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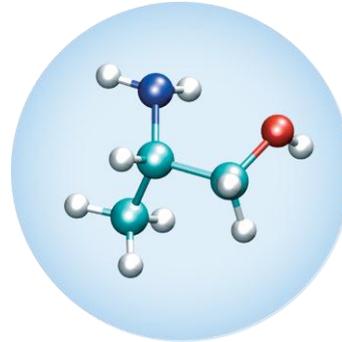
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The company

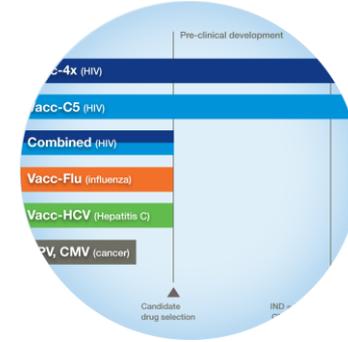
Who we are



Norwegian led



Proprietary platform



Attractive portfolio



Experienced management



World class advisors



Substantial investment



Bionor Pharma is a leading vaccine company, searching for breakthrough treatments for HIV and other deadly viruses.



Modified Peptide based vaccines

There are many benefits of using modified peptides, and among the most important are the safety profile, and that they are effective to administer for people at all ages, all over the world.

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Latest news

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[Bionor Pharma presents data from HIV vaccine research at scientific meeting in Baltimore](#)

SCIENTIFIC 14.10.2012

Baltimore 14.10.2012 - Research on Vacco-4x and Vacco-C5 is today presented at the Annual Meeting of Institute of Human Virology

[Bionor Pharma featured in Positiv magazine](#)

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Our Clinical Advisory Board consists of prominent experts within the fields of vaccines and immunology. Meet

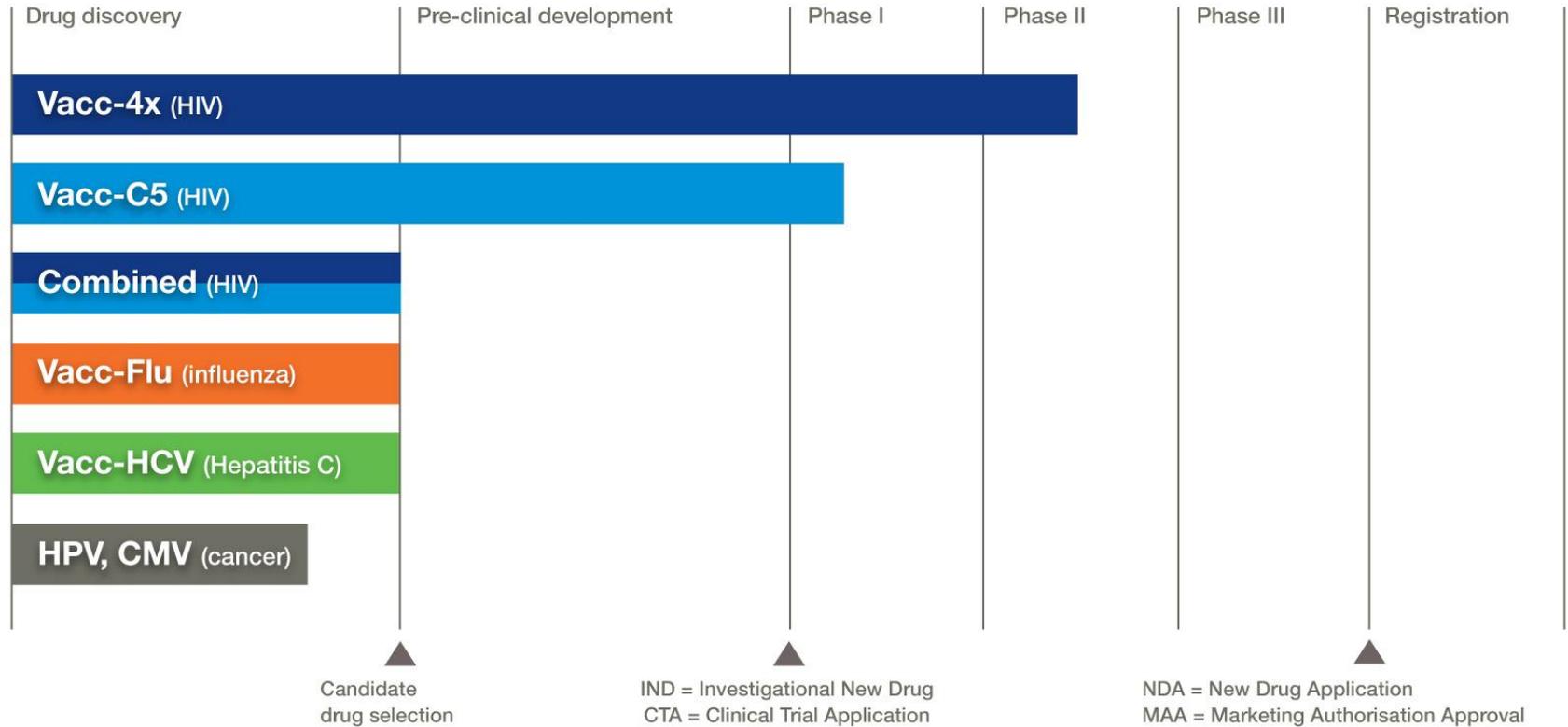


Aim to cure HIV infection

Whereas Vacco-4x appears to kill virus-producing cells, Vacco-C5 has the potential to reduce the damaging



Bionor Pharma Pipeline



Ongoing studies



Three studies at sixteen sites



Vacc-4x reboost

Reboost with Vacc-4x in patients from the phase II study

Approval expected: USA + 4 European countries, Q4 2012 , approx.11 clinics, ca. 40 patients

First patient enrolling: End of Q4 2012

Design: Two immunizations of Vacc-4x while on ART, then up to 16 weeks of treatment interruption. Total study period 37 weeks.

Funded: Globvac (Norwegian Research Council) and Bionor Pharma ASA

Patient group: Participants from the previous phase II study with Vacc-4x

The primary endpoints: Changes in viral load compared to the previous study and immune responses to the vaccine

Aim of the study: To determine whether a lower viral load level (“set point”) can be achieved by re-boosting previously vaccinated HIV infected patients



Vacc-4x + Revlimid®

Vacc-4x in combination with Celgene`s immune modulator Revlimid®

Approved: Germany, August 2012,
4 clinics, approx. 36 patients (~12+24)

First dose group initiated treatment:
October 2012

Design: First dosing-study with ~12 patients,
determining “maximum tolerated” dose of
Revlimid®. Then 24 patients for 26 weeks.

Funded: Jointly with Celgene, owner of the
blockbuster cancer drug and immune
modulator Revlimid®

Patient group: Well controlled viral load on
conventional HIV medicine (ART), but failing
to regain normal immune function (15-20%
of all HIV patients)

Primary endpoints: Changes in the
amount of CD4 T-cells and immune
responses to the vaccine

Aim of the study: Determining whether the
combination of Vacc-4x and Revlimid can
result in improved response to Vacc-4x in
HIV infected patients with poor immune
recovery (low CD4 T-cells despite well
controlled viral load on ART)



Vacc-C5

Clinical phase I/II study

Approved: Oslo University Hospital,
May 2012, 36 patients

First patients treated: November 2012

Design: “First time in man” open study,
three different dose levels of Vacc-C5,
each with two different adjuvants
(supporting agents). Twenty six weeks
study period for each patient.

Funded: Bionor Pharma ASA

Patient group: Well controlled on
conventional HIV medicine

Primary endpoint: Evaluation of the
vaccine’s safety

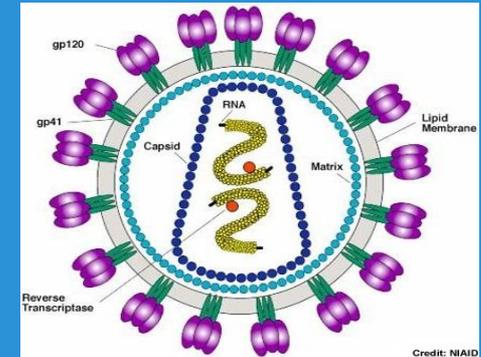
Secondary endpoint: Antibody
responses to the vaccine.

Aim of the study: To determine whether
antibodies to two specific , conserved
areas of the HIV virus (C5 and gp41)
are induced in HIV patients



Bionor Pharma – The pathogenesis of HIV and its implications for vaccines

Angus Dalgleish, FMedSci / Jerome B. Zeldis, MD



Angus "Gus" Dalgleish

MD FRCP, FRACP, FRCPath, FMedSci



Professor, St. George's, University of London

Professor of Oncology at St. George's University of London since 1991.

He has been involved with HIV research since the first descriptions of AIDS. Working as a clinical fellow with Robin Weiss he described the use of CD4 as the main receptor for HIV and was the first to associate HIV with the outbreak of SLIM disease in Uganda.

His main interest is the pathogenesis of HIV that has to induce immune activation before the infection can proceed to clinical AIDS. His group was the first to suggest that the C5 region of gp120 could act as if it were a foreign transplant antigen (alloepitope) and induce the activation that precedes AIDS and also to suggest it as a potential therapeutic target.

Professor Dalgleish has also pioneered the use of cancer vaccines and is principal of the Cancer Vaccine Institute and has been principal and clinical investigator on numerous vaccine trials. He has published over 300 peer reviewed papers and co-edited five books including HIV and the New Viruses and Tumor Immunology, as well as numerous book chapters.



Jerome B. Zeldis, MD

CEO of Celgene Global Health and Chief Medical Officer of Celgene Corporation, Summit, NJ.



Prior to that he was Celgene's Senior Vice President of Clinical Research and Medical Affairs. He attended Brown University for an A.B., M.S., followed by Yale University for an M.Phil., M.D., Ph.D. in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry (immunochemistry). Dr.

Zeldis trained in Internal Medicine at the UCLA Center for the Health Sciences and Gastroenterology at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School. He was Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Harvard Medical School, Associate Professor of Medicine at University of California, Davis, Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at Cornell Medical School and Professor of Clinical Medicine at the Robert Wood Johnson

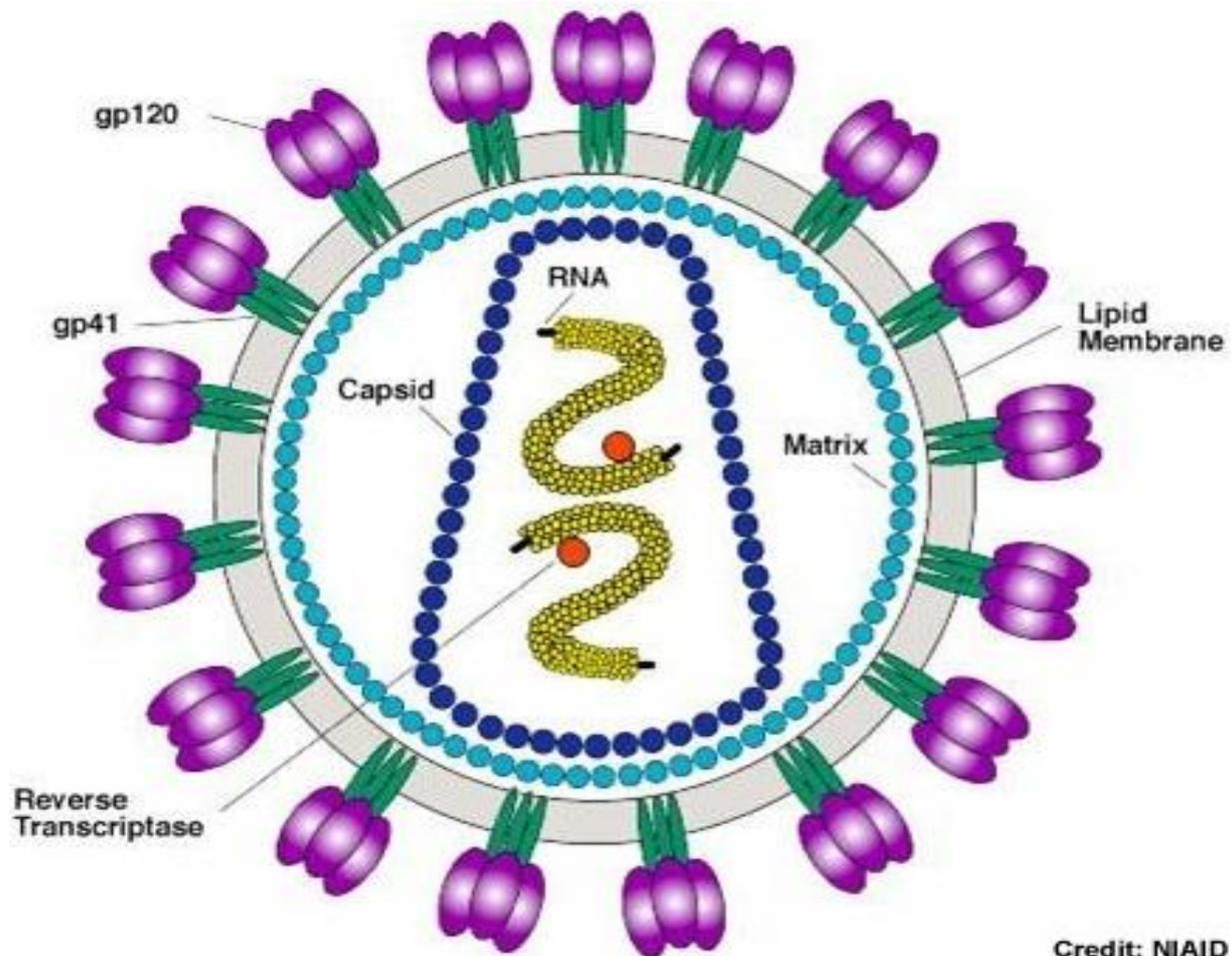
Medical School in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Prior to working at Celgene, Dr. Zeldis worked at Sandoz Research Institute and Janssen Research Institute in both clinical research and medical development. He has been a board member of a few start-up biotechnology companies and is currently on the board of the Semorex Corporation, NJ chapter of the Arthritis Foundation and the Castleman's Disease Organization. He has published 112 peer reviewed articles and 24 reviews, book chapters, and editorials



Summary

- HIV causes AIDS probably by chronic immune activation
- We propose that chronic inflammation:
 - Is induced by HLA-transplant antigens, like regions encoded in HIV-1 gp120/gp41
 - Especially the C5 and C2 parts of gp120
- Antibodies to C5 region - associated with non-progression
- CTL responses to gag, Vacc4x, can reduce viral load
- Vaccination to C5 region and gag may prevent AIDS
- IMiDs such as lenalidomide may enhance vaccines





Credit: NIAID

Current Failed HIV vaccines

- ❑ Based on dominant neutralising sites on gp120 V3 loop
- ❑ Large scale prophylactic vaccine trials to V3 loop (Vaxgen and Merck/Wyeth) failed to protect
 - Vaccines developed a higher viral burden compared to controls
- ❑ V3 loop is most dominant and variable region
 - Probably deflects immune responses to other essential epitopes
- ❑ Other epitopes that are non-neutralising
 - Largely ignored by HIV community

Immune activation is always required for AIDS to develop

- ❑ Why do some people not get AIDS
- ❑ Why do chimpanzees not get AIDS
- ❑ The only difference is that there is no evidence of immune activation, It is chronic and associated with inflammation and has auto immune features.
- ❑ How does HIV cause Immune activation
- ❑ Can we switch it off
- ❑ This is the unique approach included by Bionorpharma
- ❑ Chronic immune activation is like background noise on the radio which prevents the signal from being heard!

Lessons from SIV Models

Monkey Species	Viral Load	Activation	Outcome
 Rhesus macaque	High ↑↑	High ↑↑	Disease Progression & AIDS.
 African green (Agm):	Low ↓↓	Low ↓↓	Non Progression No Pathogenesis
 Sooty mangabey	High ↑↑	Low ↓↓	Non Progression No Pathogenesis



How does HIV provoke chronic immune activation in the majority of humans?

Hypotheses by which HIV Causes Immune Activation

1. Hypervariability of HIV antigens **Not likely**
2. Superantigens **Not likely**
3. Allostimulation (GVHD) **Possible**

Graft Versus Host Disease (GVHD)

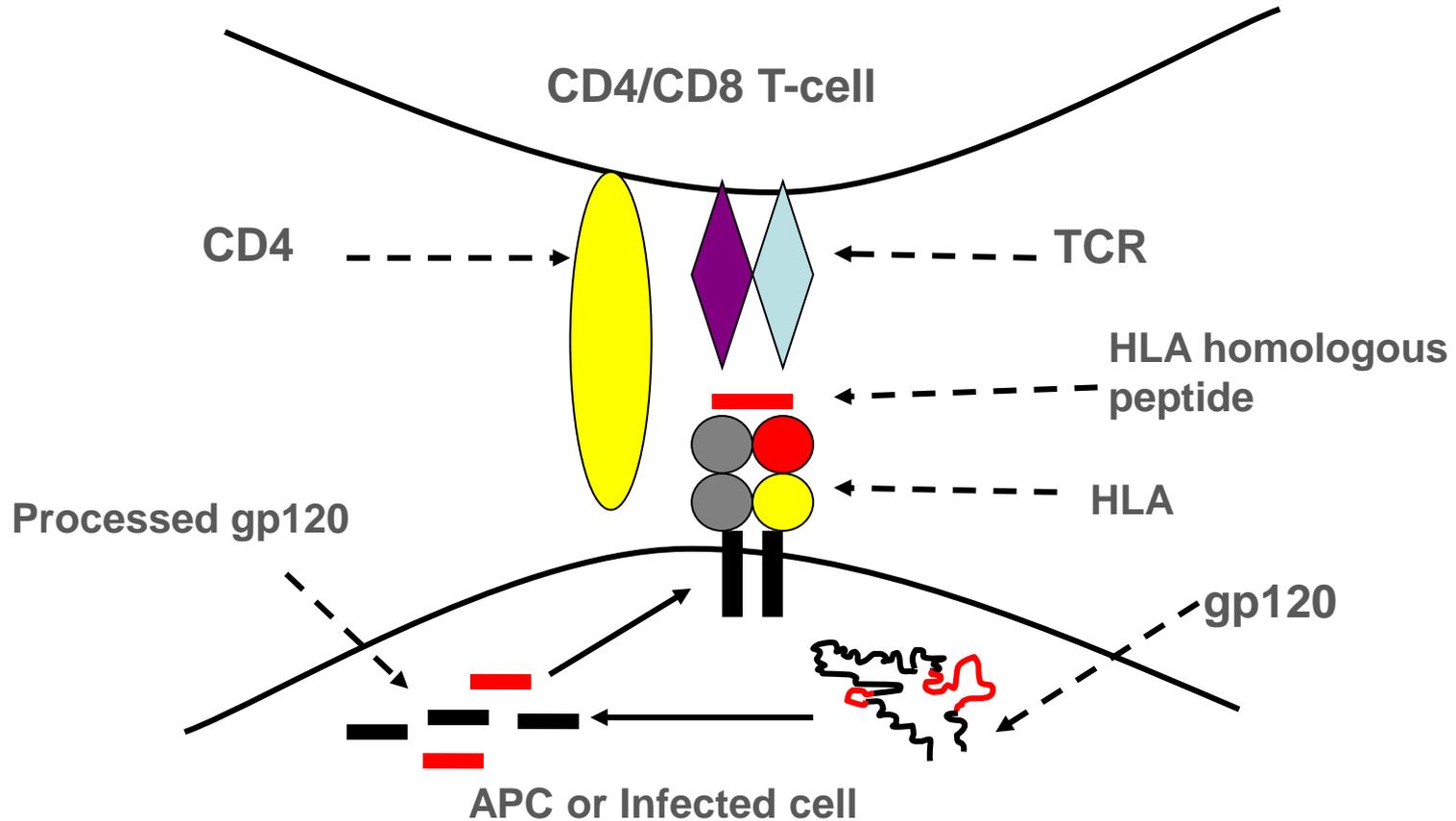
- ❑ Chronic GVHD is very similar to AIDS
 - ❑ Occurs when the body tries to reject a transplant kidney/liver etc.
 - ❑ When drugs are used to suppress this the transplant(graft) induces T cells to attack the host.
- ❑ Similarities
 - (Clinically so similar you would need an HIV test to tell the difference)*
 - ❑ Opportunistic infections, weight loss, lymphadenopathy, lymphomas, skin lesions
 - ❑ Pan immune activation with CD4 suppression

Shearer (NEJM 1983)

Ways 'HIV' causes allogeneic responses similar to GVHD?

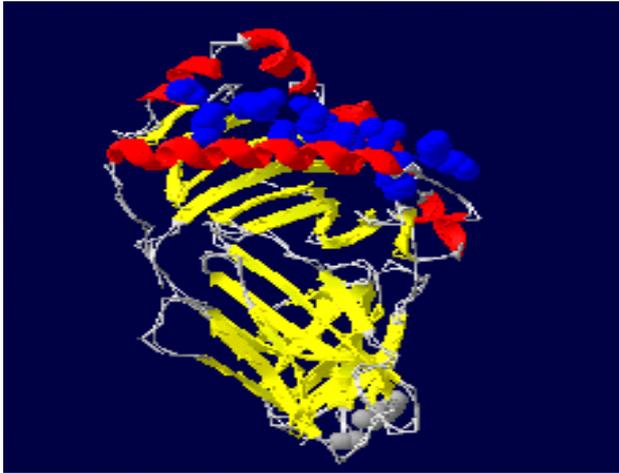
- Structural mimicry between transplant antigens and the virus
- Peptide sequence similarities causing antigen presenting confusion

Indirect HLA Mimicry induced immune activation

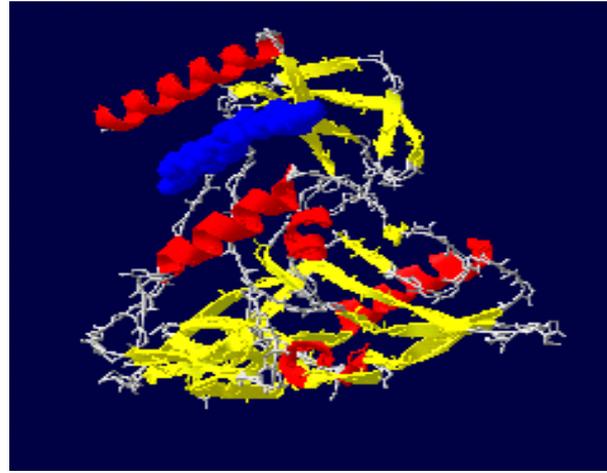


Crystal structure and modelling

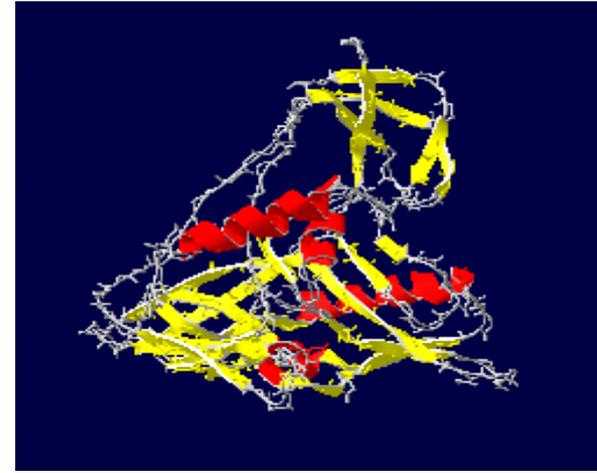
HLA DR1 + peptide



GP120 + peptide



GP-120 Δ C5-mutant



Predictions from molecular model

- ❑ HLA-B8 would be fast progressors
- ❑ HLA-B27 slow progressors (Gore MRC, 1989)
- ❑ Chimpanzees would have restricted HLA

Bontrop later determined they are all HLA-B57(27)

HIV-1 gp120 C5 region and direct HLA structural mimicry

- ❑ Modelling predicts alpha-helix similar to HLA class I and II antigen binding sites

Hounsell et al 1991, Mol Aspects of Med

- ❑ Anti-C5 antibodies cross-react with HLA class I peptide binding domains

Grassi et al, 1991, J exp med

- ❑ C5 domain alpha-helix crucial for peptide binding

Cadogan et al, 2008, AIDS Res Hum Retro

Non-neutralizing Anti-C5 is associated with non-progression

- 70% of seronegative partners of AIDS patients have antibodies to HLA and/or C5 of gp120

Brown et al. AIDS 2000

- Anti-C5 region antibodies associated with slow progression

Loomis-Price et al, J Infect Dis. 1998

Lifson AR et al, J Infect Dis 1991

Warren RQ et al, J Clin Immunol 1991

- Loss of anti-C5 response associated with progression.

Wong MT et al, JID, 1993

Walter Reed Cohort: Humoral anti-C5 responses

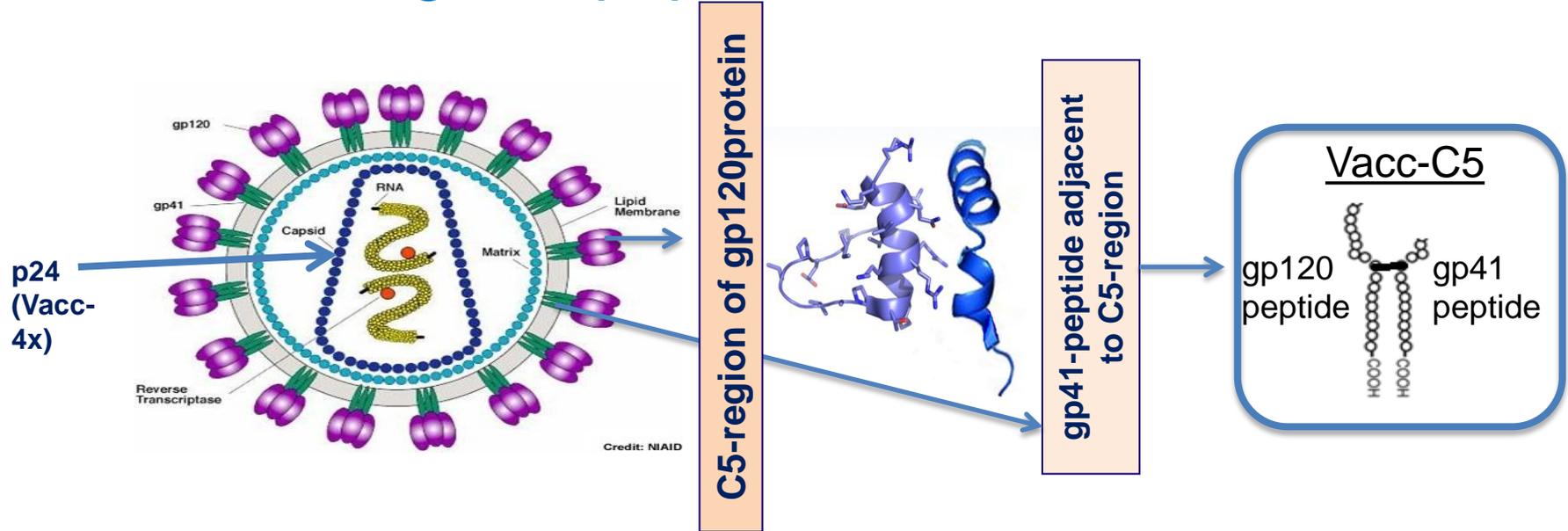
Table 2. Reactivity of specific peptides with sera from Walter Reed progression cohort.

Purpose, peptide	Sequence	Median reactivity ^a	
		Rapid progressors	Slow progressors
Distinguish rapid from slow progressors			
101	VEQMHEDIISLW	2.7	<0
301	TRKSIRIQRGPG	36.8	6.9
341	KQIASKLREQFG	0.6	2.3
353	NNKTIIFKQSSG	5.1	1.7
413	TLPCRIFKOFINM	<0	2.8
497	TKAKRRVVQREK	19.4	99.0
501	RRVVQREKRAVG	3.5	50.4
581	VERYLKDQQLLG	0.1	19.1
597	SGKLICTTAVPW	104.0	173.0
653	KNEQELLELDKW	1.4	5.6
657	ELLELDKWASLW	11.6	31.2

What does this mean?

- ❑ Antibodies to C5 prevent immune activation and hence prevent disease progression
- ❑ If we induce these they could neutralize the disease
- ❑ Stopping activation will stop virus production

Vacc-C5 – targeted peptides

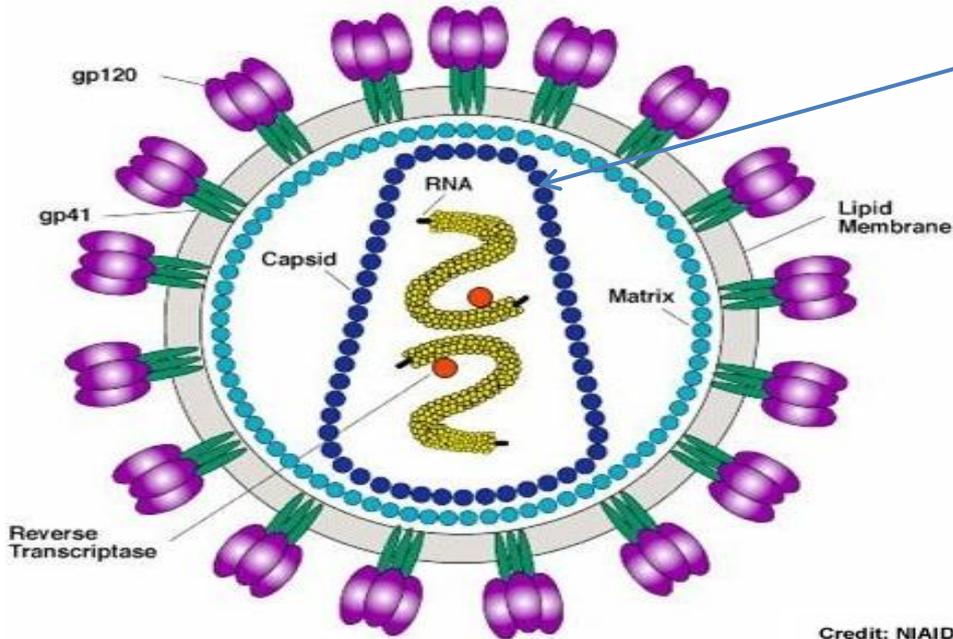


- ❑ Vacc-C5 developed on basis of modified synthetic peptides from the C5 domain and gp41
- ❑ Vacc-C5 targets B-cells for production of antibodies
- ❑ We predict that anti-C5 antibodies will block immune activation

Turning off activation

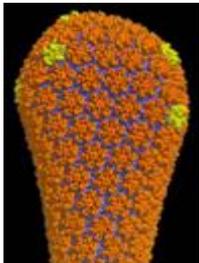
- ❑ This will allow other signals to be heard
- ❑ Vacc-4x which already inhibit viral loads will be rendered even more effective
- ❑ Activation is like background noise on the radio, upon tuning, the noise goes and you can hear the signal

Vacc-4x: Targeting the p24 Capsid



Credit: NIAID

- Consists of 4 modified **peptides** corresponding to conserved domains of HIV-1 p24^{CA}
- Sustained immune responses to p24^{CA} are associated with delayed disease progression*
- Strong responses to Gag are associated with virus control (LTNP) in the absence of ART^α



Dahirel V et al. PNAS 2011 108:11530-11535

* Weber et al. 1987 Lancet 1:119-22 ; Cheingsov-Popov et al. 1991 BMJ 302 :23-6
α Kiepela et al. 2007 Nature Med. 13:46-53; Zuniga et al. 2006 J. Virol 80:3122-5.

Vacc-4x – Completed clinical studies

- **1999-2000**

- Open study, 11 patients. 100% immune response. Safe vaccine without side effects

- **2003-2004 Phase II**

- Open study, 40 patients (CD4 count at inclusion >300 cells/ μ l), ART-free period on average 31 months

- **2010 Phase II-reboost**

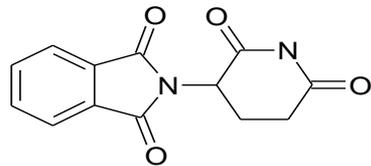
- Open study, 7 years after initial phase II. 26 patients from the Phase II, with 2/3 of patients showing active memory response. Immune response enhanced after re-vaccination (reboost)

- **2008-2010 Phase II**

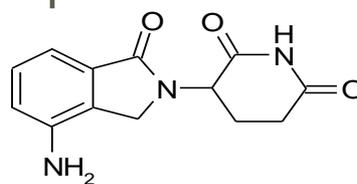
- Placebo-controlled multicenter study. 18 centers in USA and Europe, 135 patients (CD4 count at inclusion >400 cells/ μ l). Statistically significant reduction of HIV VL in active group compared to placebo
 - Supportive immunological data

IMiDs[®] As Adjuvants

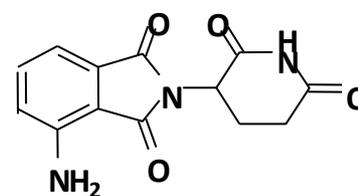
- ❑ Drugs derived from thalidomide
 - Selected on properties to inhibit TNF production
 - Qualitatively and quantitative different from each other
- ❑ IMiDs[®] adjuvant-like properties
 - Expand and enhance NK cell function
 - Enhance ADCC and antigen presentation by APCs
 - Co-stimulate T cells : CD8 > CD4
 - Enhance IL-10 and IL-12 production
 - Modulate TNF expression



thalidomide

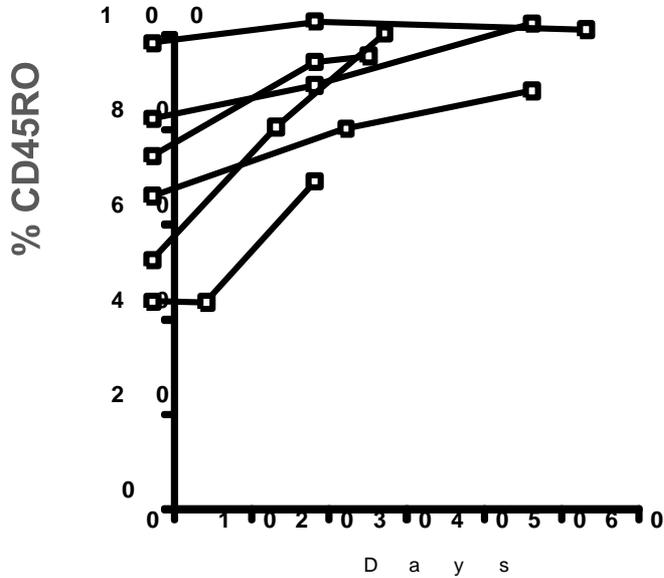


lenalidomide

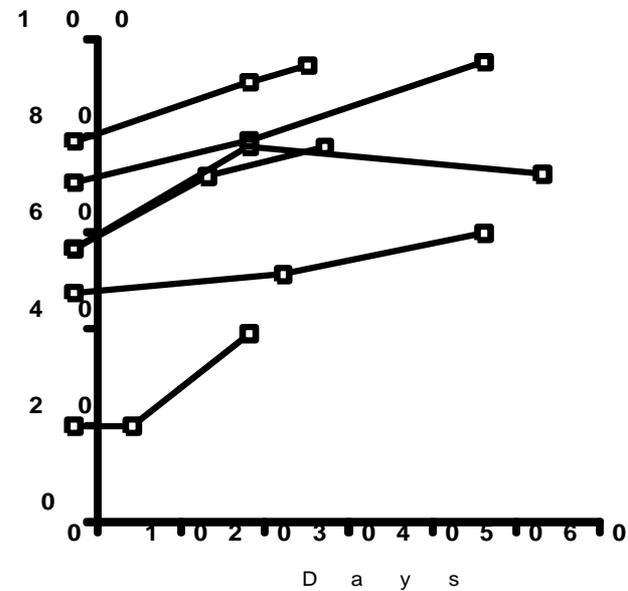


pomalidomide

CD4



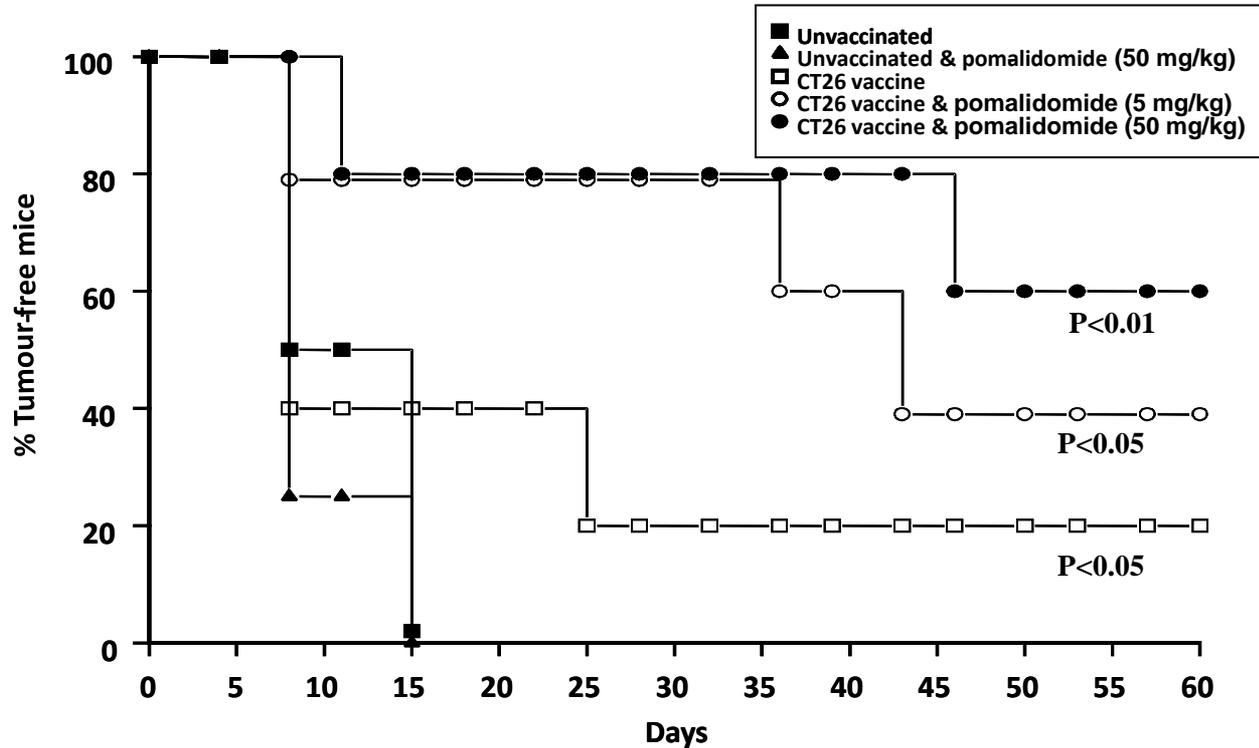
CD8



- CC-5013 treatment of melanoma patients with leads to increased % of
 - CD4+ and CD8+ T cells with no change in CD4/CD8 ratio
 - CD45RO+ T cells
 - Indicative of naïve cell (CD45RA+) activation

Bartlett et al. Br J Cancer 2014, 90, 955.

Pomalidomide enhances the efficacy of a colorectal whole tumor cell vaccine



- Pomalidomide enhances survival of vaccinated mice
- Elicits long term protection from live tumor rechallenge
- No protection afforded in nude mice (T cells required)

Conclusions

- ❑ Therapeutic non-neutralising vaccines
 - May prevent progression to AIDS
 - Might also prevent HIV infection
 - Might enhance other Ag specific vaccines (e.g. Vacc4x)
- ❑ Oral IMiDs® should enhance both vaccines
 - By a number of physiological mechanisms
- ❑ This approach might apply to other chronic infections
 - HCV
 - Malaria



[HIV vaccine Vacc-4x](#)



[HIV vaccine Vacc-C5](#)

Bionor Pharma – Business Development

Gregg Lapointe, Business Development Process

Two Critical Steps

Information Process

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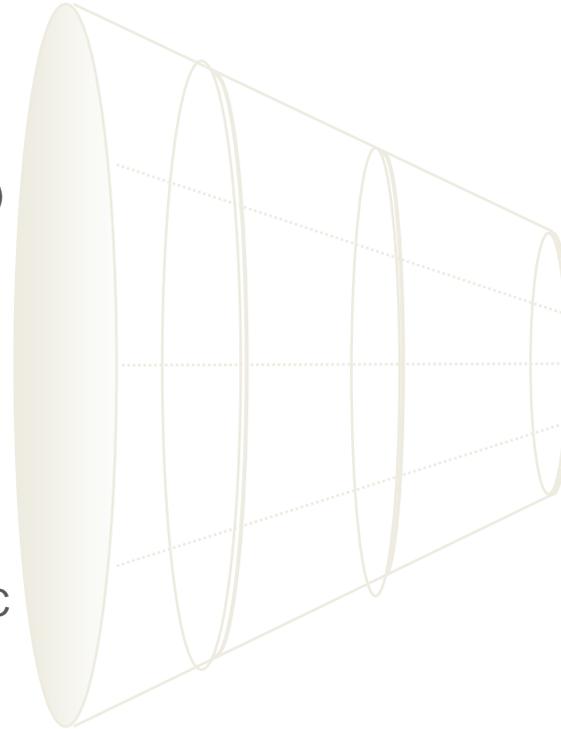
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Partnering Process

Information Gathering & Preparation

Materials

- **TPP's** (For Key Assets)
- **Market & Commercial Research** (Navigant, BCG, McKinsey, KOL's + Community Dr, etc. Market entry/ramp up, pricing, commercialization options)
- **IP Position** (Patents, Processes, Regulatory exclusivity)
- **Clinical/Regulatory FDA Clarity** (Cost, Timelines, Inflection Points)
- **News Flow** (Clinical Data, Patent Announcements, Other Application)
- **Financial Analysis** (Value, rNPV's, MC Simulations, DCF's, POS's, Key Assumptions)



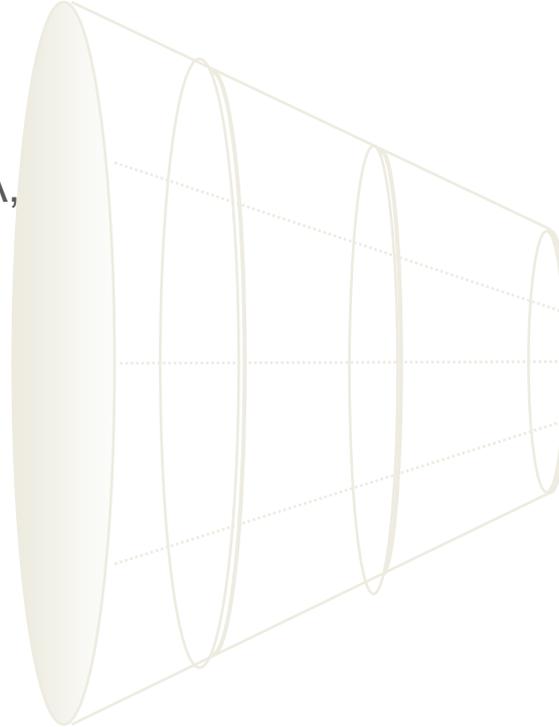
Deliverables

- **Non-Confidential Teaser**
- **Full Briefing Book**
- **Complete Data Room**

Partnering Process

Activities

- **Identification of likely partners**
(Vaccine Specific BD, Venture Sponsors w/in Big Pharma, others)
- **Key Meetings** (Bio Asia, Bio USA, JP Morgan, Regional Conferences, Others)
- **Diligence** (Access to Briefing Book, Data room, Management Q&A)
- **Partnering Solutions**
(Research Agreements, License, M&A, which assets)
- **Indications of Interest & High Level Deal Terms**



Outcome

- **2-3 Potential partners**
- **Auction process?**
- **Execute Deal**

Upcoming events



Next Steps / Process

