

## Single and Low Dose Self Replicating RNA Vaccine Provides Effective Immune Protection Against Rabies in Healthy Volunteers

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# srRNA: an instruction manual for your body's own cells to create fully natural mRNA

Mechanism for protein expression



Replication machinery is only created the first few hours; mRNA production is a self-limiting process

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## **REPLICATE srRNA outperforms circRNA and linear mRNA**

#### Luciferase expression (bioluminescence)



## **RBI-4000** is a rabies srRNA vaccine

#### **Rationale: Why Rabies?**

- (1) Clean participant population: no prior exposure
- (2) WHO-established surrogate metric for protection (RVNA  $\ge$  0.5 IU/mL)
- (3) Cross trial comparisons in linear mRNA and srRNA
- RBI-4000 composed of proprietary srRNA vector encoding validated antigen, rabies glycoprotein, encapsulated in a novel LNP composition
- Preclinical testing showed:
  - Durable rabies virus neutralizing antibodies (RVNA) above the WHO-defined surrogate metric for protection down to 0.0015 mcg
  - Robust T cell activity
  - 100% protection from a lethal challenge
  - Detectable RNA out to 60+ days
  - Strong safety profile consistent with a typical prophylactic vaccine



## **RBI-4000-101 phase 1 study design**

#### Phase 1 (n = 84 healthy volunteers)

Regimen: mcg intramuscular injection x1 or x2 (8-week interval)



#### **Key Inclusion**

- 18-45 y.o.
- Seronegative for hep B, hep C, HIV, rabies virus neutralizing antibodies
- Normal hematologic and biochemical parameters
- No pre-existing medical conditions

#### **Key Exclusion**

- Prior rabies vaccination or exposure
- Any immunosuppressive or immunodeficient condition or immunosuppressant medications
- Any history of myocarditis and/or pericarditis
- Lymphoproliferative disorder or malignancy within 5 yr

#### **Enrolled at 2 US sites**

- Miami (Dr. Somodevilla)
- Omaha (Dr. Essink)

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\* RBI 4000 data as of March 21, 2024

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## **RBI-4000-101 demography: groups are well balanced**

	Cohort 1	Cohort 2	Cohort 3	Cohort 4	Cohort 5	Total
Mean age in yrs (range)	35.6 (23-45)	34.4 (25-45)	36 (22-45)	32.5 (20-43)	36.7 (27-44)	35 (20-45)
Sex (M/F)	10/10	10/9	3/16	8/10	7/6	38/51
Race (B/W/O)	5/15	4/15	2/17	4/12/2	4/8/1	19/67/3
Ethnicity (Hispanic or Latino / other)	10/10	9/10	10/9	10/8	6/7	45/44
Total Enrolled	20	19	19	18	13	89
Replaced	1 RVNA+ 2 lost to FU	1 RVNA+	1 RVNA+		1 lost to FU	



## **RBI-4000-101: low reactogenicity without any SAEs**

Well tolerated. No DLT. No SAEs. MTD not reached.

#### Local AEs







DLT=dose limiting toxicity. SAE=serious adverse event. MTD=maximally tolerated dose. NA = not applicable; AE = adverse event. Data as of March 21, 2024.

## Immunogenicity: 300-1000x lower dose than other mRNA vaccines

Clinical bioactivity at 0.1 mcg, and with a single dose





## **RBI-4000 primes RVNA in dose dependent manner**

Single 10 mcg dose results in 3 months of protection, similar to approved vaccine



### **RBI-4000 can achieve similar peak levels of RVNA to RabAvert**

Strong Prime and Boost Responses.



## Subjects seropositive at baseline exhibit a strong, durable boost

>13-fold increase in geometric mean of Rabies Viral Neutralizing Antibodies (RVNA) over baseline

Rabies Virus Neutralizing Antibodies (RVNA IU/mL) (geometric mean titers of baseline seropositive subjects, all cohorts)



## **RBI-4000-101 conclusions**

- Clean safety profile: RBI-4000 was well tolerated at all doses tested with no DLTs or SAEs
  - MTD was not reached in this study enabling further dose escalation if desired
  - Adverse events were mild or moderate, self-limiting and usually required no treatment
  - Low reactogenicity/high tolerability *derives from improved manufacturing of long RNA*
- Improved bioactivity: RBI-4000 RVNA titers above surrogate of protection in majority of subjects
  - Down to lowest dose evaluated (Cohort 1: 0.1 mcg)
  - Following a single dose (Cohort 3 and Cohort 4 prime; 10 mcg)
  - The high bioactivity derives from propriety vector engineering and optimization
- The high bioactivity/low reactogenicity combination represents a platform improvement and constitutes a step up from existing approaches
  - Broad potential applications across many areas of medicine

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