Activated mRNA Therapeutics



The Problem

- 1 in 8 cancers carry high levels of DNA damage from APOBECs.
- APOBEC-mediated DNA damage is particularly common in cancers of the bladder (>80%) and cervix (>95%), and head and neck cancers (98% of HPV+ and 76% of HPV- HNSCC) and EGFR+ NSCLC
- There are no approved treatments that target these enzymes

The Solution

- Our innovative platform delivers a synthetic lethal, cancer-selective mRNA therapeutic that spares normal tissues
- The modular nature of the system allows for a plug-and-play approach, enabling delivery of diverse payloads
- Our approach provides an in-built biomarker for patient selection

INACTIVE APOBEC **mRNA ACTIVE** SUPPRESSOR **PAYLOAD SWITCH** Degraders Toxins Hairpin Regulator domain designed for **Epitopes APOBEC** Fluorophores Localization tag editina

APObombs are mRNA therapies that are activated by RNA editing. Triggering the switch blocks translation of a suppressor and activates the payload

Our Program

- <u>Progress:</u> We have validated each modular element of our technology as well as assays to monitor activity of our APOBomb
- Next steps: preclinical models designed to test LNP mRNA delivery

We are seeking *partnerships* for 1) payloads for delivery to APOBEC+ cancers; 2) access to specialized delivery systems and large-scale manufacturing; 3) chemical synthesis to manufacture hybrid mRNAs

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