



# WEBINAR

## HOW DO WE KEEP YOU IN THE RACE OF COVID-19 ?

TOWARDS NEXT GENERATION SOLUTION PROVIDERS

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# HOW DO WE KEEP YOU IN THE RACE OF COVID-19?

## SUMMARY

- I. The ongoing outbreak and the biopharma industry's answer
- II. Challenges to overcome to find a solution against Covid-19?
- III. How can we keep you in the race?
  - Our alliance
  - Spectrum of expertise
- IV. Q&A session

## TODAY'S SPEAKERS



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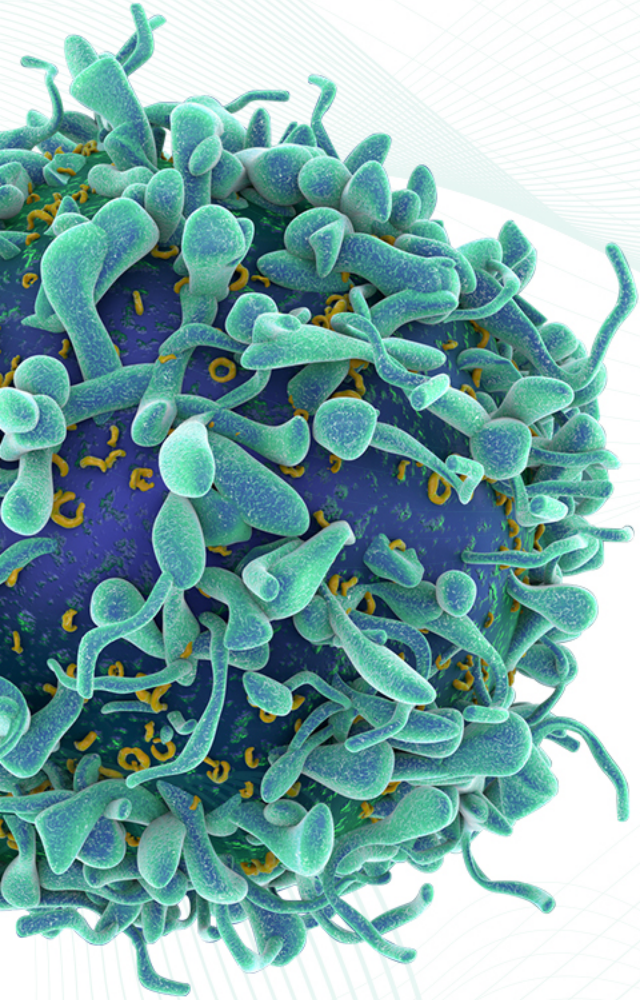


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# The ongoing Covid-19 outbreak

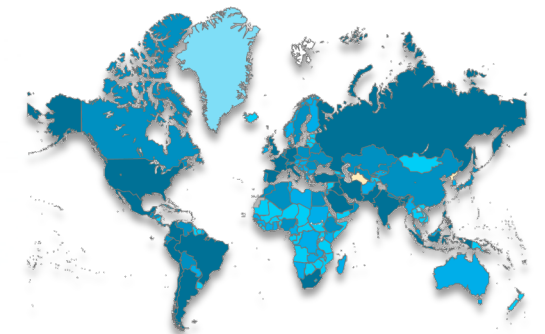
# Infectious diseases landscape

/ A state of constant vigilance

- ✓ For centuries, civilisations have had to deal with various epidemic outbreaks that often lasted several years:



- ✓ Viral zoonotic diseases & vector-borne diseases are considered as **major infectious risks** for the XXI<sup>st</sup> century => the players in the field of infectious disease research are in constant state of alert.
- ✓ Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (**SARS-CoV-2**):
  - > A respiratory virus
  - > A new pathogenicity
  - > Rapidly spreading, global impact



# Biopharma industry's answer to COVID-19 outbreak

/ The race against time

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INVESTMENTS IN DRUG DEVELOPMENT

> 15-20 billion US\$



SPEED-to-MARKET

> Repurposing of products (40%)

> 400 on-going clinical trials



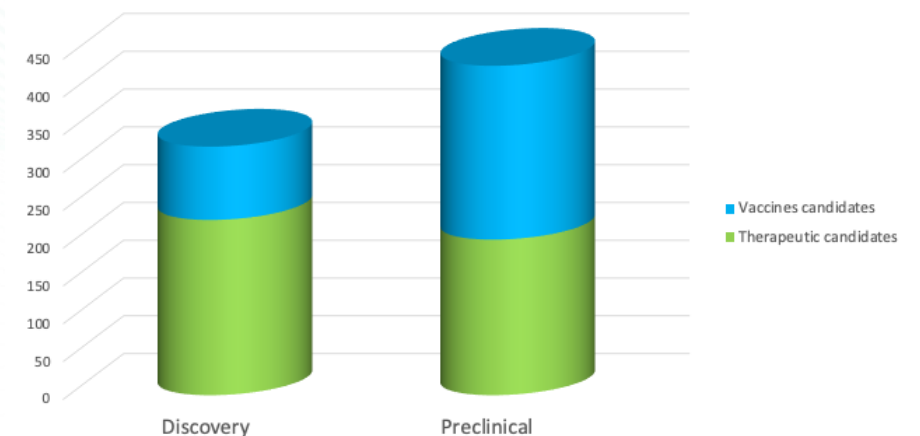
A CROWDED PIPELINE

> 1 200 therapeutics and vaccines in the global pipeline

> Early non-clinical pipeline

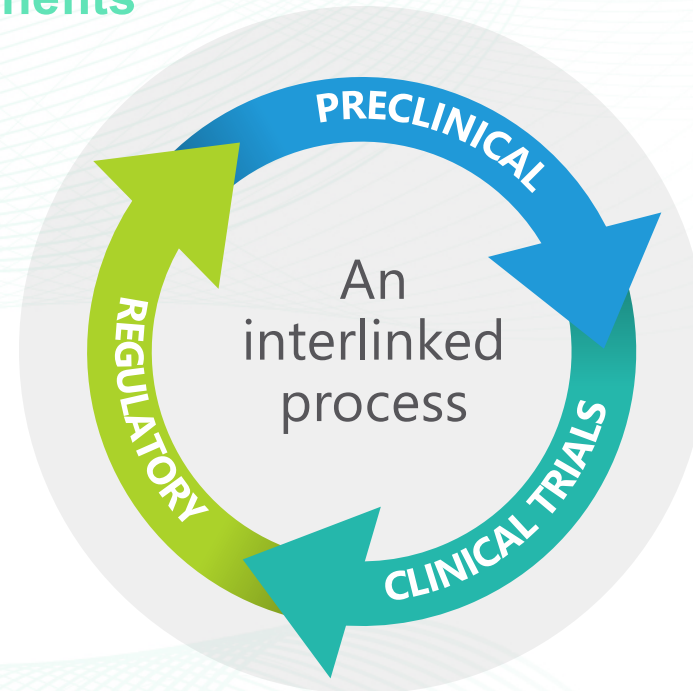
- 51 % innovative candidates
- Biologics incl Vaccines (84%) vs Small molecules (16%)

Landscape of Pipeline Candidates for COVID-19, by Phase



# Biopharma's agility to face the COVID-19 outbreak

/ Be smart for humankind benefits



## PRECLINICAL

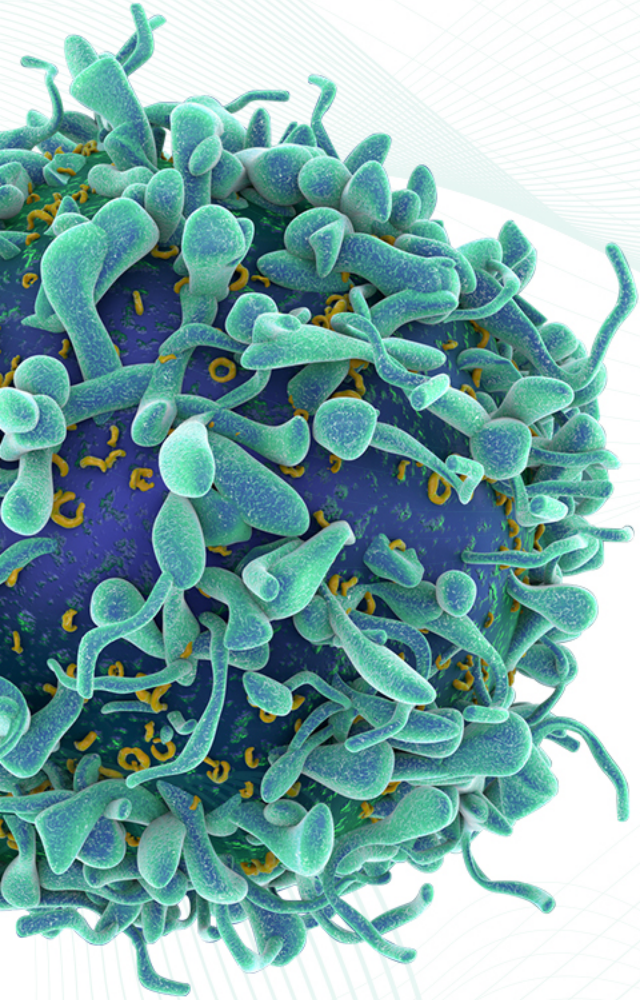
- > Effective and **predictive *in vitro*** assays & ***in vivo*** models
- > Importance of **translational** preclinical research

## CLINICAL TRIALS

- > Safety
- > Recruitment of patients

## REGULATORY

- > Therapeutic vs medical device
- > **Existing regulatory landscape:** development steps and filings



# Challenges to overcome to find a solution against Covid-19

# Regulatory challenges

/ How to optimize regulatory steps?



Description	European Union	United States of America
Serious cond. / unmet need	(Rolling Review)	Fast Track
Expedite development	PRIME	Breakthrough Therapy
Surrogate endpoint, unmet need	Adaptive Pathways	Accelerated Approval
Shorter licensure assessment	Accelerated Assessment	Priority Review (PR)
<b>Unlicensed</b> / Investigational		Emergency Use Authorization
Efficacy data not available <b>YET</b>	Conditional MA	
Efficacy data <b>NOT</b> foreseen	Ma IN Exceptional Circumstances	Animal Efficacy Rule

**Use of existing tools for development as well as MAA/BLA in the two main regions**



# Regulatory challenges: examples

/ How to optimize regulatory steps?



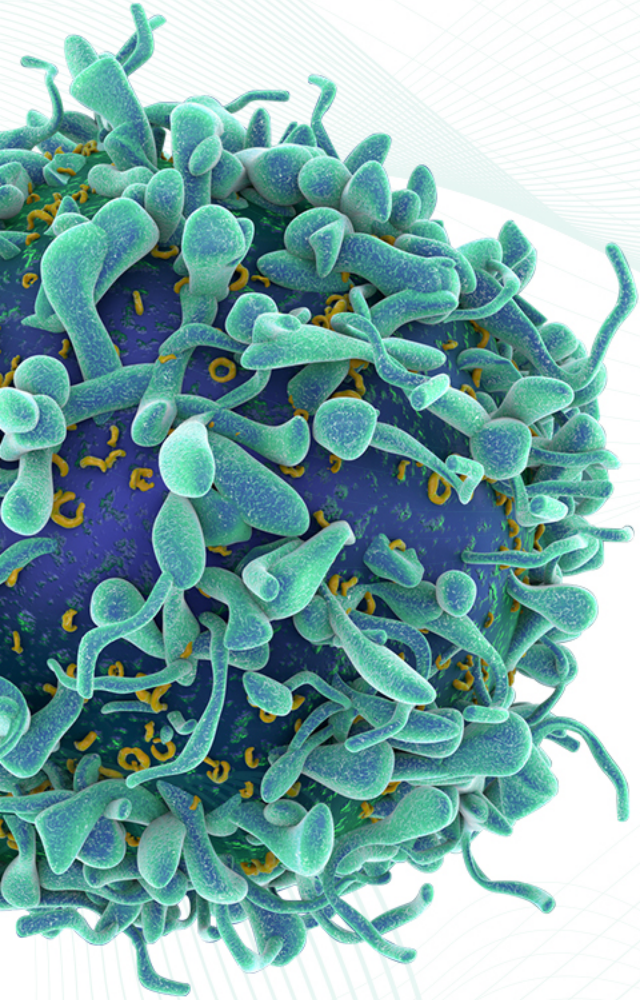
Name, description	European Union	United States of America
Remdesivir	Conditional MA 2020-Jun	EUA 2020-May
Smallpox treatment TPOXX (tecovirimat)		Fast Track, <b>Animal rule</b> , <b>PR Voucher</b> 2018-Jul
Smallpox/monkeypox vaccine (MVA-BN)	MA in <b>Exceptional</b> Circumstances 2013	Fast Track, <b>Pre-EUA</b> , <b>PR Voucher</b> 2019-Sept
Ebola vaccine (Ervebo, Merck, 1 dose)	PRIME, Accelerated assessment <b>Conditional MA</b> 2019-Dec	Breakthrough therapy, <b>PR Voucher</b> 2019-Dec
Ebola vaccine (Janssen, prime-boost)	Accelerated assessment, <b>MA in Exceptional Circumstances</b> 2020-Jul	?

# The importance of a valuable preclinical and early clinical package

/ Support and influence clinical strategies

- ✓ Repurposing drug candidates
- ✓ Prophylactic and Therapeutic vaccine candidates
- ✓ Fit-for-purpose models
- ✓ Regulatory assessments

**Biopharmas companies benefit from our innovative service solutions to accelerate entry into clinics and their market access.**



# How can we keep you in the Covid-19 race?

# Our original alliance

## / Network of partners

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- ✓ **Oncodesign, Aepodia, ERBC, Cynbiose & PharmaLex:** a network of partners convinced that fast and complex drug developments require the use of a collaborative & creative research organization network
  - ✓ We bring together:
    - Thorough understanding of drug development challenges
    - A comprehensive view of the drug development process
    - State of the art & cutting-edge approaches
    - Technological platforms
    - Ability to set up an appropriate project governance structure
    - End-to-end solutions

# Our original alliance

## / Network assets & values

- ✓ **Fit-to-purpose solutions**
  - Fully integrated preclinical drug discovery services
  - Preclinical & clinical drug development
  - Comprehensive technological preclinical & clinical expertise
  - Regulatory & development Strategy
  
- ✓ **Predictive and translational research capabilities**
  - Broad range of valuable preclinical models and assays
  - Technological platforms at the forefront to support multidisciplinary & scientific teams
  
- ✓ **Extended & selected network of clinicians, academics and industrial partners**
  
- ✓ **Client-driven & flexible organization**
  - Dedicated & responsive project manager
  - Alliance partnership agreement
  - Integrity, agility, solidarity

# Spectrum of expertise



**DISCOVERY**



**PRECLINICAL STUDIES**  
Exploratory studies      GLP studies



IND/CTA



**CLINICAL STUDIES**



From Discovery to IND/CTA for innovative therapies thanks to precision medicine



Exploratory pharmacology, safety & PoC studies in translational non-human primate models



Advice & complete on a timely manner preclinical pharmacology and regulatory studies



Design & manage early clinical studies



Regulatory & pharmacovigilance

# Oncodesign

/ Committed to help finding innovative treatments against pandemic COVID-19 disease



## Fit-to-purpose solutions

- Biochemical assays
- Cell assays
- Animal disease models
- Immunomonitoring & viral loads in clinics



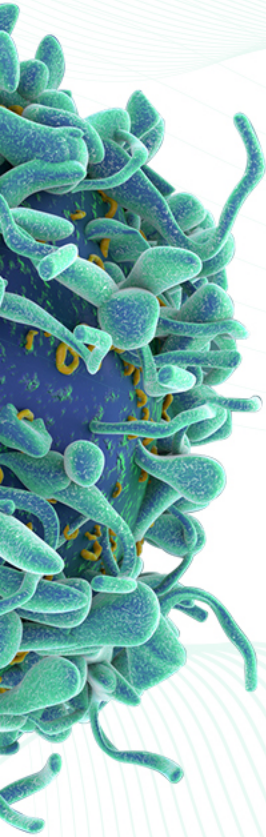
## In vitro assays

- Compound binding to spike or ACE
- Spike S – ACE, protein-protein interaction
- TMPRSS2, protease enzymatic assay

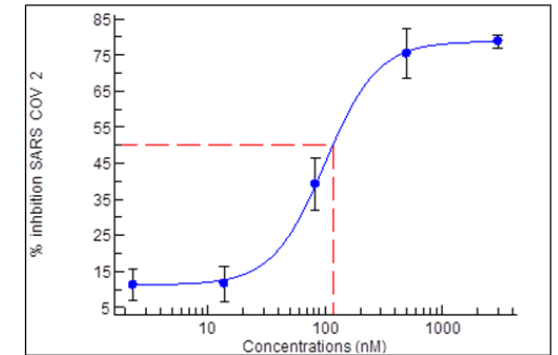


## Cell assays

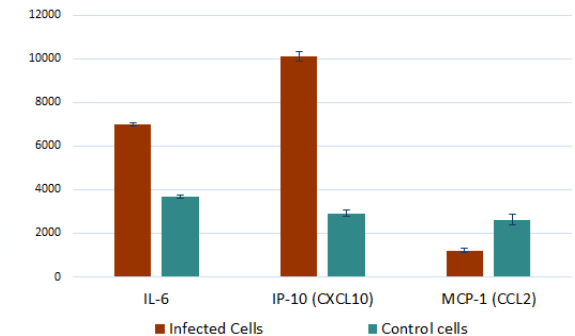
- Human lung epithelial cells
- Viral load
- Cytopathogenic effect
- Immune modulation



Inhibition of SARS-CoV2 infection in VeroE6-TMPRSS2 cells by the PIKfyve inhibitor Apilimod



SARS-CoV-2-induced cytokine in Calu-3 cells (multiplex bead assay)



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## Animal disease models

- > SARS-CoV-2 infected animal models
  - > Golden Syrian
  - > Cynomolgus macaque
- > Pulmonary fibrosis



- Clinical monitoring & scoring
- Viral load
- Organ histology
- Cytokine profiling (qRT-PCR, ELISA)
- Immune cell phenotyping (FACS)
- Antibody response (ELISA, neutralization)
- DMPK/PD
- Non-invasive nuclear imaging (Macaque)



## Clinical trial

- > Cytokine storm
- > Viral load

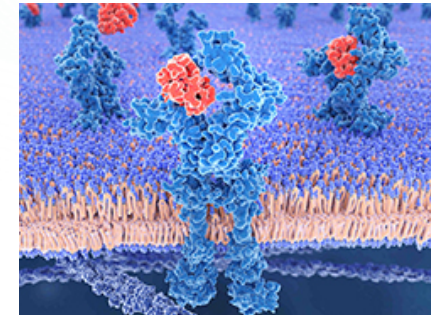


## Client-driven & flexible organization

- > New model to become
- > Dedicated & responsive project manager
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Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS)



Cytokine Storm



# Cynbiose

/ Derisk your lead in a translational preclinical model



## ✓ Fit-to-purpose translational solutions for infectious & respiratory diseases

- **NHP *in vivo* model**, relevant for assessing immunotherapies and vaccines in these therapeutic areas
- Extensive expertise and capabilities in **infectious diseases**
- **Exploratory** pharmacology, immunogenicity and early tox (pulmonary, ...)
- Unique capabilities for **aerosol therapies**



Cell line

**Reconstituted human airway epithelium models** of SARS-CoV-2 infection

PK / PD

**Immunogenicity**  
**Early tox, Immunotox**

**SARS-CoV-2 NHP model:**

- human strain
- routes of admin (IN, IT, aerosol, ...)
- samplings
- virological analysis

# Cynbiose

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- ✓ **State-of-the-art facilities and quality**
  - Animal facility: AAALAC accredited, BSL-2/3, GMOs
  - Ethics & animal welfare: a major concern
  - QMS: GLP-like
  
- ✓ **Cynbiome®**
  - A new area of preclinical research on the relationship between **microbiome and infectious diseases**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> **preclinical network of excellence** with French partners (biopharmas, CROs and academic teams)
  
- ✓ **Client-driven & flexible preclinical CRO**
  - **Flexibility, agility**, advice
  - Design of customized and flexible **protocols**
  - Extended & selected **network** of scientific partners
  - **Strong customer relationship** and support

# ERBC

## / What preclinical studies before First In Man?

### ✓ Follow the appropriate guideline

- › ISO for medical device, ICH M3 R2 for NCE, ICH S6 for biologics, WHO for vaccine, EMEA guidelines
- › GLP environnement

### ✓ Adapt the experimental plan

- › Mimic what will be done in clinical use: route and administration schema
- › Chose the species (rodents rat or mouse and/or non rodent dogs, NHP, minipigs, rabbits)
- › Define the duration based on the intended clinical duration
- › Chose the relevant biomarkers

### ✓ Example: New Chemical Entity

- › Analytical validation for formulation and bioanalysis
- › Genotoxicity
- › Repeated toxicology in **2 species** rodents and non rodents, including TK evaluation
- › Safety pharmacology, core battery: CNS, respiratory, cardiovascular (non rodent telemetry and in vitro hERG)

### ✓ Example: vaccine

- › Analytical methods (Ab levels by ELISA, cellular immunity by ELISPOT)
- › Repeated toxicity studies in **a single species** who should develop an immune response, susceptible to the pathogen, including local tolerance. Same number of injections as intended in Humans but with 2-3 weeks between 2 injections
- › Biomarkers: cytokines, CRP
- › Safety pharmacology: included in tox study or stand alone studies

- ✓ Case by case approach: repositioning based on data already available (bridging study), biologics, ATMP

# Aepodia

## / First-in-Man up to Proof-of-Concept Clinical Trials

- ✓ **Review and Advice on Preclinical-Clinical Package**
  - Mechanism of action (MOA) and potential biomarkers of activity
  - Clinical Development Plan including disease biomarkers, translational medicine
  - Preclinical Development including Regulatory package to support FIM
  - Regulatory Submissions (CTA) and Scientific Advice
  
- ✓ **Operational Excellence – GCLP/GCP Environment**
  - Clinical Project Managers experienced in early clinical trials with multiple partners
  - Ongoing review of generated data – permanent adjustment – proactivity / anticipation
  
- ✓ **Extended & Selected Network of Clinicians, Academics Hospitals and Industrial Partners**
  - All experienced in Phase I-II clinical trials (e.g. multiple amendments)
  
- ✓ **Client-Driven & Flexible Organization**
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## / Clinical Trials during COVID-19 Pandemic Situation (non exhaustive list !)

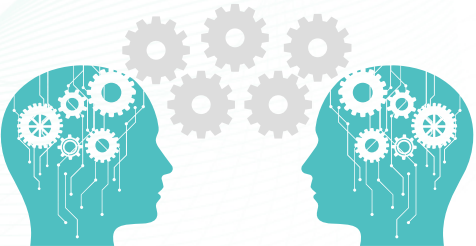
- ✓ **Trial Management & Monitoring**
  - Training for Data Integrity & Data Privacy for Home Nurses – access to Source Data and SDV – remote monitoring
  - Clinical Trial Materials – direct supply to patients at home – adjust visit of nurses at home
  - Vendors – Central laboratories – Suppliers (ALL !)
  - Import/Export of biological samples (custom clearance)
  - Risk Management Plan
- ✓ **Data Management**
  - eCRF completion Guidelines in case of positive testing to Sars-CoV-2– MedDRA coding & conventions – data base checks
  - Enable Snapshot of Clinical database – “permanent” or at least regularly – reporting tools – medical review
- ✓ **Informed Consent, Protocol and Clinical Stud Report**
  - Adjust Informed Consent - Manage Protocol Deviation in a timely manner – impact on study – Substantial Amendment – Urgent Safety Measures – Temporary Halt
- ✓ **Trial Master File (TMF) – temporary halt for paper collection / organize scanning**
- ✓ **Guidance to Clinical Sites and Patients !**

# PharmaLex

/ Confidence beyond Compliance

- ✓ **Fit-to-purpose solutions**
  - CMC (Quality), Preclinical & Clinical drug development
  - Regulatory & Development Strategy
  - Data Management & Statistics
  - Medical writing services (IMPD/IND/IB and CSRs)
  - Ad-hoc development and Regulatory Consultancy
  - Regulatory and PharmacoVigilance Surveillance
  
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Exploratory pharmacology to Preclinical Studies

Pharmacology & Safety studies:  
PK, PD, Immunogenicity,  
Immunotox,  
PoC studies (incl. Infectious)  
Biomarkers / Imaging, Microbiome

Efficacy studies (infectious & respiratory, SARS-CoV-2)  
Immunopharmacology  
Physiological barriers crossing studies  
Biomarkers / Imaging

Advice to Preclinical Studies

Preliminary non GLP  
toxicity MTD/DRF (rodent / non-rodent)  
Pharmacology models

Toxicology (incl. TK, immunomonitoring): single / repeated dose - GLP

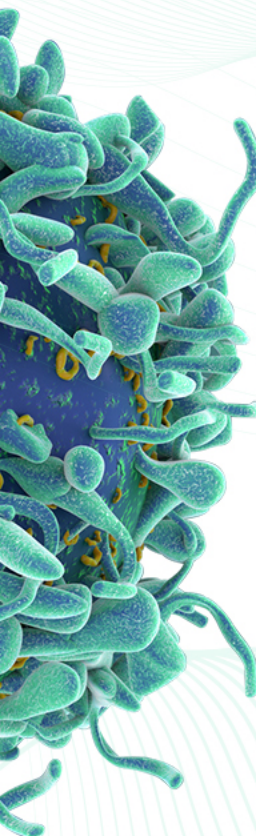
Case by case depending on the test item (GLP):  
> Safety pharmacology  
> Reproductive & developmental toxicity (fertility, Embryo-foetal)  
> Genotoxicity

Design & Advice to Preclinical Studies

Biomarker / pharmaco-imaging

From First in Man to Clinical PoC  
Biomarkers & PK / PD

Development strategy & regulatory development advices



# Question & Answer Session your Innovative Solution Providers from Discovery to First-in-Man requests





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