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# Investment Highlights

Key player in advanced protein sciences, with deep pipeline of novel vaccines addressing high-value markets



High-potential pipeline of key focus within infections diseases and oncology, backed up by strong intellectual property rights



Vaccine development platform with track record and partner validation. Now clinical Phase III-stage. +500 proteins produced while posting +90% success rate



Global vaccine market rapidly growing, from USD 33bn (2019) to USD 187bn (2021), corresponding to 460% growth



Expres<sup>2</sup>ion is advancing towards key catalysts during 2022-23, further de-risking the company's pipeline. COVID-19 vaccine clinical Phase III initiation in Q3 2022

# Management Team

>200 years of professional skills and experience from the *life sciences* industry

**Management**

- **Bent U. Frandsen**, Chief Executive Officer
- **Keith Alexander**, Chief Financial Officer
- **Dr. Max Soegaard**, VP R&D and Technology
- **Dr. Mette Thorn**, VP Preclinical Development
- **Dr. Mattis F. Ranthe**, Chief Medical Officer

**Board of Directors**

- **Dr. Martin R. Jensen**, Chairman & Co-founder
- **Jakob Knudsen**, Member of the Board
- **Dr. Karin Garre**, Member of the Board
- **Sara Sande**, Member of the Board

# Technology Platforms

Expres<sup>2</sup>ion's Expres<sup>2</sup> and AdaptVac's cVLP platform

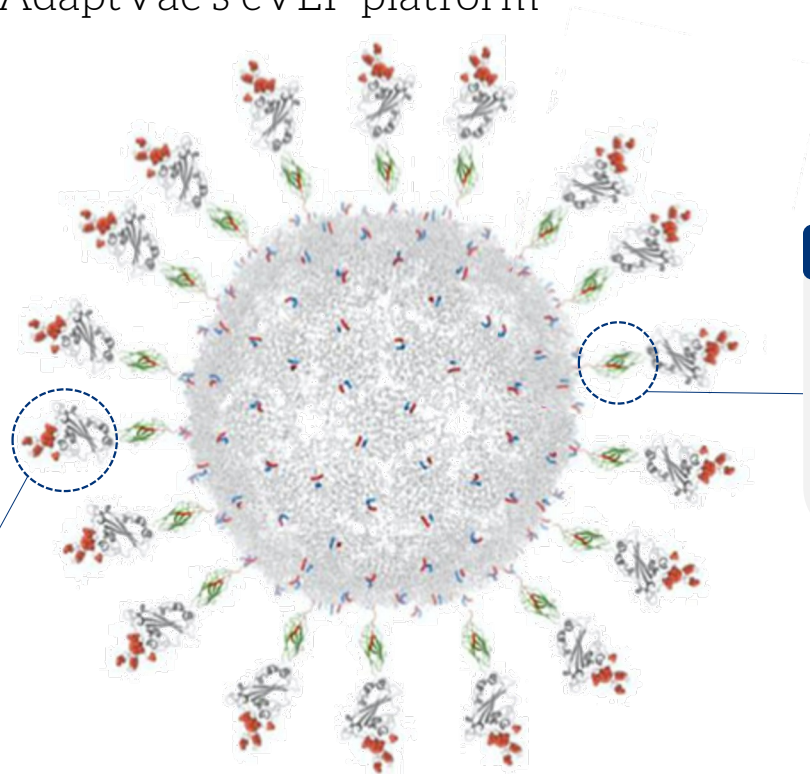


Cell line derived from *Drosophila melanogaster* (fruit fly) S2 cells<sup>1</sup>

## Expres<sup>2</sup> platform

Combines S2 cells with patented expression vectors (add a specific gene into a target cell and command the cell to produce the gene encoded protein), adapted culture agents and reagents (stimulating cell growth)

**100% ownership**



*Expres<sup>2</sup> protein (antigen) combined with AdaptVac's cVLP containing no viral genetic material causing an immune reaction*

## Particle (VLP) technology

AdaptVac's proprietary virus-like particles (VLP) technology securely attaches our proteins to the surface of a capsid (outer protein protective shell of a virus), mimicking a virus to elicit an immune response

**34% ownership**

# 2022 Publications Support the Platform

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## Prevention and Therapy of Metastatic HER-2<sup>+</sup> Mammary Carcinoma with a Human Candidate HER-2 Virus-like Particle Vaccine

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**Abstract:** Vaccines are a promising therapeutic alternative to monoclonal antibodies against HER-2<sup>+</sup> breast cancer. We present the preclinical activity of an ES2B-C001, a VLP-based vaccine being developed for human breast cancer therapy. FVB mice challenged with HER-2<sup>+</sup> mammary carcinoma cells QD developed progressive tumors, whereas all mice vaccinated with ES2B-C001+Montanide ISA 51, and 70% of mice vaccinated without adjuvant, remained tumor-free. ES2B-C001 completely inhibited lung metastases in mice challenged intravenously. HER-2 transgenic Delta16 mice developed mammary carcinomas by 4–8 months of age; two administrations of ES2B-C001+Montanide prevented tumor onset for >1 year. Young Delta16 mice challenged intravenously with QD cells developed a mean of 68 lung nodules in 13 weeks, whereas all mice vaccinated with ES2B-C001+Montanide, and 73% of mice vaccinated without adjuvant, remained metastasis-free. ES2B-C001 in adjuvant elicited strong anti-HER-2 antibody responses comprising all Ig isotypes; titers ranging from 1–10 mg/mL persisted for many months. Antibodies inhibited the 3D growth of human HER-2<sup>+</sup> trastuzumab-sensitive and -resistant breast cancer cells. Vaccination did not induce cytokine storms; however, it increased the ELISpot frequency of IFN- $\gamma$  secreting HER-2-specific splenocytes. ES2B-C001 is a promising candidate vaccine for the therapy of tumors expressing HER-2. Preclinical results warrant further development towards human clinical studies.

**Keywords:** breast cancer; vaccine; virus-like particles (cVLP); HER-2; tyrosine kinase receptor; target therapies; cancer immunotherapy; metastasis

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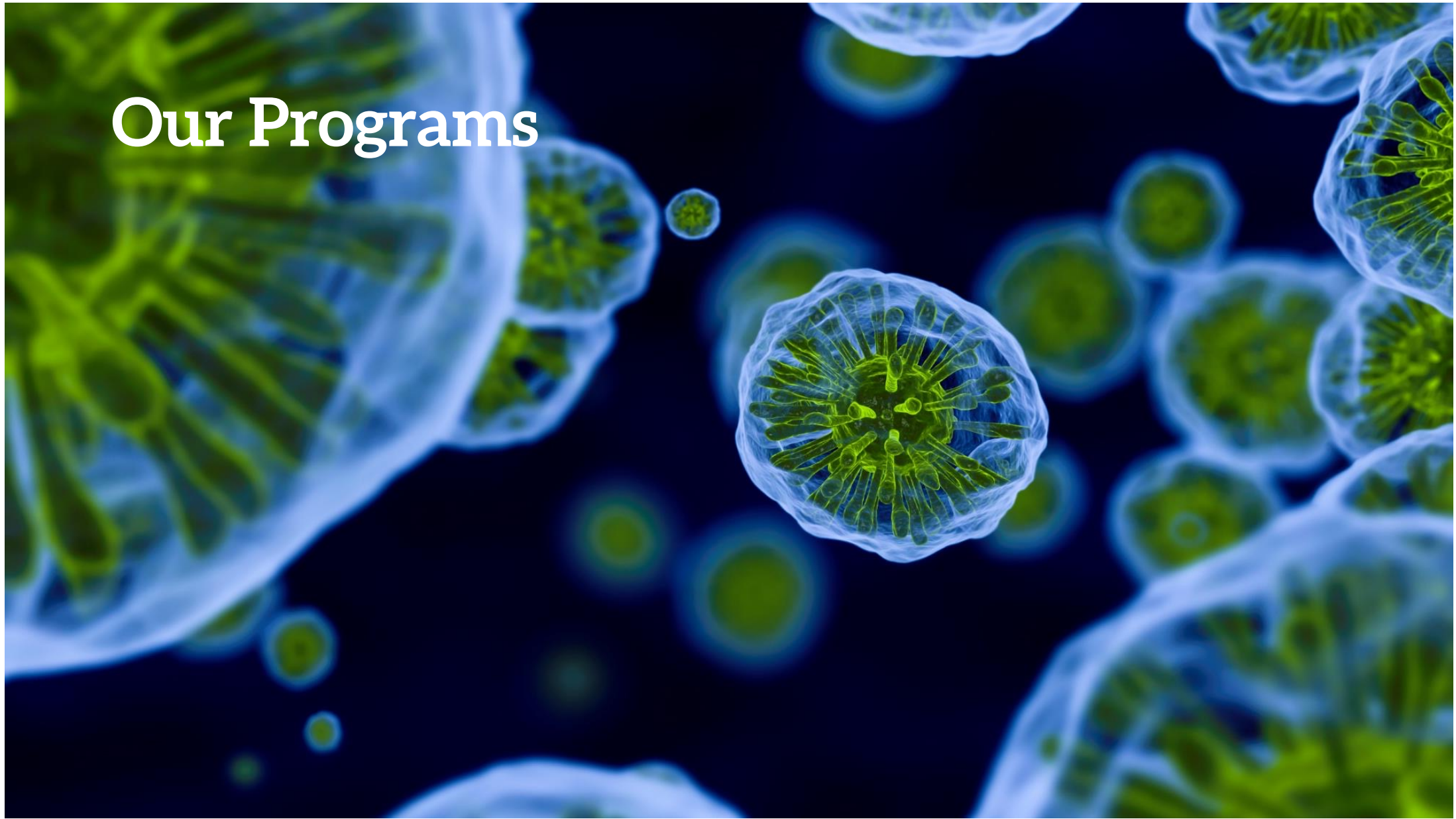
## Moderate-Throughput Assay for the Expression of Difficult-to-Express Proteins in *Drosophila*

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Protein expression in insect cells is a powerful approach for the production of recombinant proteins. However, due to incompatibility with standard baculoviral methodology, the use of the *Drosophila* common insect cell lines such as Sf9 or C636, particularly for secreted and secretable proteins, represents a bottleneck. Therefore, we developed a moderate-throughput pipeline built upon an existing low-throughput platform, comparable in effort to simple *E. coli* systems. This pipeline constructs in just 2 weeks. Given the high throughput of the platform, it represents an attractive orthogonal platform for the production of secreted proteins, structural biology

# Our Programs



# Deep Pipeline for Value Creation

Market Potential	DISEASE	Project/Target	Development Progress					Partner/Funding
			Discovery	Pre-clinical Pharmacology	cGMP / Tox	Phase I	Phase II	
>€30 billion <sup>1</sup>	Coronavirus 	ABNCoV2/SARS-CoV-2 cVLP	Ph. III initiated					   
>€10 billion <sup>2</sup>	Breast Cancer 	ES2B-C001/HER2 cVLP	Progressed into cGMP/Tox					
>€4 billion <sup>3</sup>	Influenza 	Hemagglutinin						
>€0.4 billion <sup>3</sup>	Malaria: 							
	I: Blood-Stage	RH5						  
	2: Blood-Stage	RH5-VLP						 
	3: Transmission	Pfs 48/45						  
	4: Placenta-Borne	VAR2CSA						 
	5: Blood-Stage	CYRPA complex						

Note: AdaptVax is a joint venture between ExpreS<sup>2</sup>ion (34% owned) and NextGen Vaccines (66% owned)

Proteins for Life <sup>1</sup> 2024 estimate from Evaluate Pharma for top 10 products and other, as of 9 June 2022  
<sup>2</sup> Global Data, 2022, for HER2+ breast cancer  
<sup>3</sup> Company estimate

Significant events in 2022





# The Most Common Cancer

1 in 8

women will be diagnosed with  
invasive breast cancer in her  
lifetime

~25%

have overexpression of HER2  
receptors, associated with  
more aggressive tumors and  
reduced survival<sup>2</sup>

685,000

deaths worldwide in 2020  
due to breast cancer<sup>1</sup>



# Breast Cancer Overview

The ES2B-C001 vaccine can offer significant benefits compared to current treatment options

## Monoclonal antibodies are the cornerstone of treatment for HER2+ breast cancer (>USD 11bn sales)<sup>1</sup>

- Target the HER2 receptor on tumor cells to reduce proliferation and induce tumor cell destruction



## Serious drawbacks exist with these therapies<sup>2</sup>

- **Resistance** to monoclonal antibodies may develop
- **Potential for cardiac toxicity**
- **Repeated administration required**: 28-day half-life requires administration every 3<sup>rd</sup> week until remission or resistance develops, costs USD 30-50k

Expres<sup>2</sup>ion's vaccine-like approach offers potential to overcome drawbacks through *internal antibody production*

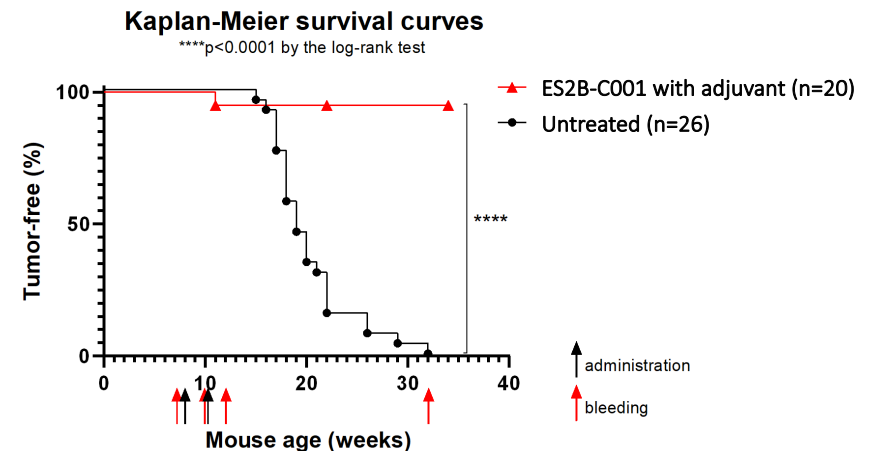
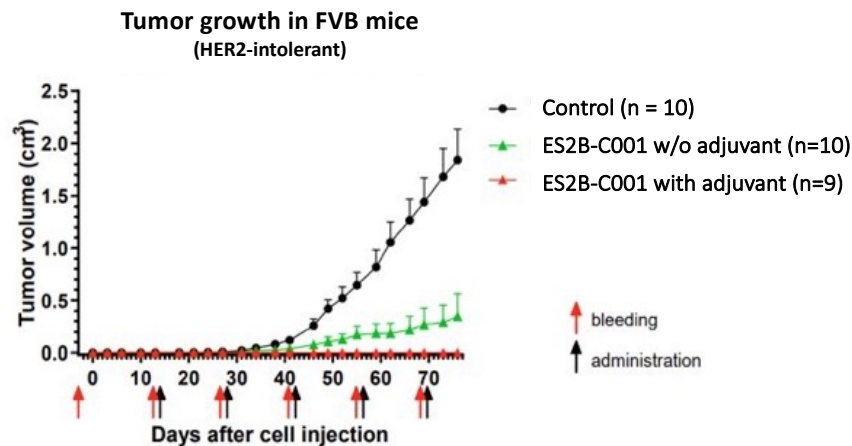


# ES2B-C001 Preclinical Proof-of-Concept (I)

ES2B-C001 has demonstrated *in vivo* proof-of-concept

Effectively inhibited tumor development

Prevented tumor development with 95% efficiency



- Two weeks after the inoculation of tumor cells, the first vaccine administration was given. Repeated every 2nd week during the study
- **ES2B-C001 formulated in an adjuvant totally blocks tumor development. ES2B-C001 without adjuvant partly blocks tumor development** and if tumors develop, growth is significantly inhibited
- At mouse age 6-8 weeks, 2 vaccinations with 2 weeks interval were administered to Delta16 mice
- **Two vaccinations prevented tumor development with 95% efficiency** as compared to a control group, where all mice spontaneously developed tumors

Note: FVB mice are mice being challenged with tumors, while Delta16 mice spontaneously develop tumors and have been inoculated with tumor cells to accelerate tumor development

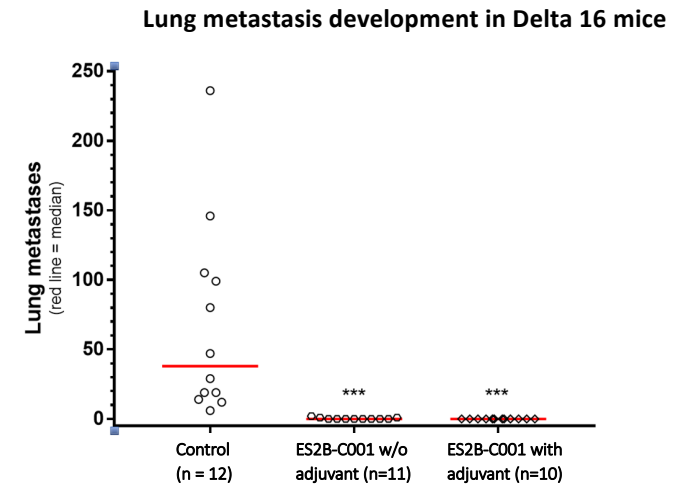
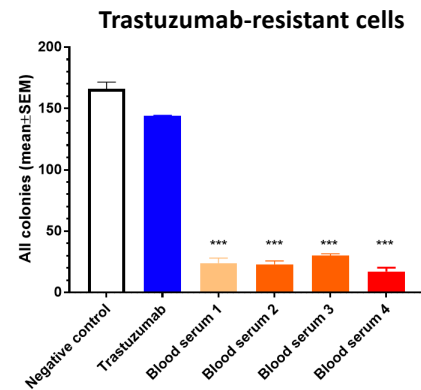
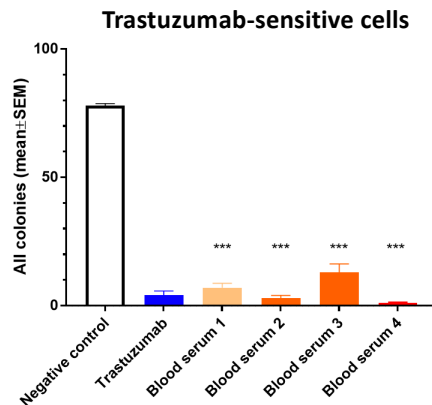


# ES2B-C001 Preclinical Proof-of-Concept (II)

ES2B-C001 has demonstrated further preclinical proof-of-concept

Overcomes trastuzumab-resistance of tumors *in vitro*

Inhibited tumor development in delta16 HER2 tg mice



- In vitro* PoC data in a growth inhibition assay: Blood serum from ES2B-C001-vaccinated mice **significantly inhibited the growth of HER2+ trastuzumab-sensitive as well as trastuzumab-resistant human tumor breast cancer cells**

- One week after the intravenous (i.v.) injection of HER2+ tumor cells, the first vaccine administration was given. Repeated every 2<sup>nd</sup> week during the study
- All mice vaccinated with E2SB-C001 with adjuvant were tumor-free**
- 73% of mice (8/11) vaccinated with ES2B-C001 without adjuvant were tumor-free, the remaining had 1-2 tumor lung nodules

\*\*\* statistical significance (*in vitro* assay:  $p < 0.001$  vs negative control, Tukey's test; metastatic outgrowth *in vivo* model:  $p < 0.0001$  vs control, Dunn's non parametric, multiple comparisons test)



# Progression as Planned

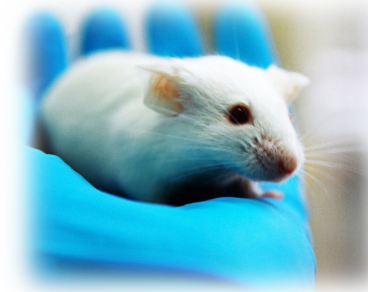
Important steps as ES2B-C001 is moving closer to the planned clinical Phase I trial in 2024

- GMP Manufacturing

- GMP (Good Manufacturing Practice) Manufacturers selected and Work Order Statements executed
- ExpreS<sup>2</sup>ion's processes for manufacturing of material for HER2 antigen and VLP are transferred to the contract manufacturers
- Development of GMP manufacturing processes are progressing as planned

- Preclinical Safety

- GLP (Good Laboratory Practice) CRO (Contract Research Organisation) selected and Master Service Agreement executed
- In accordance with feedback from DKMA (Danish Medicines Agency) preclinical safety studies have been planned in two species (1-month short-term testing in a rodent and non-rodent model) as well as long-term general GLP study in NHP (non-human primates)
- The *in vivo* part of the short-term rodent safety study has been carried out, and the final report of the study is expected towards the end of 2022





# The 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation COVID-19 Vaccine

With **over 6.5 million deaths worldwide**<sup>1</sup>, significant needs remain in the global long-term fight against the SARS-CoV-2 virus:



Uncertain duration of effect with current vaccines, expected to need repeated boosters



Storage and handling requirements for many vaccines create logistical constraints (requires storage of -20 to -80 degrees Celsius)



Potential mutated variants may require rapid development of new vaccines

Global market size of **USD 137 billion** for the COVID-19 vaccine (2021)<sup>2</sup>



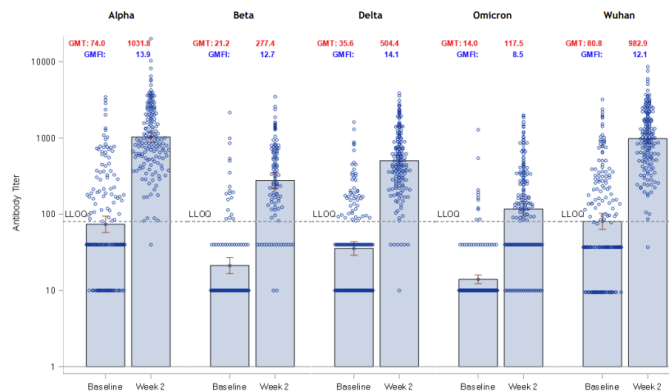
# ABNCoV2 COVID-19 Vaccine

Bavarian Nordic completed the Phase II study, and initiated the Phase III study

## Phase II results confirms ABNCoV2 as universal booster

- Evaluation as a booster vaccine in individuals with existing immunity. Study also assessed neutralizing immune responses against circulating variants and durability.
- **Strong boosting effect across all variants of concern**
- **Level of neutralizing antibodies at levels reported to be associated with high level of protection (>90%)<sup>1</sup>**
- **Level of neutralizing antibodies lowest for beta and omicron**
- **Potentially greater durability across variants of concern than mRNA vaccines**

Announced 17  
October 2022



## Phase III study initiated in USA and Europe

- 4,000 previously vaccinated subjects who will receive a booster vaccination with ABNCoV2 or an mRNA-based vaccine, aiming to demonstrate non-inferiority of ABNCoV2 to the licensed mRNA vaccine
- Manufacturing of vaccine bulk for the trial has been completed, filling now ongoing at BN's own manufacturing line

**Trial initiated 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 and with anticipated headline results towards end 2022**

**Bavarian Nordic plans a rolling submission and potential launch in 2023**

<sup>1</sup>) P. B. Gilbert et al., Science 10.1126/science.abm3425 (2021)



# Partnership with Bavarian Nordic

ABNCoV2 is already out-licensed with near-term revenue streams supporting Expres<sup>2</sup>ion

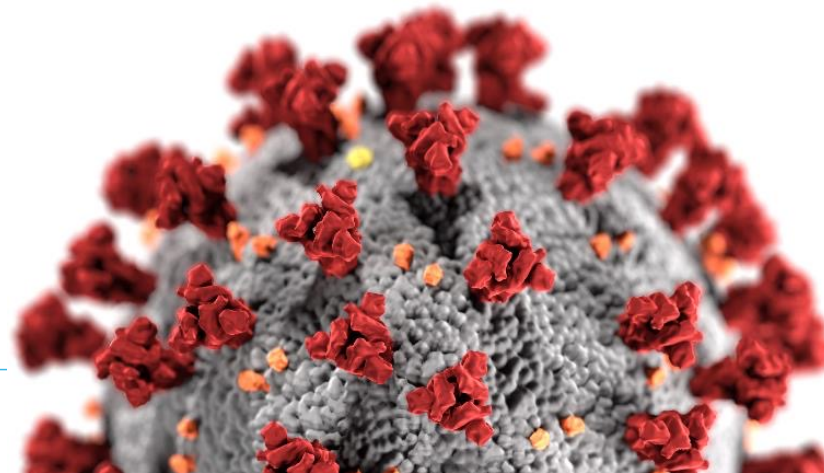
## AdaptVac receive from Bavarian Nordic

- EUR 4 million upfront (paid in July 2020)
- Up to EUR 136 million in development and sales milestones
- Single- to double-digit-% royalties of Bavarian revenues



## Expres<sup>2</sup>ion receive from AdaptVac

- 34% ownership of AdaptVac
- Up to EUR 2 million in commercial milestone payments
- Lower double-digit percentage of AdaptVac royalties



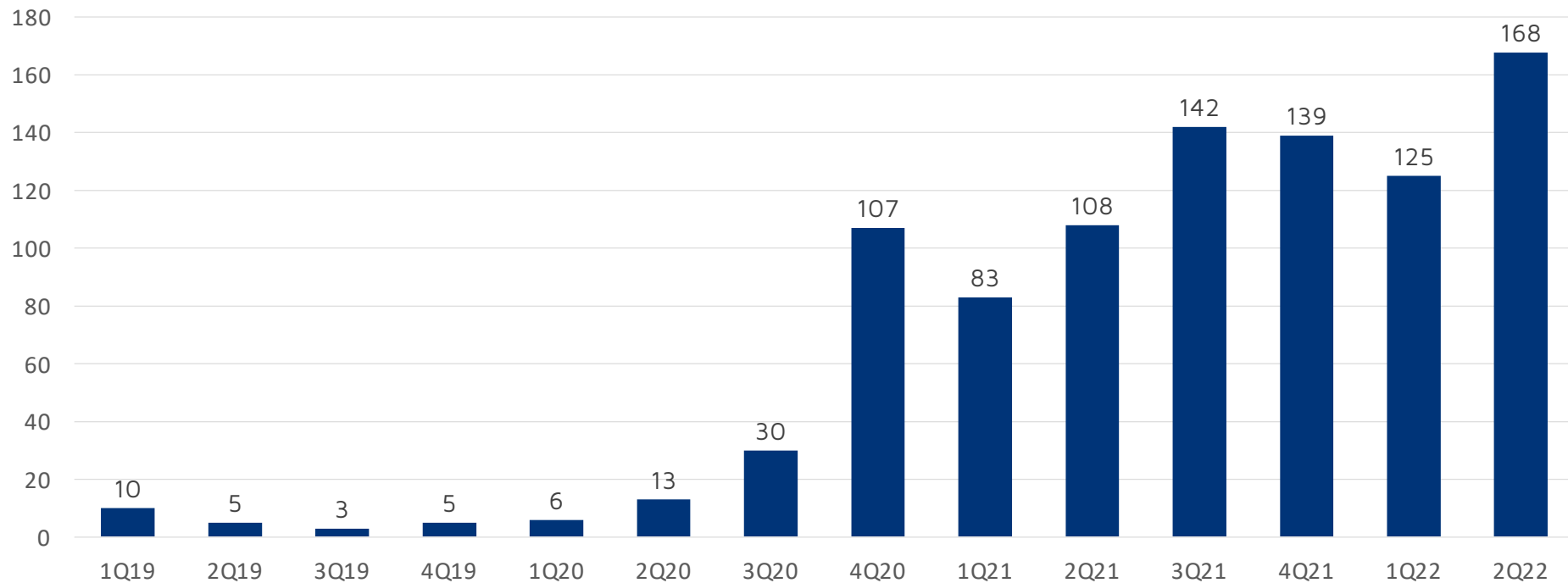


# Financials and Outlook

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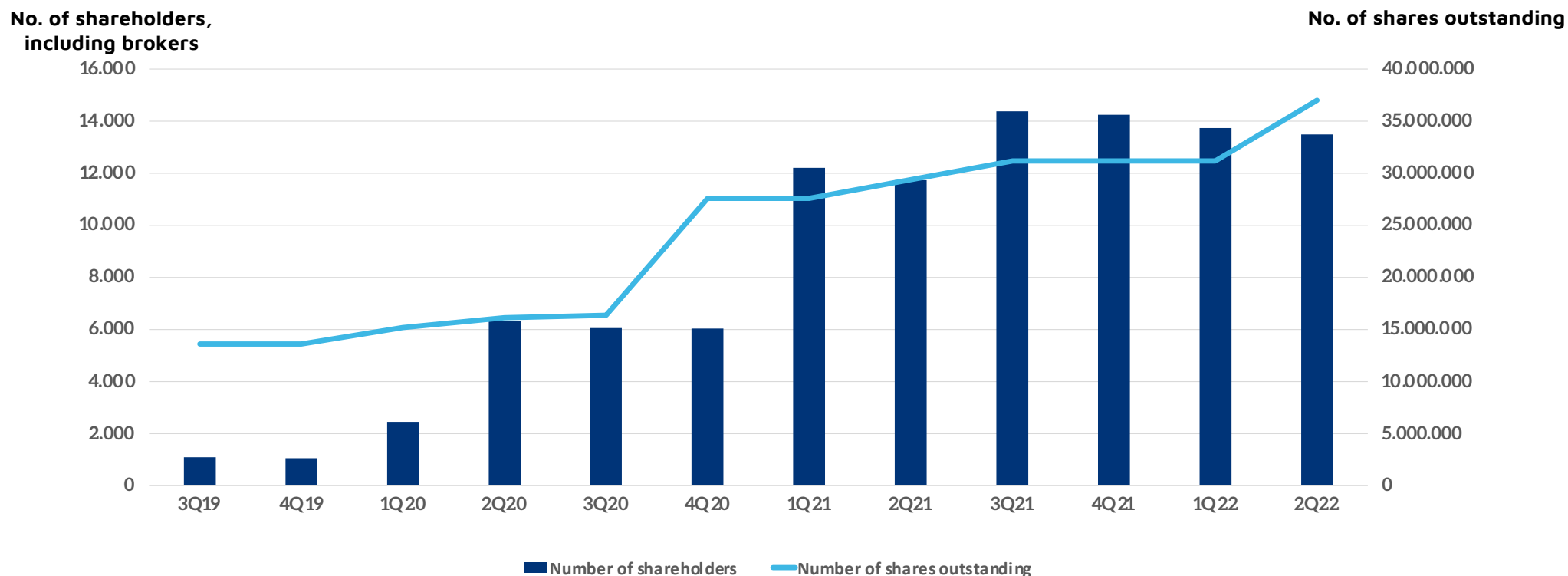
# Cash Balance<sup>1</sup>, 2019-2022 Quarterly

SEK millions



# Shareholder Composition

No. of shareholders has increased to ~14,000, now holding ~37.6 million shares



# Peer Comparison Market Valuations

Lower sales estimates and systematic risk taking reducing COVID-19 vaccine valuations



# Advancing Towards Key Catalysts

	2022	2023	2024
 <b>CORONAVIRUS (ABNCov2)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ BN Phase II study initiation Q3 21</li> <li>✓ BN Phase II study readout H1 2022</li> <li>✓ BN Phase III study initiation Q3 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>BN Phase III initial trial results towards end of 2022</b></li> <li><b>BN initiating rolling submission in H1 2023</b></li> <li><b>BN ready for market launch</b> (subject to regulatory approval)</li> </ul>	
 <b>BREAST CANCER (ES2B-C001)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Executed in-licensing (Feb 2021)</li> <li>✓ Preclinical animal studies initiated (Q2)</li> <li>✓ Preclinical animal proof-of-concept results H1 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GMP manufacturing processing</li> <li>Preclinical safety studies readout</li> <li>Filing of clinical study application H2 2023</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Initiation of first human clinical study 2024</b></li> <li><b>Outlicensing window opens pending human data</b></li> </ul>
 <b>INFLUENZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Advance/support further development of one or more candidates in 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>cGMP/Preclinical safety studies initiation (subject to new grant funding)</li> </ul>	
 <b>MALARIA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Phase IIa results from the Rh5 vaccine published in 2021</li> <li>✓ RH5 Additional phase I study in a malaria endemic region in Africa launched during 2021, with alternative adjuvant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Pfs 48/45 phase I study initiation 2022</b></li> <li><b>RH5-VLP phase I initiation 2023</b></li> <li><b>RH5 phase I study readout H2 2023</b></li> </ul>	

Note: Timeline for ABNCov2 is based on Bavarian Nordic's communicated timeline, and is subject to potential revision

A person is shown from the side, wearing a white lab coat, drawing a virus on a piece of paper with a blue marker. The virus is depicted as a sphere with spikes and a central core. The background is a wooden desk. The entire image has a blue tint.

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