## **ADJUVANTS**

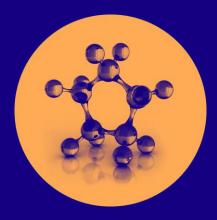
THE TOOL TO OBTAIN THE REQUIRED IMMUNE RESPONSES IN PROPHYLACTIC AND THERAPEUTIC VACCINATION

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### **Croda Pharma platforms**





Small Molecule Delivery Protein Delivery





Adjuvant Systems

### Human and Veterinary Health





## **Our journey to Croda Pharma**

1925

Croda was

founded

### 2000 onwards

Ongoing investments in high purity excipients



Acquisition of world leading lipid portfolio

2022

Our Health Care business becomes









Croda Pharma

Decades of **Smart science to improve lives**<sup>™</sup> across consumer and health ingredients

### 2018

Biosector acquisition, industry leading vaccine adjuvants 2021

Global investments in pharma +£100m – a commitment to advancing expertise

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## Croda Pharma Adjuvant Systems R&D goals

- To be the "go-to" partner for human vaccine companies
- To design and develop vaccine adjuvant systems for any purpose needed
- To design adjuvant systems, where supplies are not at risk
- To bring forth safe and effective adjuvant systems to the world



## **Modern vaccines**

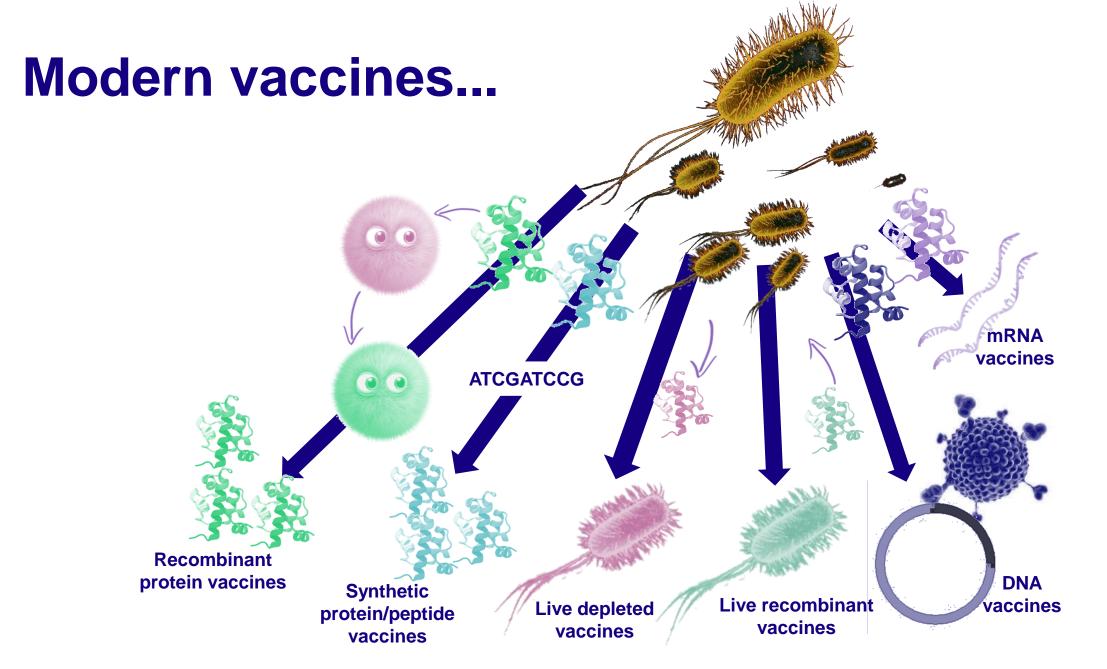




## Vaccination is all about

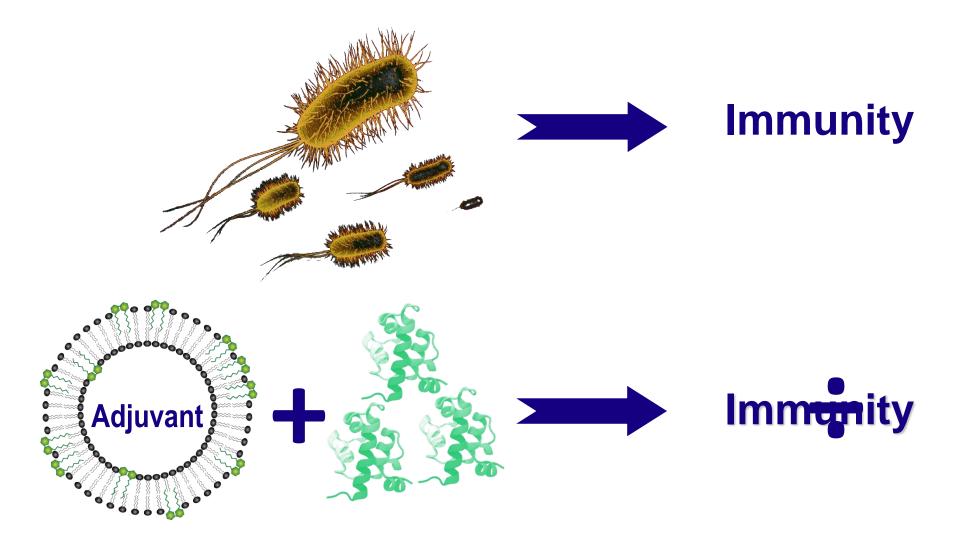
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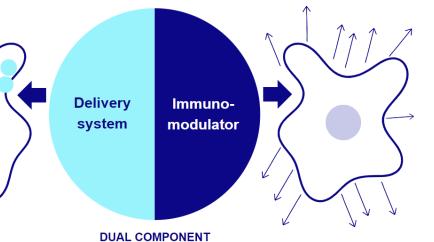




### Modern vaccines vs old...







DUAL COMPONENT ADJUVANT SYSTEM

## **Modern vaccines**

### **Delivery system**

compositions facilitating delivery of antigen and immunomodulators to the right cells

### **Immunomodulator**

compounds having a specific modulating/stimulating effect on the immune system affecting the flavour/strength/duration of the immune response

### **Antigen**

a molecule or molecular structure or any foreign particulate matter that can bind to a specific antibody or T-cell receptor



## Vaccine adjuvants in approved vaccines

1926

2019

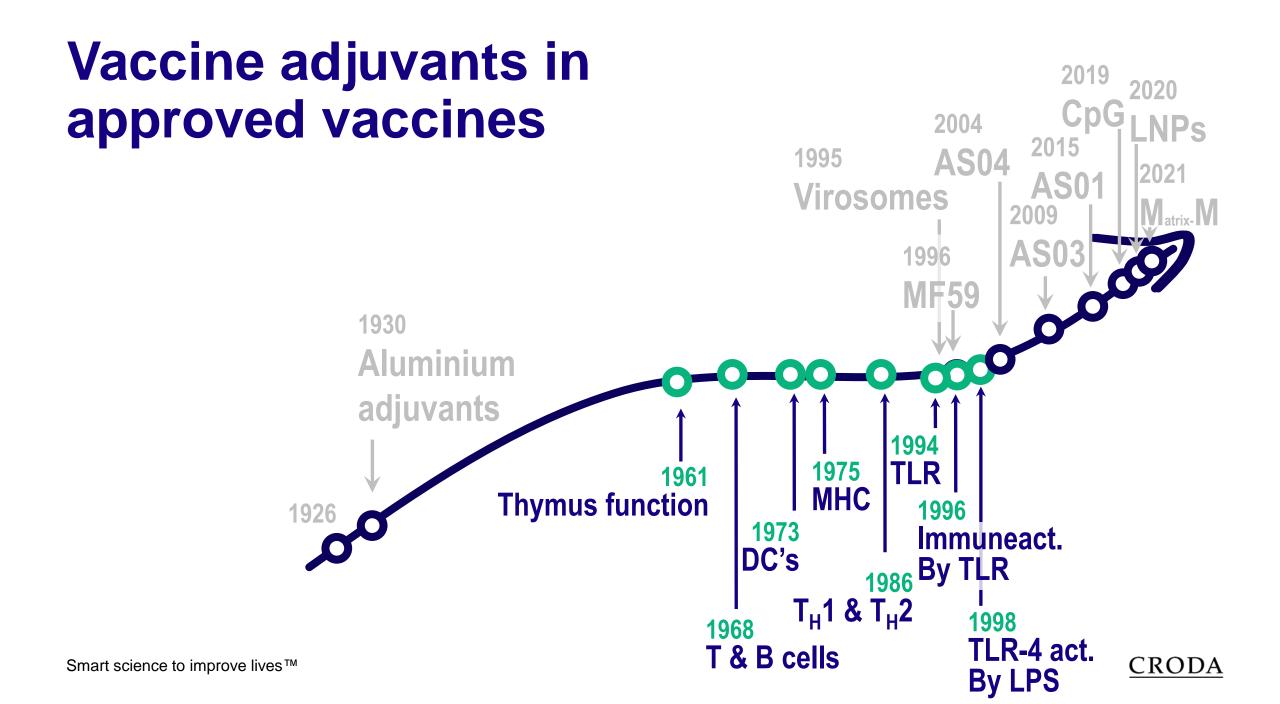
1930 Aluminium

adjuvants

Gaston Ramon (1886–1963), a veterinarian at the Pasteur Institute in France, observed that horses given diphtheria toxin had a stronger immune response if they had some inflammation at the injection site. Among his first adjuvants were Agar, Yapioca, Lecithin, Starch oil, Saponin, Bread crumps, grinded coffee & alum.







## The Immunomodulator



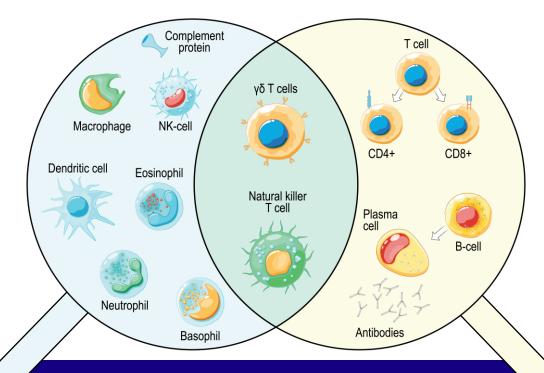


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### The actors

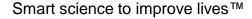


### INNATE IMMUNE SYSTEM

- Recognises general patterns on the pathogen – THE DARK FIELDS
- Reacts with full power
- Induces disease symptoms
- Presents unique patterns (antigens) to the adaptive immune system

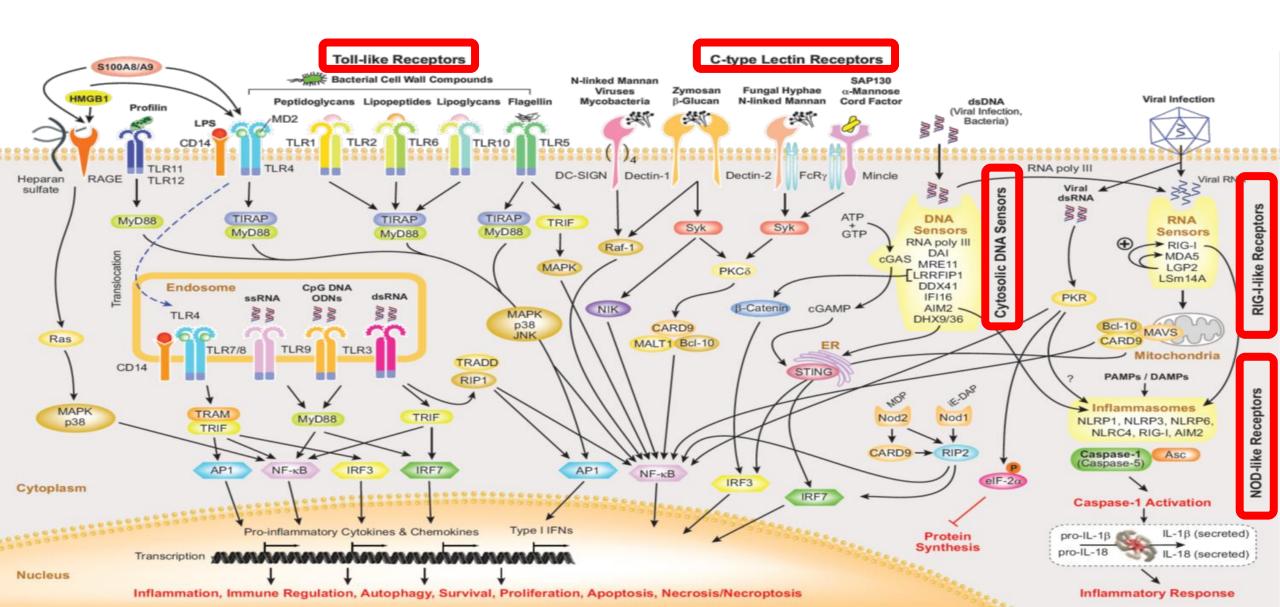
## ADAPTIVE

- Recognises unique patterns on the pathogen – THE COLOURED FIELDS
- Reacts controlled and specifically
- "No" symptoms
- Stored in immunological memory





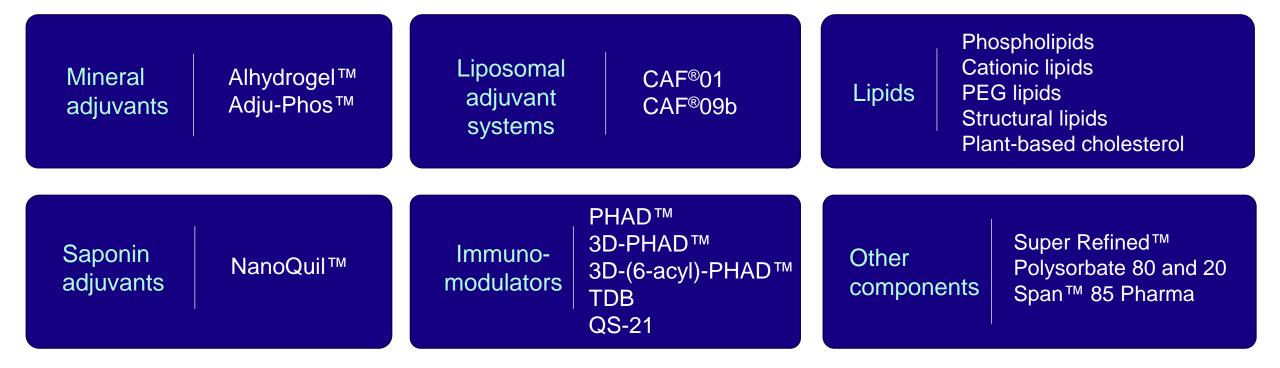
## Immunomodulatory targets (PRRs)



### Croda Immunomodulators



### From research to GMP grade supply





## From PAMP to immunomodulator

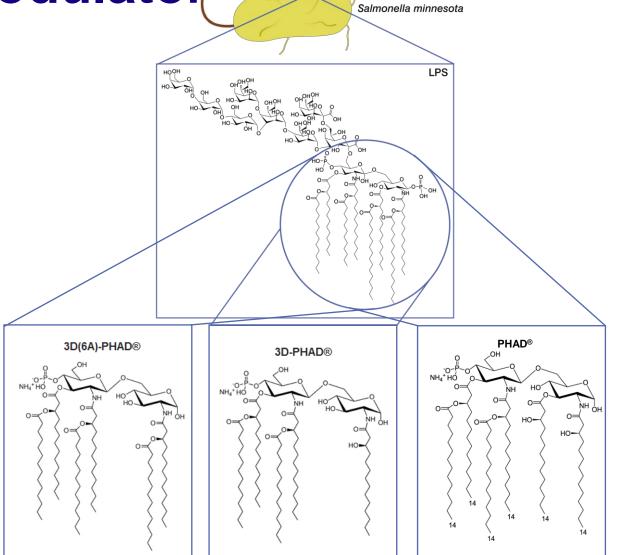
#### Lipopolysaccharide (LPS)

- Component of the outer membrane of gram-negative bacteria
- Contributing to the structural integrity of the bacteria
- Induces a strong response from normal animal immune systems targeting several PRRs including TLR2 and 4

#### Phosphorylated HexaAcyl Disaccharide (PHAD)

- Fully synthetic equivalent to bacterial-derived monophosphoryl lipid A
- TLR4 agonist inducing Th1 responses
- 3 types available in GMP quality
  - PHAD (also referred as GLA)\*
  - 3D-PHAD
  - 3D(6-acyl)-PHAD

\*proven safety and tolerability in >30 clinical trials





## The delivery system



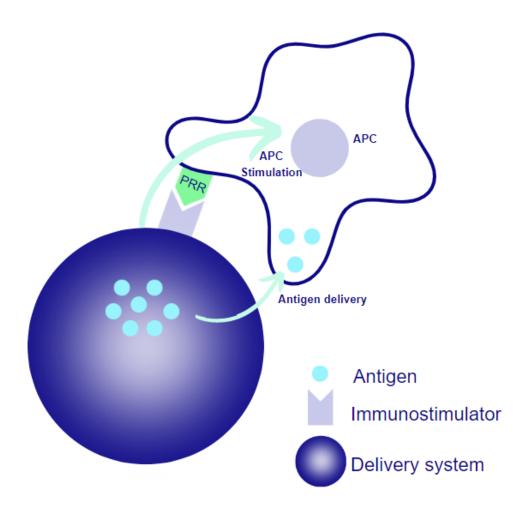


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## Vaccine delivery properties



- Vaccines typically contain multiple modalities
  - Antigen modalities
    - Proteins
    - Peptides
    - DNA
    - Split components
    - Whole inactivated pathogens
    - Etc.

#### • Immunomodulator modalities

- Lipids (MPL, TDB, MMG, PDIM etc)
- Proteins (CTB, CTA, DT)
- Peptides (MDP)
- DNA (CpG motifs)
- RNA (poly IC)
- Small molecules (Resiguimod, Imiquimod etc)
- Etc.

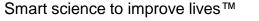


## **Delivery system**

- Liposomes
- ISCOMS
- o/w emulsions
- w/o emulsions
- polymer micro- and nanoparticles
- Gels
- Crystals
- Salts
- Cubosomes
- Hexosomes
- Etc.





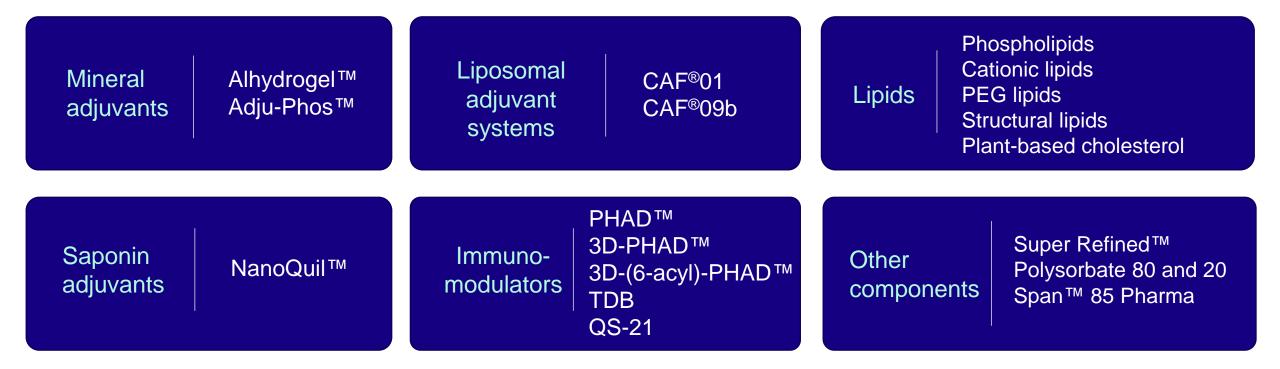




# Croda Components for delivery systems



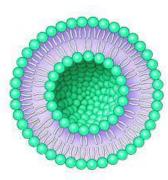
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### **GMP components for adjuvant delivery & formulation**

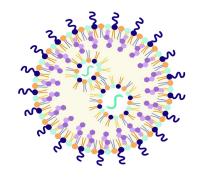
### Liposomes



#### **GMP** lipids for liposomes

- DSPC
- DMPC
- DMPG
- Plant-based cholesterol (EP2397)

### Lipid nanoparticles



**GMP** lipids for LNPs

DMG-PEG2000

DSPE-PEG2000

Plant-based cholesterol

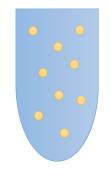
DOTAP

DSPC

DOPE

(EP2397)

### **Emulsions**



### High purity excipients

- Super Refined Polysorbate 80
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  Polysorbate 20
- Span 85 Pharma

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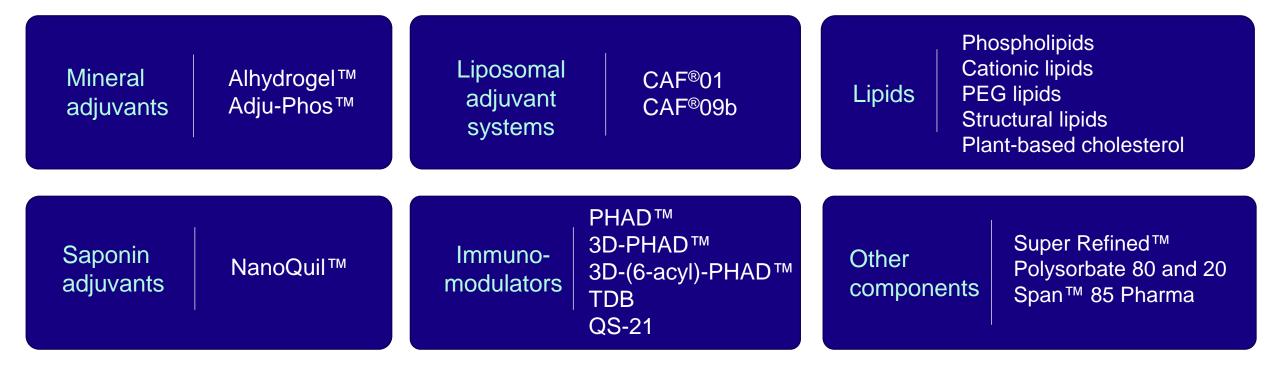
## The Croda Adjuvant Systems



# A unique portfolio for vaccine development



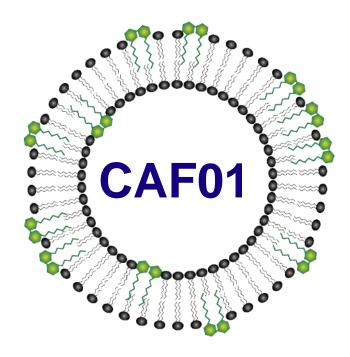
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# CAFRO1 A two-component liposomal suspension composed of dimethyldioctadecylammonium (DDA) and C-type lectin receptor agonist trehalose dibehenate (TDB).

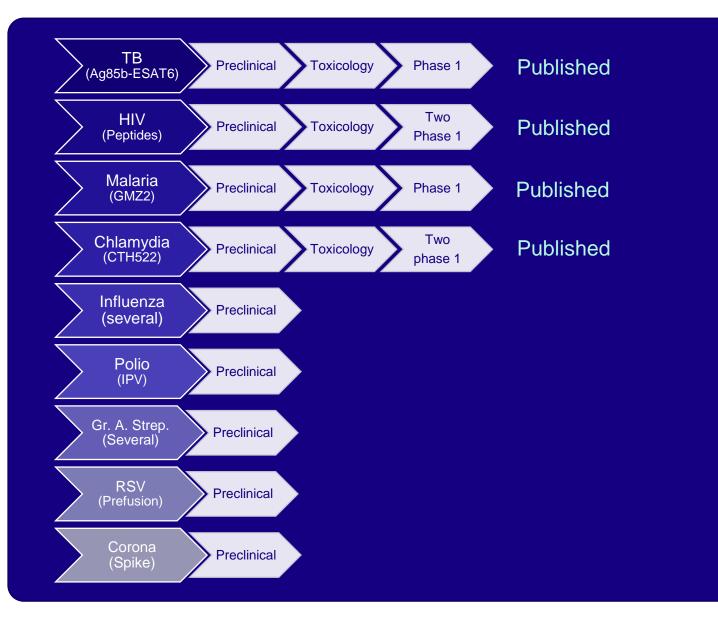
- A fully synthetic cationic liposomal adjuvant formulation that drives both humoral and cellular immune response in combination with eg protein- and peptide-based antigens
- Elicits potent antigen-specific T-cell responses (Th1/Th17)
- Excellent long-term stability
- Proven safety and tolerability, no residual tissue damage, no injection site nodule formation





## **Status CAF01**

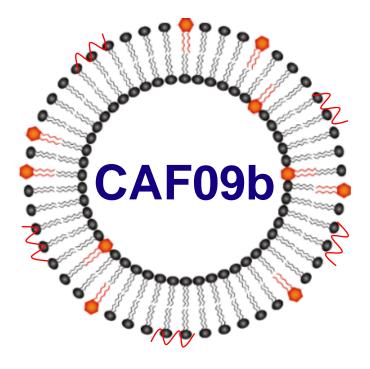
- 6 finalised phase 1 CT
- 4 different antigens
- Strong Th1/Th17 and antibody responses

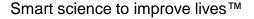




### CAFRO96 A three component liposomal suspension based on DDA combined w. CLR agonist monomycoloyl glycerol (MMG) and TLR3 agonist poly I:C

- A fully synthetic cationic liposomal adjuvant formulation that drives strong CD8 T-cell responses after vaccination in combination with eg peptide- or protein-based antigens
- Proven safety and better tolerability in comparison to poly I:C
- Early stage studies indicate it could be a potential adjuvant for mucosal applications

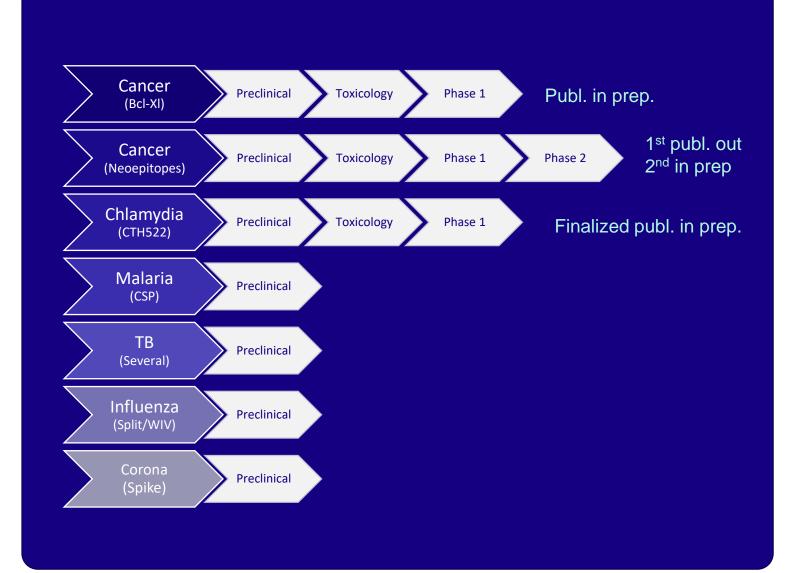






## **Status CAF09b**

- 3 finalized phase 1 CT
- 1 ongoing phase 2 CT
- Cancer trials: TAA and neoepitopes
  - i.p. + i.m. vaccinations
  - Strong Th1 and CTL responses
- Chlamydia trial: CTH522
  - i.m. vaccinations







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## We are actively pursuing new partnerships

- We <u>are</u> specialists in vaccine adjuvant research, development and production
- We <u>will</u> engage in vaccine programs with collaborators from **academia** to **big pharma**
- We <u>do</u> supply highest quality products for preclinical and clinical development programs
- We <u>perform</u> custom vaccine Ag+Adjuvant formulation development
- We <u>perform</u> characterization of vaccine Ag+ Adjuvant formulations
- We <u>ensure</u> adjuvant supply from research to final product

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### Thank you!

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