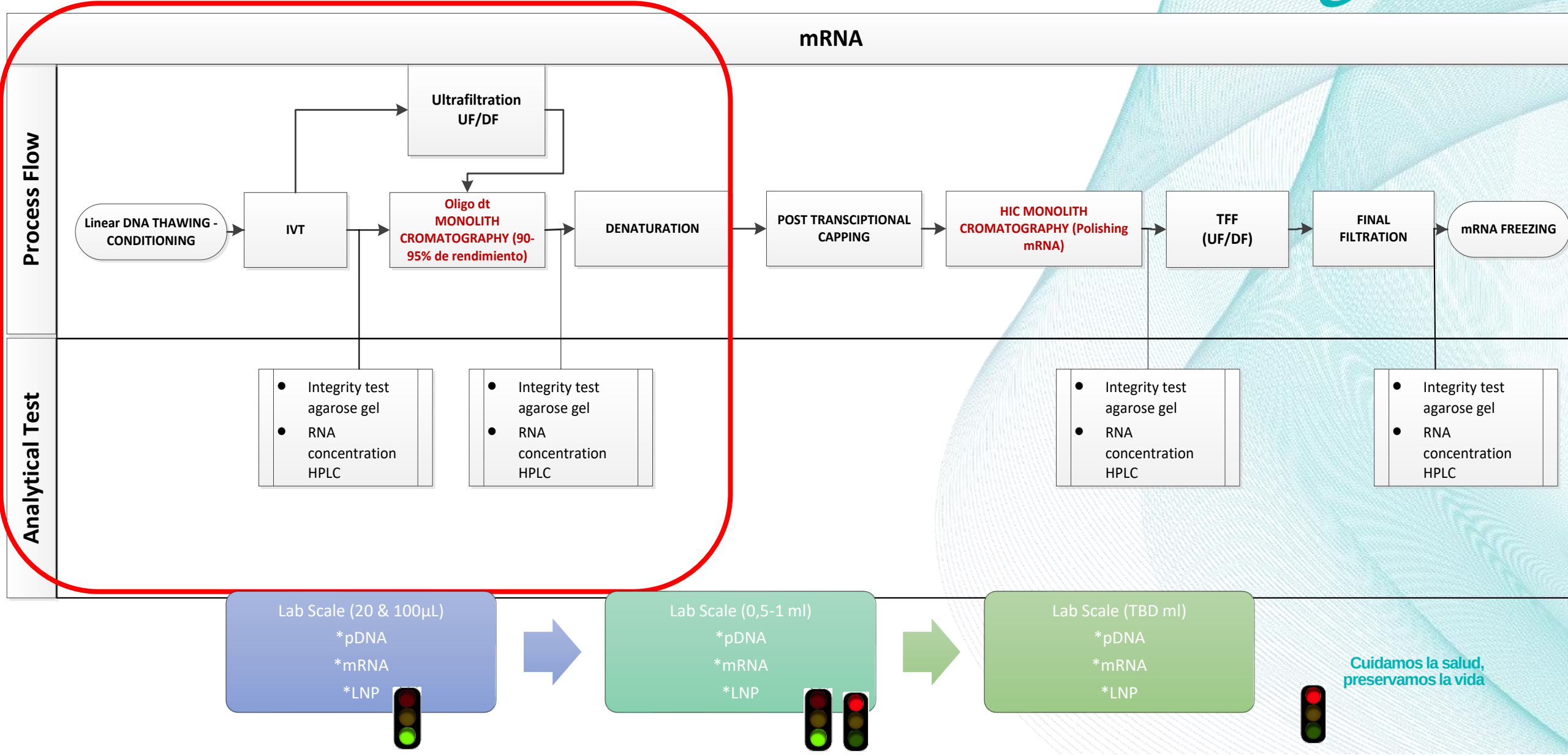
- Traditional Approach



2nd generation mRNA technology – Intensified Continuous manufacturing.



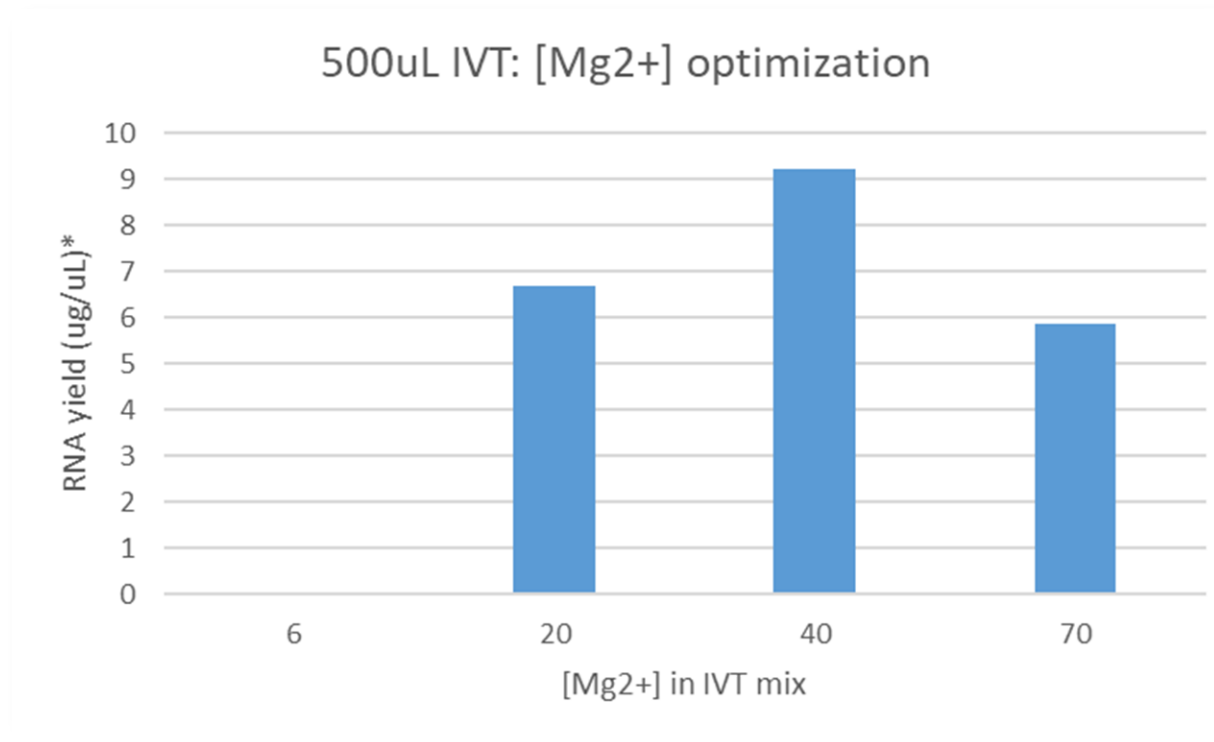
mRNA Platform development: Process flow (mL scale)



mRNA Platform development: IVT optimization

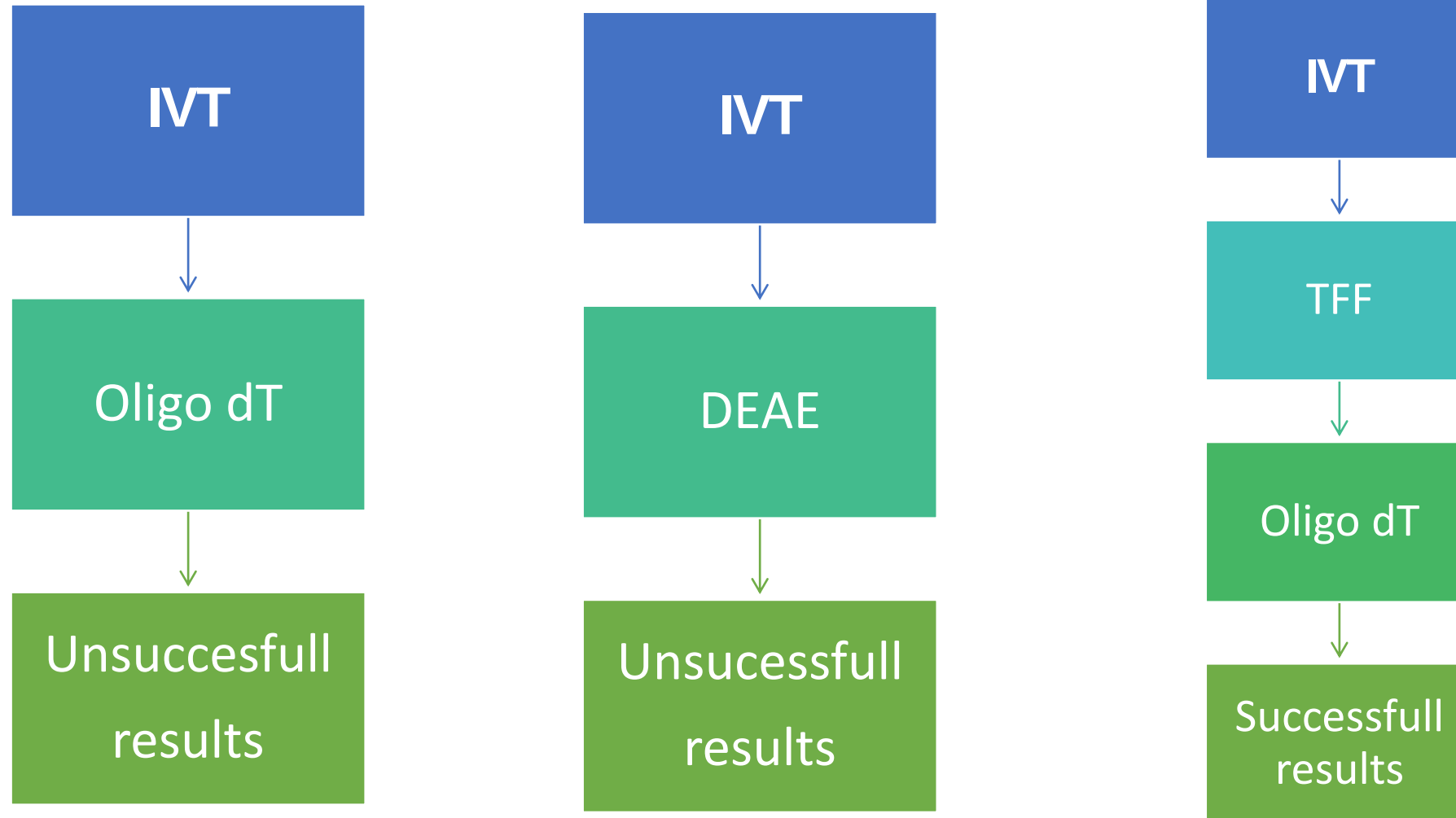
- From kit to bulk reagents: need to optimise cc of reagents in IVT mix (500 µl) to get high yields.

[Mg²⁺]: 6mM to 70mM



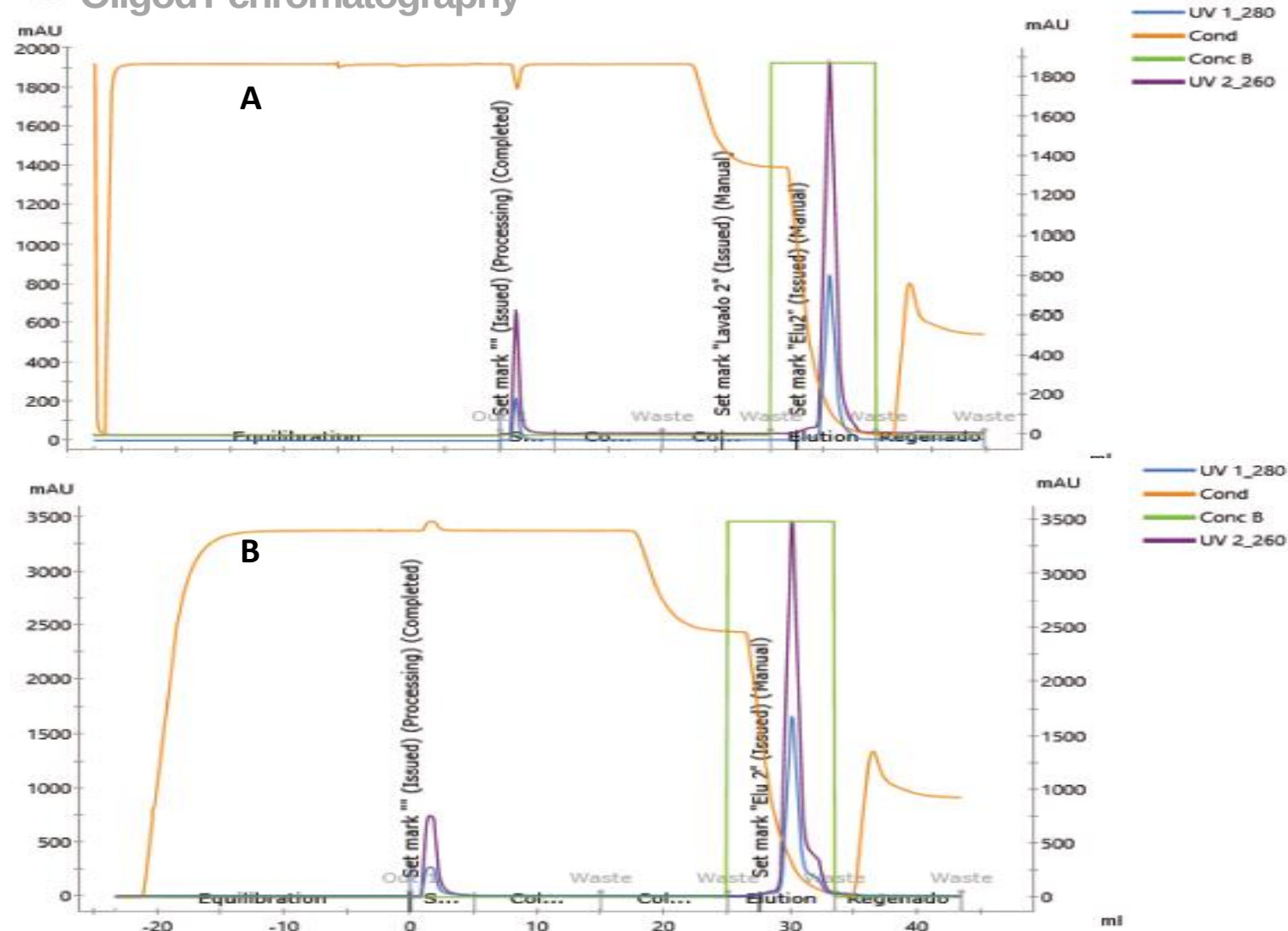
→ [Mg²⁺]= 40mM final (ratio Mg²⁺:NTPs = 1) shows the highest yield (~9,22 ug/uL)

mRNA Platform development: Downstream process

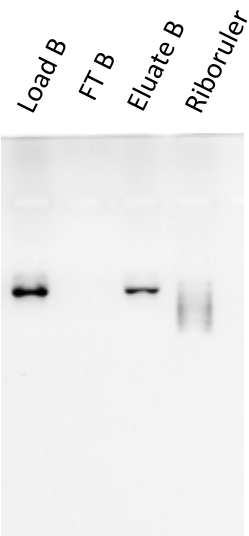
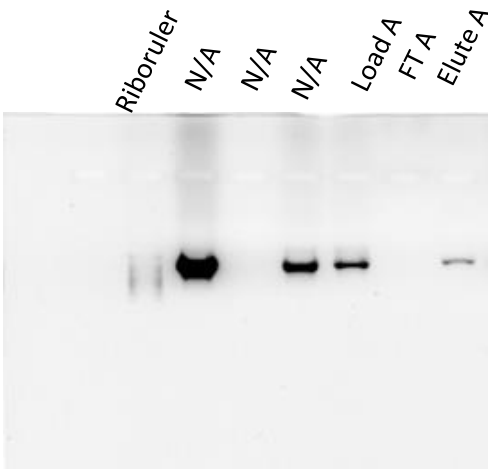


mRNA Platform development: Downstream process

OligodT chromatography



CIMmac Oligo dT (18) monolith of 1 mL -BIA Separations



	% Recovery	% Recovery Eluate + FT
Chromatography A (load of 500 µL)	70	85
Chromatography B (load of 1000 µL)	61	72

➤ Better % Recovery & mRNA shows the predicted size.

mRNA Platform development: LNP manual formulation

- Pipetting method
- Formulation Volume= 0,25mL
- Lipids molar ratio= 38.5: 10: 50: 1.5 for cholesterol: DSPC: SM-102: DMG-PEG2000
- N:P= 6
- Aquose phase: Organic phase= 3
- Lipids mix concetration= 12,5mM vs 25mM



Usando master mix 25 mM		Usando master mix de 12,5 mM	
Vol. Total (ml)	0,25 ml	Vol. Total (ml)	0,25 ml
mRNA:Ethanol volum ratio v/v	3	mRNA:Ethanol volum ratio v/v	3
vol total partes	4	vol total partes	4
mRNA:total ratio v/v	0,75	mRNA:total ratio v/v	0,75
Ethanol:total ratio v/v	0,25	Ethanol:total ratio v/v	0,25
Cc Mix lipidos (mM)	25	Cc Mix lipidos (mM)	12,5
Volumen de mRNA (ml)	0,188 ml	Volumen de mRNA (ml)	0,188 ml
Volumen de Etanol o Mix lipidos (ml)	0,063 ml	Volumen de Etanol/ Mix lipidos (ml)	0,063 ml
Cantidad de lipidos totales en mix (µmol)	1,5625	Cantidad de de lipidos totales en mix (µmol)	0,7813
N:P ratio (mol a mol)	6	N:P ratio (mol a mol)	6
mol P necesario	0,13	mol P necesario	0,07
MW RNMP promedio (g/mol)	321,48	MW RNMP promedio (g/mol)	321,48
MASA de mRNA para formular (mg)	0,04	MASA de RNA para formular (mg)	0,02
MASA de lipidos para formular (mg) usando Master Mix 25 mM	0,97	MASA de lipidos para formular (mg) usando Master Mix 12,5 mM	0,48

Lipids mix concentration	12,5mM		25mM	
	Z (nm)	IP	Z (nm)	IP
mRNA-LNP	165.3	0.084	136.8	0.099
mRNA-LNP diluted	159.3	0.095	132.7	0.120
mRNA-LNP concentrated	165.7	0.094	133.6	0.099
mRNA-LNP concentrated + Sucrose	194.6	0.142	181.1	0.134

PDI ≤0.1 highly monodisperse

PDI de 0.1-0.4 slightly polydisperse

PSD > 0.4 highly polydisperse

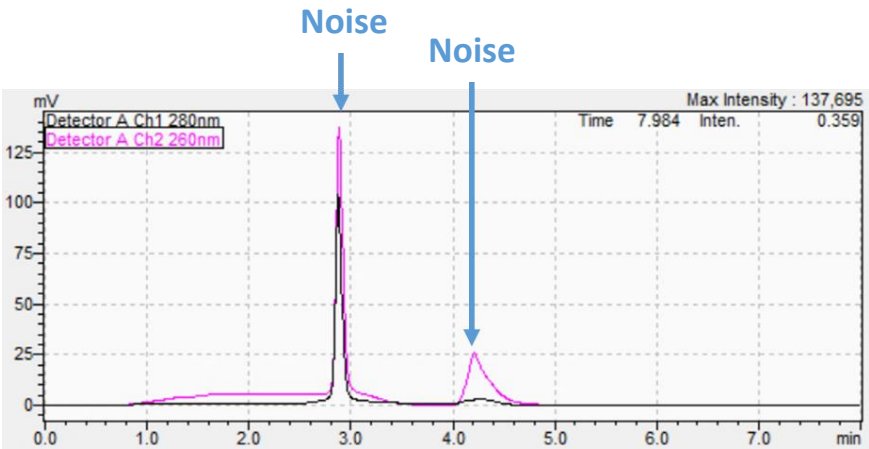
mRNA analytical tools development: RNA quantification using HPLC

- Testing made with **PrimaS** analytic monolith (Sartorius)
- **Optimization of initial washing steps** to reduce “noise”
- High quality salts and buffers needed

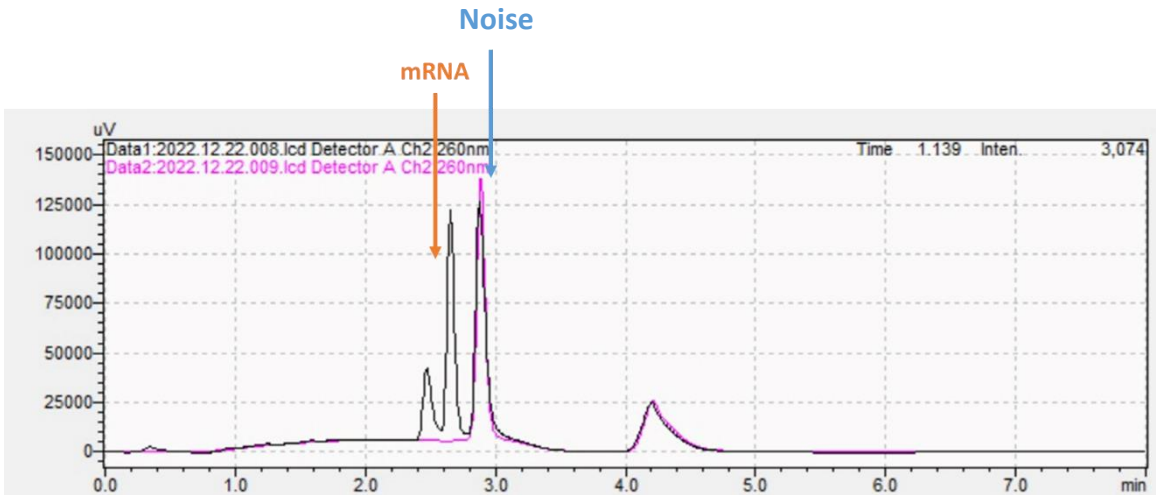
Table 1: Method details and gradient.

Mobile phase A	50 mM HEPES, pH 7.0
Mobile phase B	50 mM HEPES, 100 mM Na ₄ P ₂ O ₇ , pH 8.3
Mobile phase C	100 mM NaOH, 1 M NaCl
Mobile phase D	0.5 M HEPES, pH 7.0
Detection	UV 260 nm & 280 nm, conductivity, pH
Sample amount	1 µg
System	PATfix™ mRNA analytical HPLC system

Time [min]	MPA [%]	MPB [%]	MPC [%]	MPD [%]	Flow [mL/min]
0.00	100	0	0	0	2
0.10	100	0	0	0	2
1.10	55	45	0	0	2
1.80	55	45	0	0	2
1.82	0	40	60	0	2
2.50	0	40	60	0	2
2.52	0	0	100	0	2
3.40	0	0	100	0	2
3.42	0	0	0	100	2
3.52	0	0	0	100	2
3.54	100	0	0	0	2
8.00	100	0	0	0	2



Mobile phase A (baseline)

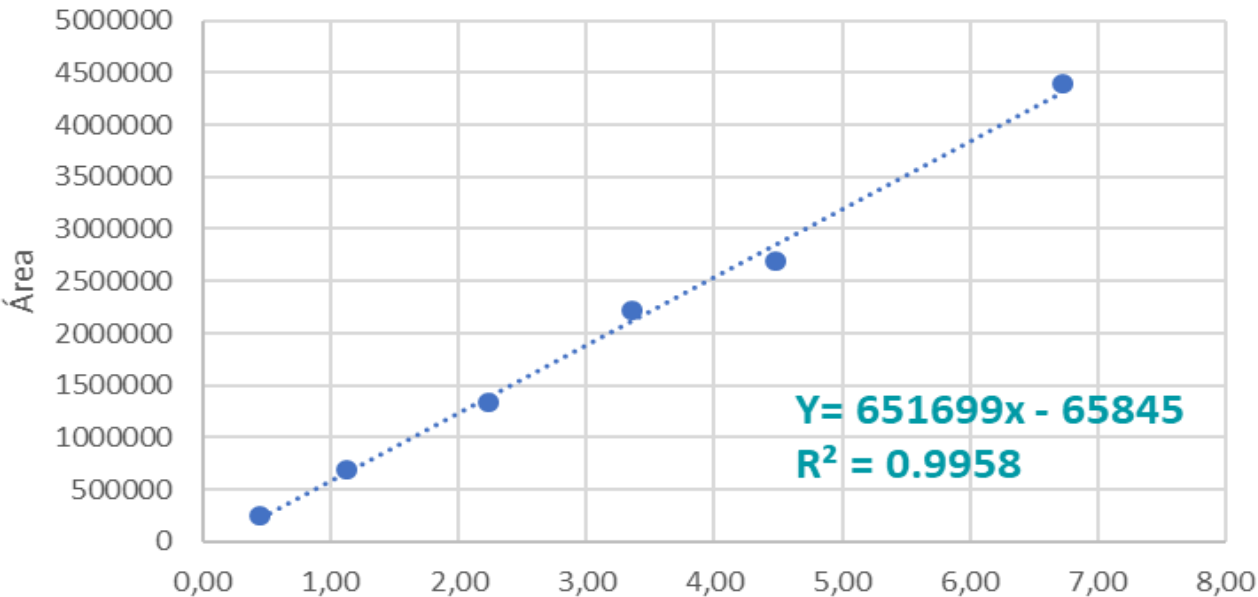


mRNA sample purified by LiCl precipitation

Calibration curve using RNA sample purified by LiCl and quantified by spectrophotometry:

Curva de calibración 2		
(µL)	(µg)	Area
4	0.45	250803
10	1.12	691430
20	2.24	1334608
30	3.36	2222670
40	4.48	2686709
60	6.72	4389118

ARN011 M2 CC = 0.112 ug/uL



RNA mass determination using calibration curve above : 10µL injection of 1/20 sample dilution

RNA samples purified by LiCl & quantified by spectrophotometry

RNA samples post IVT- non purified

Sample	Area	RNA mass PrimaS (ug)	RNA mass spectro (ug)
ARN012 ARN M3	2906471	4.56	4.61
ARN012 ARN M2	2210289	3.49	3.34
ARN012 ARN M1	0	0.10	0
ARN012 IVT M2	2583047	4.06	-

2023

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

Upstream

Optimization IVT 500uL

- Template pDNA production
- Mixer/Incubator arrival
- NEB Reagents (mAbxience)
- Protocol

mRNA :

- DWS Capture Test
- LNP Formulation
- Ribogreen Analytics

NEB reagents arrival

UPS 500uL - 1mL

Optimization IVT 1mL

Opt capping 1mL

- RNA denatured
- Protocolo

mRNA:

- DWS Polishing Test
- capping efficiency analytics

mRNA:

- DWS Capture Test
- LNP Formulation
- Ribogreen analytics

Downstream

DWS 500uL- 1mL

Capture Croma Optimization

- Protocol OligodT (Sartorius/BIA)
- Buffers Preparation

- Protocol OligodT (Thermo)
- Buffers Preparation

RNA :

- capping and post optimization
- Polishing

Capture Croma Optimization

- Protocol C4-HLD monolith
- Buffers Preparation

RNA :

- LNP Formulation

Formulation

LNP Formulation

- Ignite + syringes Arrival
- Protocol

LNPs :

- DLS analytics and Ribogreen

LNPs:

- filtration and formulation for Proof of concept

Analytics

UBA

SB

Ribogreen Optimization

- Analyze to use CC- SB equipment
- Protocol for RNA cuantity

Protocol for efficiently encapsulation of the mRNA

DLS Optimization

Capping efficiently optimization

Digestion with c/ RNAsa

HPLC

- RNAsa H enzime arrival and kit
- Monarch
- Protocol

- HPLC Mbx equipment ?
- Column adquisition
- Protocol

Proof of concept in animals

Institute definition

Commercial agreement/CDA



New mRNA capabilities

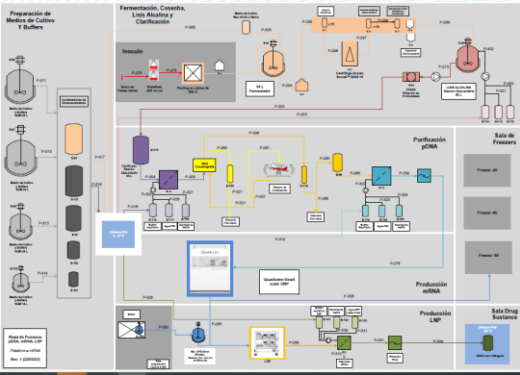


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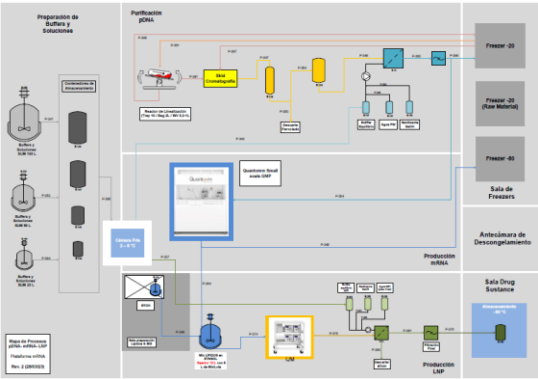
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New R&D / GMP RNA facility

Option	Surface	Estimated cost of construction (USD)
R&D	350 m2	Aprox. 2 M
R&D + pDNA manufacturing + mRNA manufacturing + LNP manufacturing (Process diagram 1)	900 m2 manufacturing, 200 m2 Warehouse y 100 m2 annex areas.	Out of Budget
R&D + mRNA manufacturing + LNP manufacturing (Process diagram 2)	~500 m2	TBD



Process diagram 1



Process diagram 2

Process Flow
Diagram &
mass
balance

Equipment
dimensions

Conceptual
layout

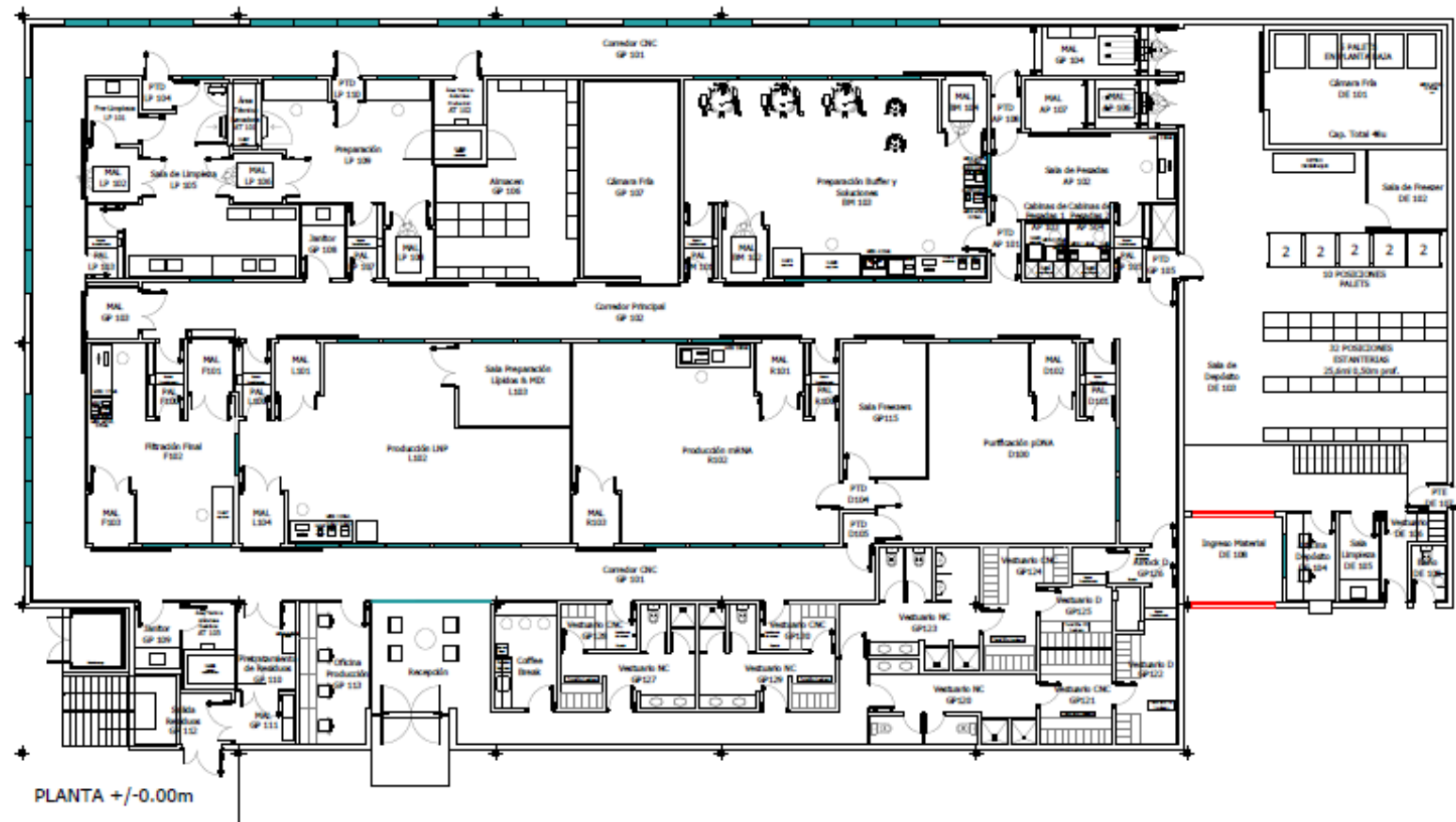
pDNA
linealization

Quantoom
equipment Midi

Knauer system

New R&D and GMP RNA facility

- Start with a R&D layout (**Q1 2023**)
- Finish with a GMP mRNA layout (**Q1 2023**)
- Started construction: Ground preparations (**March 2023**)
- Detail engineering **on going**.
- Equipment quotations & acquisitions **on going**
- Estimated end construction: (**Q3 2024**).



Thank you!

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