

ASX Announcement

Melbourne, Australia, 27 October 2022

UPCOMING WEBINAR

- Webinar: Genetic Medicines and exosomes: Recent testing provides supporting validation

Genetic medicine and exosome-based drug-delivery company Exopharm Limited (ASX:EX1) releases notice of, and information to be covered in an upcoming webinar.

Title: Genetic Medicines and exosomes: Recent testing provides supporting validation

Time: 8:00 (Melbourne, Victoria, Australia), 28 October 2022

Registration: <https://exo.ph/Genetic-Medicines-and-exosomes>

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ABOUT EXOPHARM

Exopharm (ASX:EX1) is a leader in advancing Genetic Medicines and other exosome-based medicines using exosomes or extracellular vesicles (EVs) as a chassis for improved and non-viral drug-delivery.

Exopharm (ASX:EX1) is pursuing a product pipeline-driven platform strategy. Exosomes can be loaded with a variety of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) and can be targeted to selected cell-types and tissue types, improving the safety-profile of the APIs and providing better treatments. Exosomes can be used to deliver small molecule drugs, mRNA, DNA and other types of APIs.

Exosomes are an alternative means of drug-delivery inside the body, alongside technologies such as lipid nanoparticles (LNP), cell-penetrating peptides, viral vectors and liposomes.

Exopharm's exosome technologies solve important needs for the success of exosome medicines – **LEAP** manufacturing technology, **LOAD** API loading technologies and **EVPS** tropism technologies.

Exosome-based medicines could improve the treatment of many chronic or inherited medical conditions.

Exopharm is making its proprietary technologies available to pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies that want to harness exosome-delivery for their own products.

In addition, Exopharm is using its technology platform to enable its own product development programs - each aimed at delivering a transformative medicine for an unmet medical need.

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Webinar:

Genetic Medicines and exosomes: Recent testing provides supporting validation

Exo-webinar series : part 3

Thu 27 October 2022 – 17:00 (Boston) / 14:00 (San Francisco)

Fri 28 October 2022 – 08:00 (Melbourne)

Registration: <https://exo.ph/Genetic-Medicines-and-exosomes>



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Recap: Exosomes for Genetic Medicines (GM)

Exosomes are an emerging GM therapeutic product delivery chassis

1. **GM therapeutic products** require specialised delivery uniquely suited for **Exosomes**

Types of GM products

Vaccine products



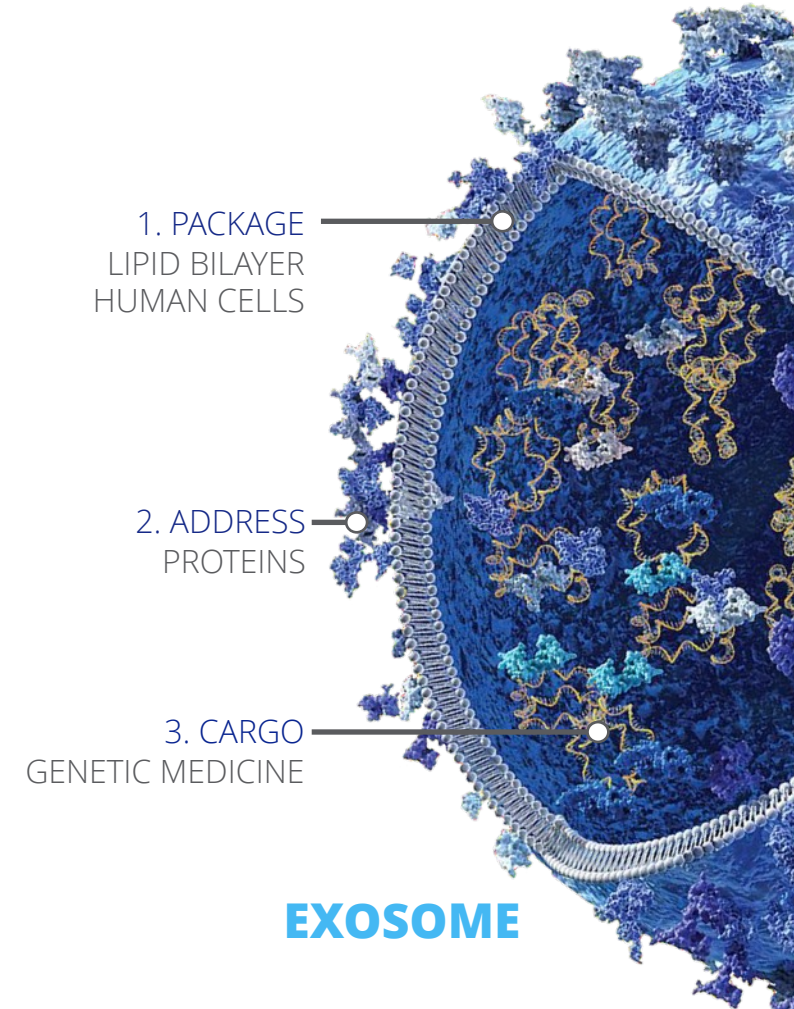
Therapeutic products



LNPs are suited to deliver vaccine products



Exosomes are suited to deliver therapeutic products



Recap: Exosomes for GMs

To be effective GM therapeutic products have specific delivery requirements

3. **GM therapeutic products** require **immune-silent** delivery, **re-dosing** flexibility, and may require **biological barrier crossing** capability



Immune profile:

Given their natural origin, exosomes are considered immune silent



Re-dosing flexibility:

Immune-silence and absence of accumulation means exosomes enable repeat/multiple dosing



Cross biological barriers:

Exosomes exist throughout the entire body in nature, so exosomes carrying a GM cargo could cross tissue barriers such as blood-brain barrier



Highlighted difference between exosomes and LNPs for delivery

Membrane fusion is the start – what happens inside a target cell matters most

4. **Exosomes** are efficiently processed inside a cell – optimising the **GM therapeutic product delivery efficiency**

- **Exosomes are taken up by cells through 3 processes**, releasing the GM cargo into the cytoplasm
- Inherently natural, exosomes are efficiently processed inside the target cell, leading to **higher delivery efficiency over synthetic LNPs**
- **LNPs** and their synthetic components exhibit **immunogenicity** and **toxicity**, can trigger immune activation and have **impaired GM cargo delivery**

LNP = Lipid Nanoparticle, **GM** = Genetic Medicine (e.g., RNA, DNA, AAV, CRISPR technologies)



Pedrioli & Paganetti *Front Cell Dev Biol*, 2021

Patel et al. *Nat Commun*, 2020

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Gilleron et al. *Nat Biotechnol*, 2013

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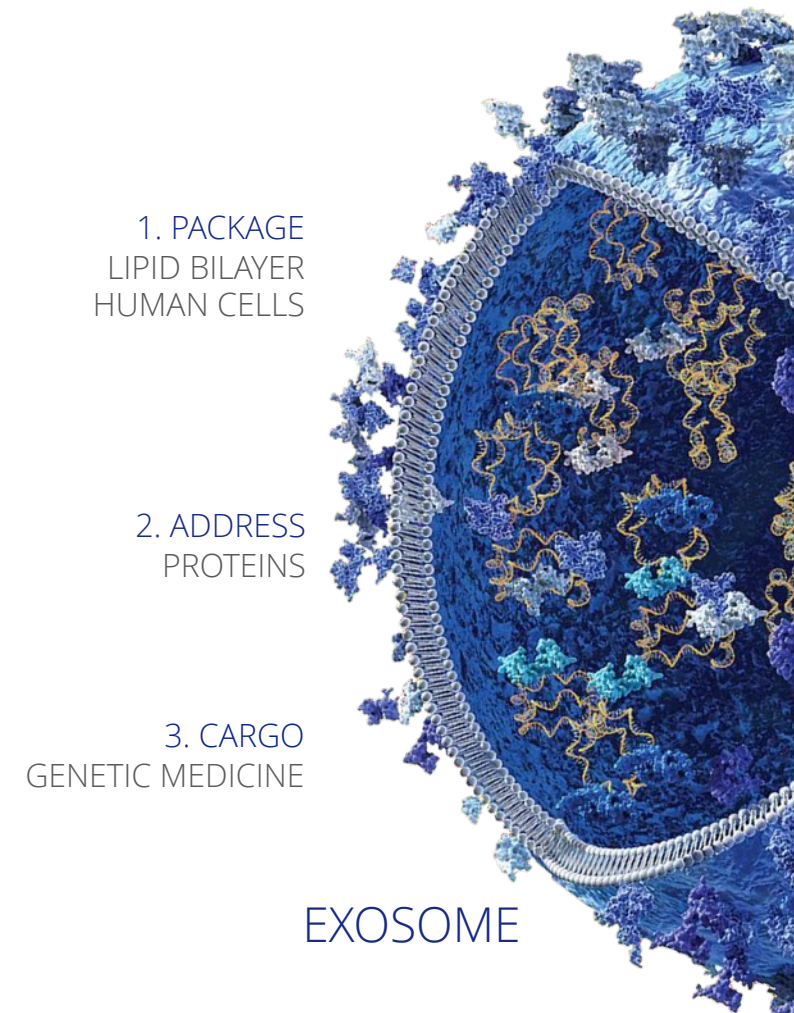
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Exosomes and safety as a drug-delivery chassis

Exosomes represent an ideal GM therapeutic product delivery chassis

Today's topics and themes:

1. Why the characteristics of the drug-delivery chassis are **vital for GM success**:
 - Safety in the patient is critical
 - Safety is made up of:
 - **toxicity**; and
 - **immunogenicity**
2. The safety of **Exopharm's exosomes have now been demonstrated**: successful *in vivo* study outcomes reported



The importance of toxicity

Toxicity of the GM carrier is critical for product success and safety

Most new drugs fail due to poor safety, and toxicity is the main problem

Toxicity means that the drug makes the patient sick or the patient dies

In GMs, toxicity can come from:

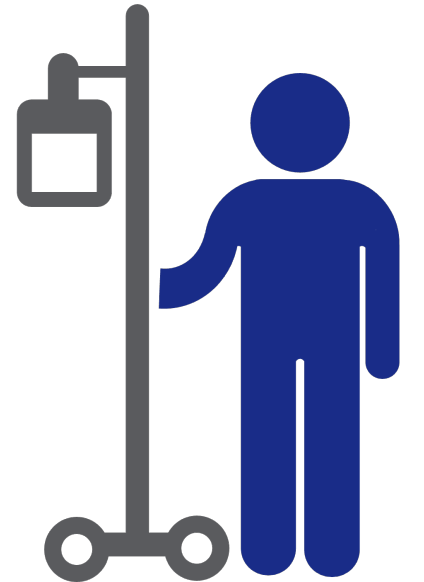
- the carrier (e.g. LNP, AAV); and
- the cargo (e.g. mRNA)

In GMs the toxicity is sometimes associated with the carrier

The lipids and fats from LNPs can accumulate in cells and become toxic

The empty capsids of AAVs have been shown to be toxic and deadly

Exosomes enable non-toxic and safe GM delivery



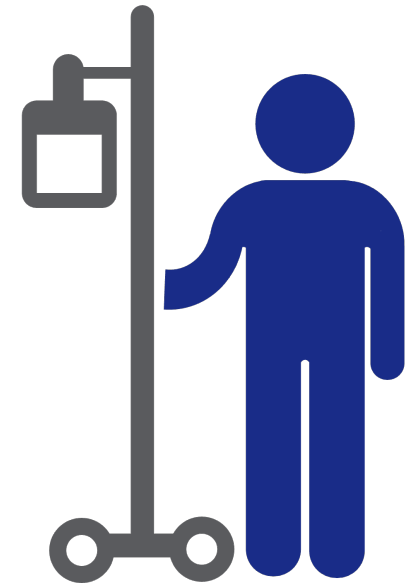
The importance of immunogenicity

Inherently natural, exosomes are ideal for GM therapeutic product delivery

Delivering **GM therapeutic products** multiple times whilst avoiding an adverse immune response is paramount:

- Immunogenicity of a material is a measure of the extent that the body's immune system 'sees' it as 'danger' or 'foreign'
- **Immunogenicity of the carrier will** accelerate its clearance by the immune system
- Multiple doses of high immunogenicity material will lead rapid clearance and failure to deliver the GM *
- Immunogenicity can trigger **allergic reactions** or **severe adverse events**

Exosomes enable non-immunogenic and safe GM delivery



*Ability of the immune system to detect the GM and immediately mount an "attack" posture against the foreign object

Exopharm's immunogenicity and toxicology questions

Preclinical study to test if HEK293 exosomes are safe – preliminary results

- Preclinical study to demonstrate exosomes are non-immunogenic, non-toxic, and safe
- HEK293 exosomes are:
 - Produced by highly-scalable GMP HEK293 cells
 - Collected by our proprietary cell culture system: **Hexocollect**
 - Purified using our proprietary technology: **LEAP**



GMP = good manufacturing practice; HEK293 = human embryonic kidney cells
Preliminary data, published on 28.09.2022 ASX Announcement Titled "Study results indicate exosomes safe for clinical pursuit"

in vivo safety of Exopharm's exosomes

Study scope and design

Objective

Understand the immunogenicity and toxicology of repeat dosing of HEK293-derived exosomes in healthy adult mice

Exopharm proprietary suite of technologies that underpin the study

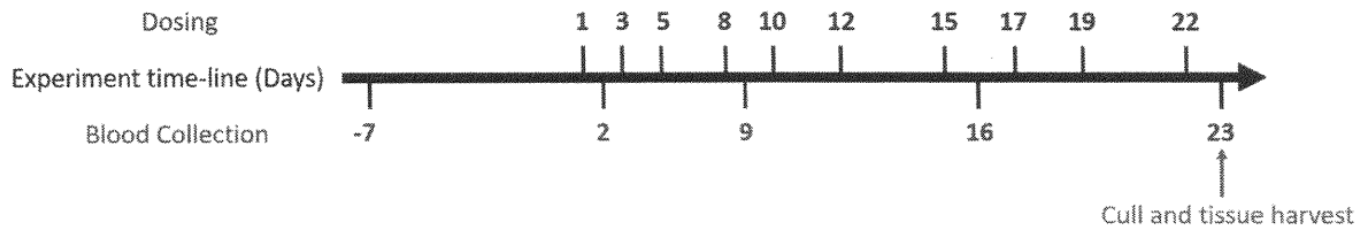


in vivo safety of Exopharm's exosomes

Study protocol and measures

Key details of the study

- Dosing over 23 days and a total of 10 doses per mouse



- At the end of treatment, mice were assessed for the following: body and organ mass, gross necropsy, hematology, blood chemistry, histology, spleen cell immunophenotyping and cytokine stimulation



in vivo safety testing of Exopharm's exosomes

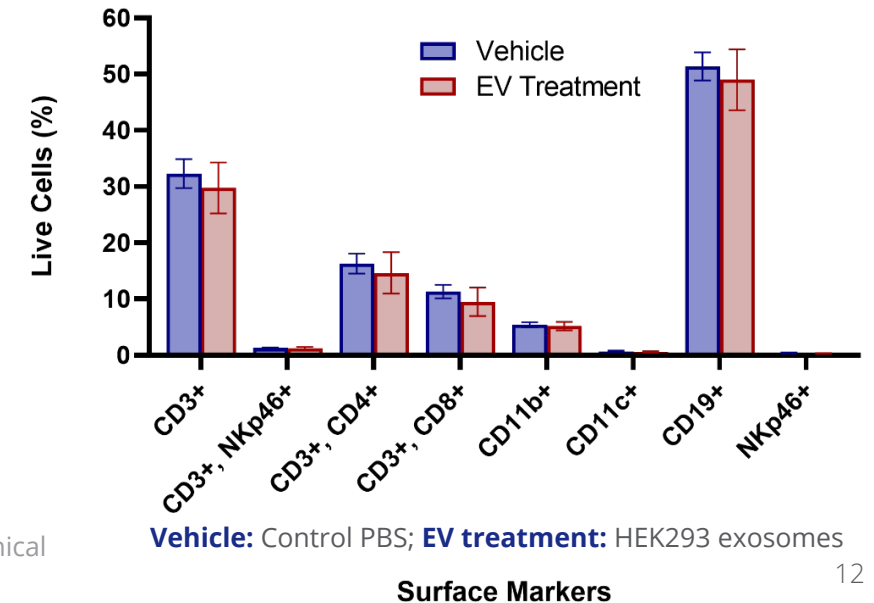
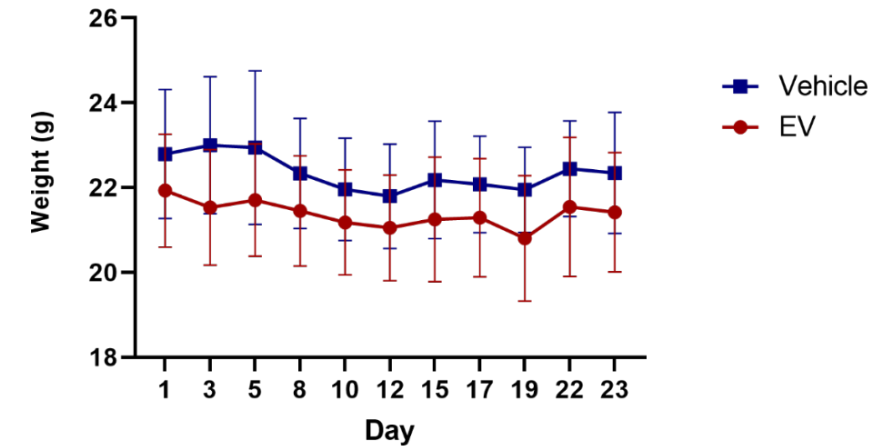
Preliminary study outcomes

After 23 days of dosing, the study observed:

- No significant changes in body weight or behaviour
- No gross lesions or significant changes in organ weight
- Little to no effect on the measured haematology parameters, including, white blood cells, red blood cells, platelets, monocytes, lymphocytes
- No abnormalities in immune cell populations in the spleen

These preliminary data indicate the absence of an immune response and no detectable toxicity levels.

Mouse Body Weights



Vehicle: Control PBS; EV treatment: HEK293 exosomes



in vivo immunogenicity of Exopharm's exosomes

Key takeaways from the preliminary study results

- Exosomes demonstrated to be non-immunogenic and safe in an animal model
- Exopharm's proprietary exosome manufacturing process is suitable for clinical development, including validation of:
 - HEK293 cells compliant with strict current GMP quality requirements as a source of human exosomes
 - Advanced cell culture and exosome collection **Hexocollect**
 - Exosome purification technology **LEAP**
- Study outcome is an important step towards the successful development of future exosome products



Webinar key takeaways

- **Ensuring safety** early is an essential requirement for **GM therapeutic product** development success
- Preliminary study results support the use of Exopharm's exosomes and manufacturing technologies to make and develop exosome-encapsulated GM therapeutic products:
- Exopharm manufactured **HEK293 exosomes were successfully applied in multiple doses** and
- were **not immunogenic or toxic**



Exopharm is making things happen in medicine

Genetic Medicines
(GMs) that are
important

Exosome drug
delivery to make
new GMs work

based on Exosomes: Nature's drug delivery chassis enabled
by Exopharm's manufacturing technologies





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