LENTIVIRAL VECTOR MANUFACTURING: A SUCCESSFUL AND REPRODUCIBLE CONTINUUM PROCESS FROM RESEARCH BATCHES TO CLINICAL APPLICATION

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Challenges of lentiviral vector manufacturing scalability for ex vivo clinical applications

Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMP) needs for CAR-T/CAR-NK cells applications have intensified and require highly purified lentiviral vectors (LV) as starting material for ex vivo clinical trials. Ensuring a continuum from discovery to clinical applications requires to successfully shift between production scales while maintaining process performance attributes and critical quality attributes.

GMP batches Engineering Batch Demo -Batch R&D -Batch **DNA delivery for a stable expression Integrative Lentiviral vectors**



Transgene specific plasmid ratio







(HS36) **Hyperstack**® technology was implemented for both integrative & non integrative Ientiviral vectors production (RNA delivery, LentiFlash[®]), able to produce **up to 10¹² infectious** particles.

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Demonstrated raw material C. representativeness from R&D to GMP



Infectious titers (Integrated compared Genomes/mL) were for Hyperstack process with either R&D or Similar GMP grade raw materials. process yields were obtained at all different process steps.

Product quality with both raw material grades was further assessed via T-cell transduction efficiency and transgene expression level at low MOI, showing no raw materials effect increased quality through and purification.

crude

supernatant

TFF1

GMP raw materials

final product

and raw materials used at MOI<2

final product

TFF1

R&D raw materials





batches Crude produced in 3rd generation, compared to 2nd generation. Infectious titer (Integrated Genome/mL) is quantified by qPCR after transduction of HCT116 cells. p24 titer is quantified by ELISA assay.

Titer and infectivity are plasmid ratio dependent.

CAR expression in human T cells transduced by integrative lentiviral vectors of ratio 1 2G ratio 2 ratio 3 ratio 4 Control Plasmid ratio of 3G helpers

Human primary T cells are activated by CD3/CD28 beads prior being transduced the same volume of crude by supernatant. % of CAR positive cells is by flow cytometry measured after immunostaining of the CAR. Transgene expression is ratio dependent.



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Process Performance Attributes (PPA) & Critical Quality Attributes (CQA)





GMP manufacturing seed train consists in HEK293T cells thawing in Cellstack 1 (CS1) followed by amplification in Cellstack 10 (CS10) before Hyperstacks 36 seeding. Batch-to-batch consistency is observed for both cell viability (left) at each step, with highly reproducible cell growth for each step (doubling time, right). Nucleocounter NC200® is used for both measurements.

Harvested cell suspension is then used for seeding either 1 line of 4 Hyperstack[®] (engineering or GMP pilot batch) or 3 lines of 4 Hyperstack® (GMP batch)

A detailed analytical characterization of the product was established with internal method (Integrated (IG/mL), and genome led to equivalent process performance yields, throughout the different process steps for both engineering & GMP batches, with equivalent ex vivo transduction efficiency at low MOI (data not shown).





Process related-impurities such as **HCP**, quantified using GMP QCs, was in a 3-fold magnitude order between scales, with low endotoxins content.

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Here, we describe a successful and reproducible continuum process for LV manufacturing, from Discovery to Clinical phases, leading to highly reliable process yield & quality attributes to generate starting material LV batches for ex vivo clinical applications.



Ensuring a continuum from discovery to clinical applications requires to successfully shift between LV production scales while: Providing batch-to-batch seed train consistency Maintaining LV productivity & high infectivity ratio Ensuring consistent process-related impurities level between scales, compliant with ex vivo use

These solid results provide relevant elements for the scalability of our continuum for GMP batches, with manufacturing capabilities up to 180L of crude supernatant and between 100 and 300 mL of filled **product**. It strengthens the claim of an easy and prompt transition from R&D activities to phases 1/2 clinical studies. Manufacturing capabilities.

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