



# **TNX-801: A Novel Mpox Vaccine: Live, Replicating, Attenuated Orthopoxvirus (Horsepox) Vaccine**

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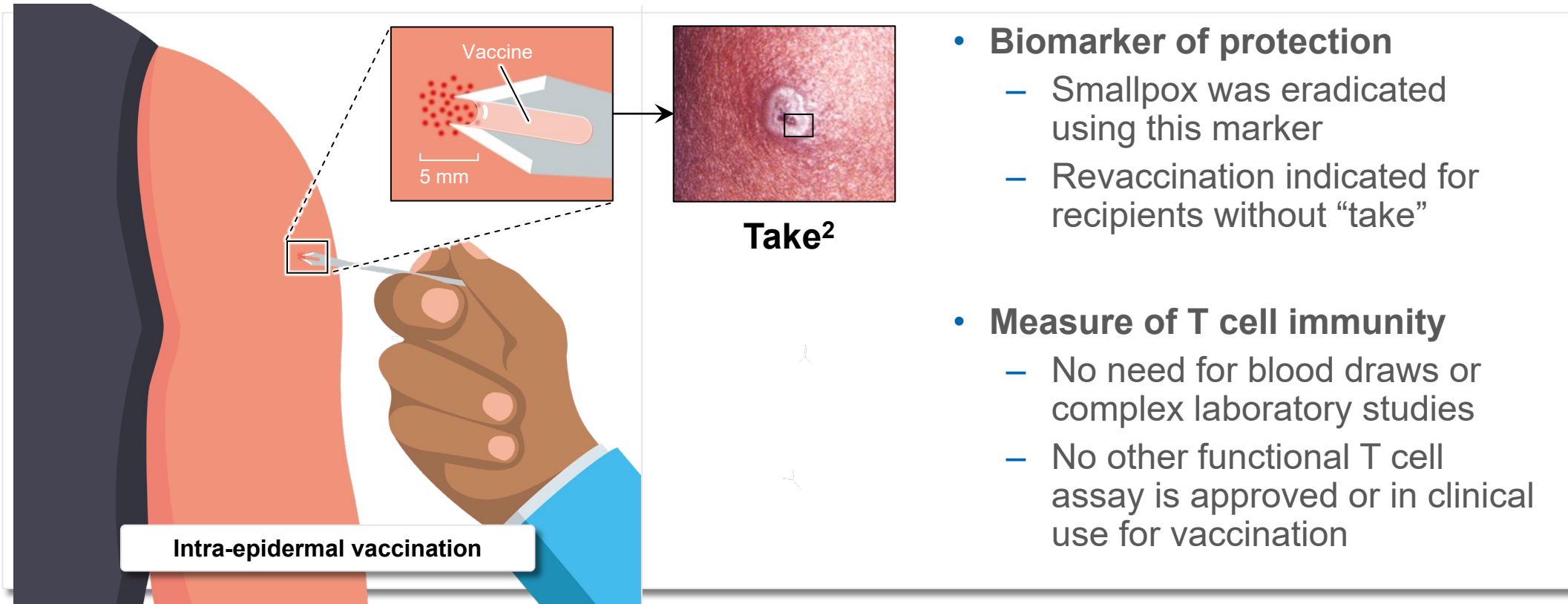
# In 1796 Edward Jenner Successfully Used Vaccination to Protect Against Smallpox

- Jenner reasoned infection with illness similar to smallpox, but less deadly, could protect against smallpox
  - Jenner “vaccinated” (*vacca*, Latin for “cow”) a patient with pustule matter from “cowpox” sores on a milkmaid’s hands;
  - Patient remained healthy when challenged with smallpox virus

➤ Jenner wrote he suspected that the agent causing cowpox, which he called **vaccinia**, *actually originated in horses* and was transferred from horses to cows’ udders by contaminated farm workers’ hands.



# Vaccinia Induces a Skin Reaction Called “Take” Described by Dr. Edward Jenner



\*Example of major cutaneous reaction, or “take,” resulting from a replication-competent live-virus vaccine with intradermal delivery, indicating successful vaccination<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Fulginiti VA, et al. *Clin Infect Dis*. 2003;37(2):241-250.

<sup>2</sup>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Accessed April 15, 2020. <https://phil.cdc.gov/Details.aspx?pid=3276>

# TNX-801 Development

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- **U.S. smallpox vaccine manufactured in 1902 (H.K. Mulford)**
  - **99.7% similar to horsepox in core viral sequence<sup>1,2</sup>**
- **Tonix-801 is based on a sequence of an isolated horsepox (HPXV) clone<sup>3</sup>**
  - Synthesized<sup>4</sup> in 2018 (isolate was unavailable outside of CDC)
  - No new gene elements introduced
- **Sequencing showed Tonix-801 identical to CDC publication of a 1976 horsepox isolate<sup>5</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>Tulman ER, et al. [Genome of horsepox virus](#). *J Virol*. 2006 80(18):9244-58.PMID:16940536

<sup>2</sup>Schrick, L. et al [An Early American Smallpox Vaccine Based on Horsepox](#) *N Engl J Med* 2017; 377:149

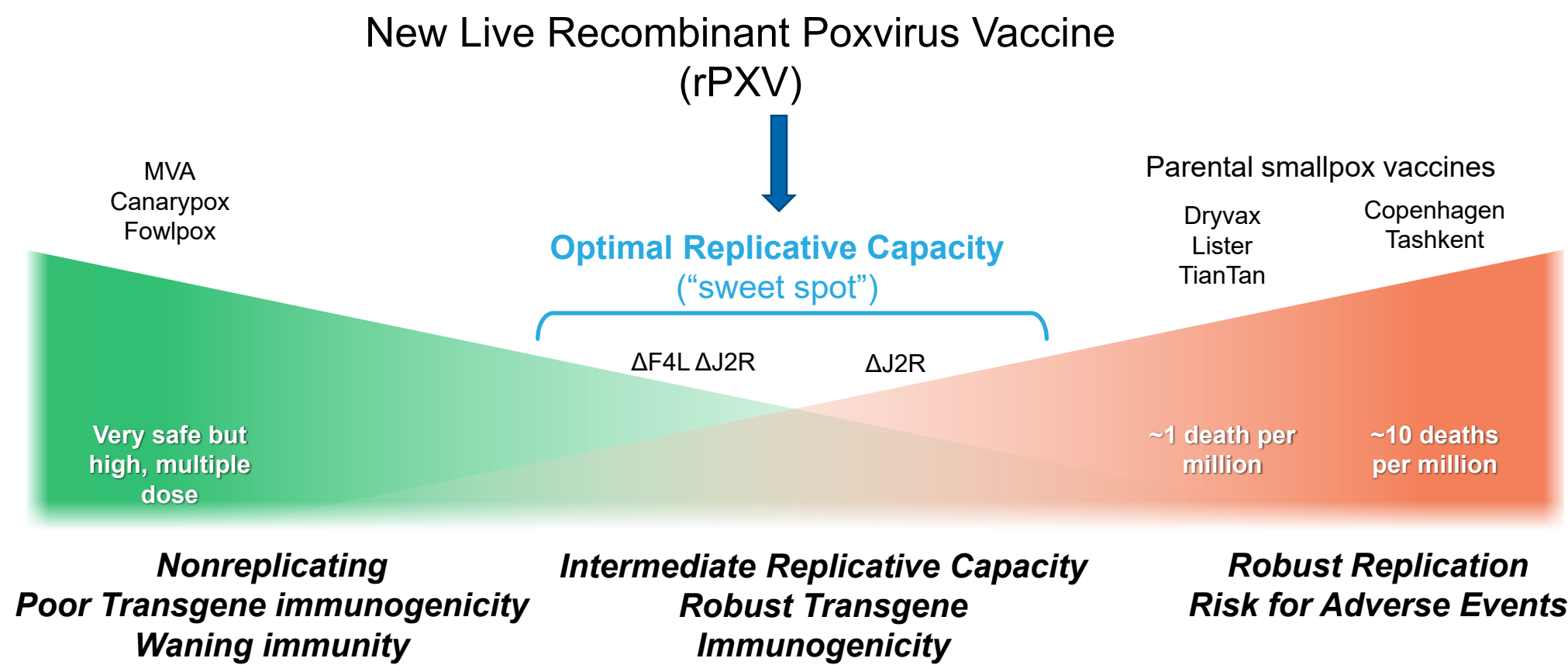
<sup>3</sup>Noyce RS, et al.. [Construction of an infectious horsepox virus vaccine from chemically synthesized DNA fragments](#). *PLoS One*. 2018 Jan 19;13(1):e0188453

<sup>4</sup>Trindade GS, et al. Serro 2 Virus Highlights the Fundamental Genomic and Biological Features of a Natural Vaccinia Virus Infecting Humans. *Viruses* 2016 Dec 10;8(12). pii: E328. PMID:27973399  
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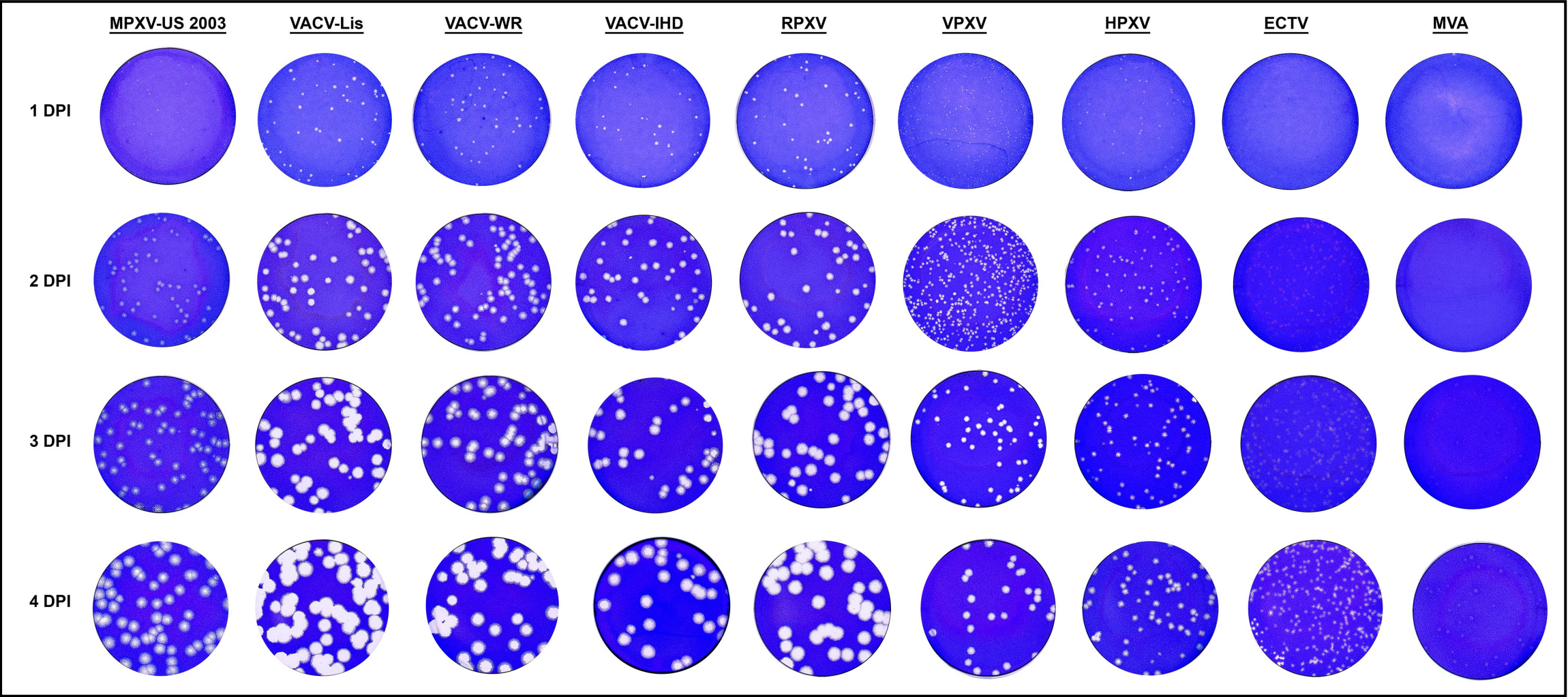
<sup>5</sup>Noyce, RS, et al. Synthetic Chimeric Horsepox Virus (scHPXV) Vaccination Protects Macaques from Monkeypox\* Presented as a poster at the American Society of Microbiology BioThreats Conference - January 29, 2020, Arlington, VA. (<https://content.equisolve.net/tonixpharma/media/10929ac27f4fb5f5204f5cf41d59a121.pdf> )

# Illustrative Safety Spectrum Of Pox-based Vaccine Vectors

## Optimizing Live Virus Vaccines







# Orthopoxvirus Virulence as Visualized by Plaque Assay



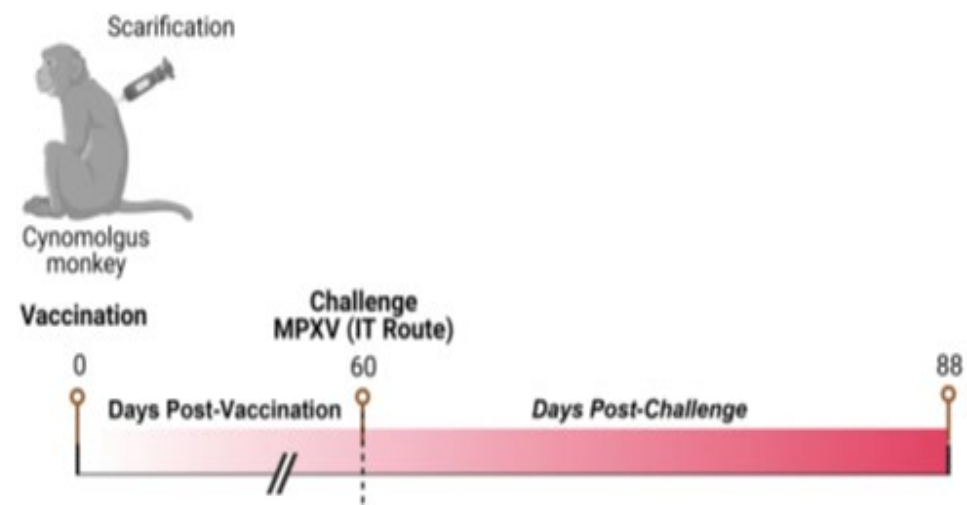
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# Single Dose of Recombinant Chimeric Horsepox Virus (TNX-801) Vaccination Protects Macaques from Lethal Monkeypox Challenge

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# TNX-801 Vaccination and Lethal Challenge in Macaques

Vaccination					Challenge		
Group	Vaccine	N	Dose (Log <sub>10</sub> PFU)	Route	Virus	Dose (Log <sub>10</sub> PFU)	Route
1	TNX-801 (High Dose)	4	6.6	Scarification	MPXV (Zaire)	5.0	IT
2	TNX-801 (Low Dose)	4	5.7	Scarification	MPXV (Zaire)	5.0	IT
3	rVACV	4	5.0	Scarification	MPXV (Zaire)	5.0	IT
4	Mock	4	-	Scarification	MPXV (Zaire)	5.0	IT

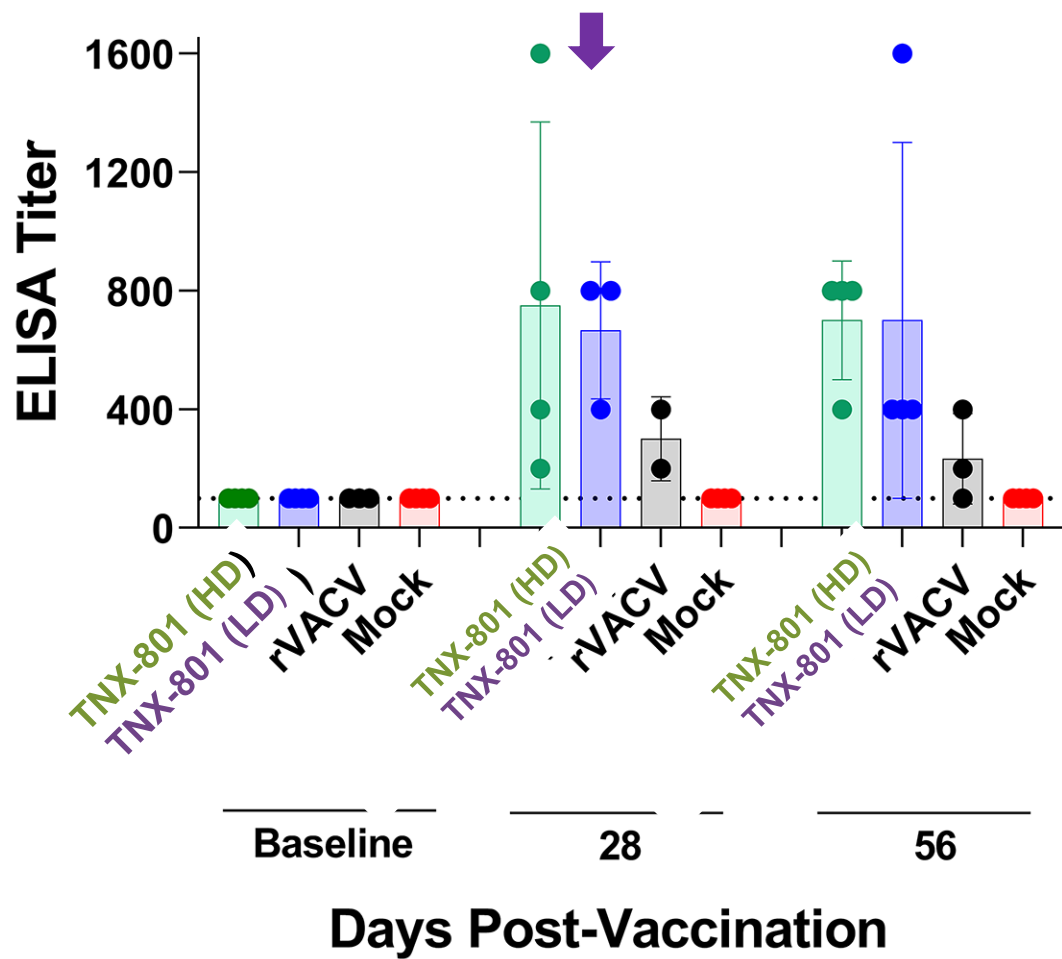


**“Take” observed in all TNX-801 vaccinated NHPs except one.**

- If no take by day 7 were revaccinated on day 14.

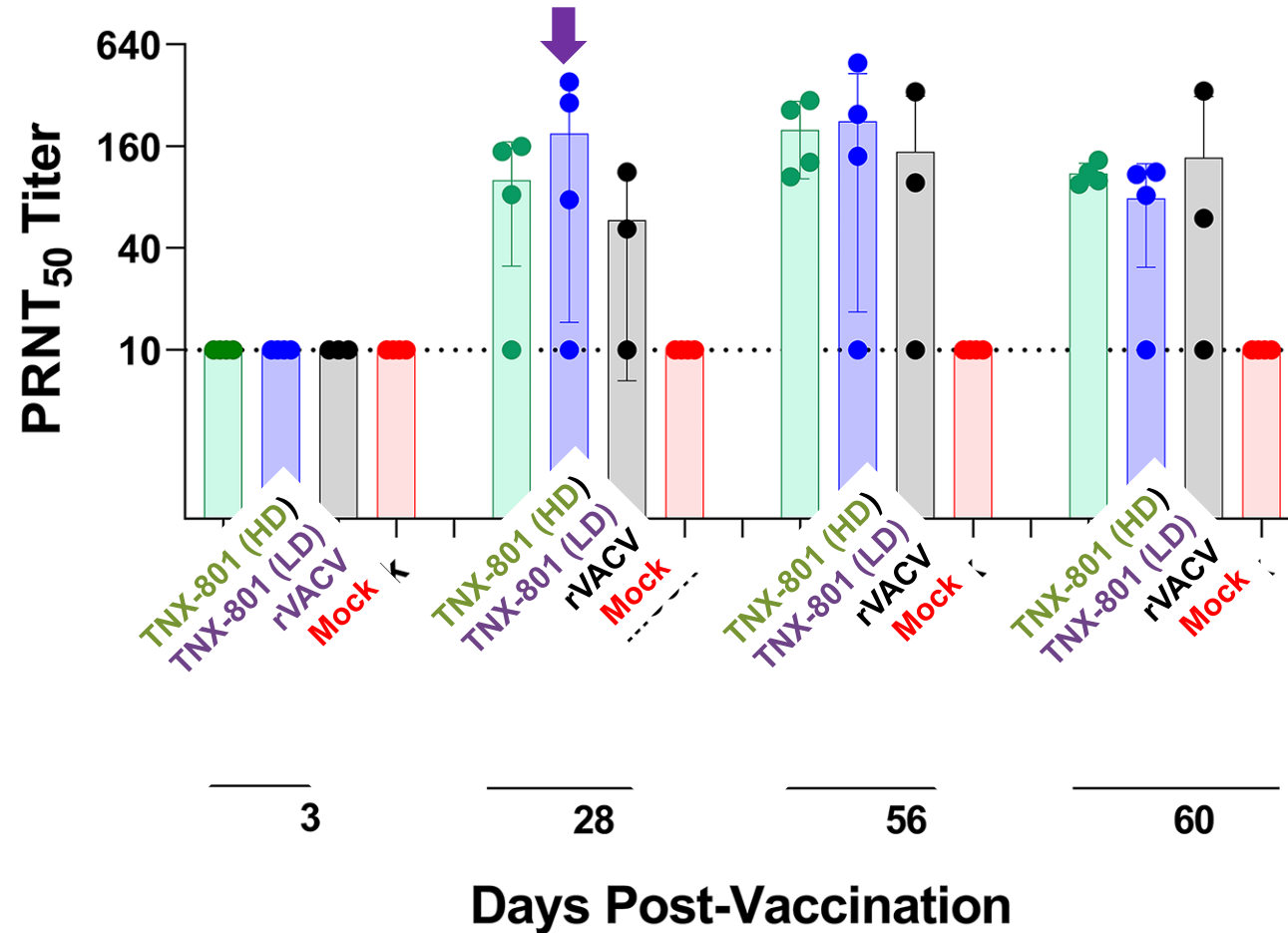
**Post-vaccination, no NHP showed lesions during first 60 days**

# Immunogenicity: Total IgG (ELISA)



100% seroconversion in Tonix-801 vaccinated groups with antibody titers 2- to 16-fold higher than baseline by day 28 and 4-to 8-fold higher at day 56.

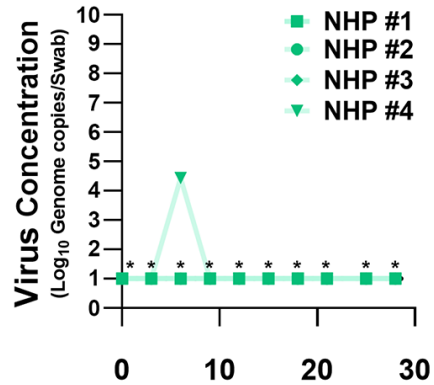
## Immunogenicity: Neutralizing Antibody (PRNT<sub>50</sub> Assay)



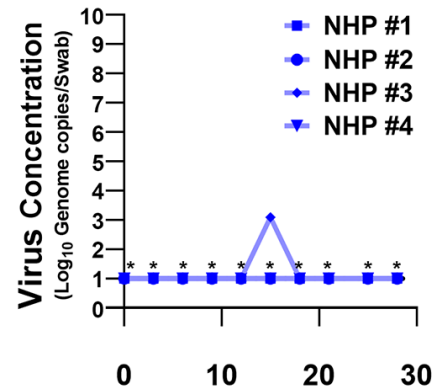
**88% of TNX-801 vaccinated NHPs had neutralizing antibody responses  
8- to 50-fold from baseline**

# Measured Virus Shedding: Oral Swabs

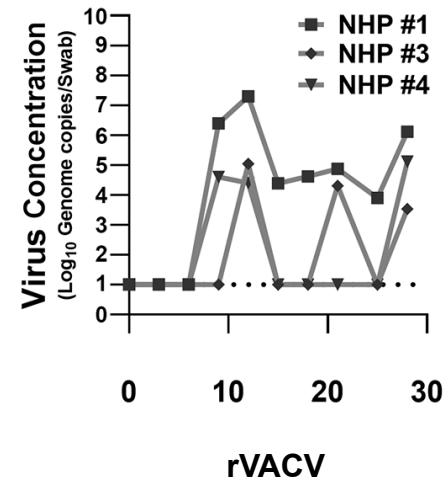
## Oral Swabs



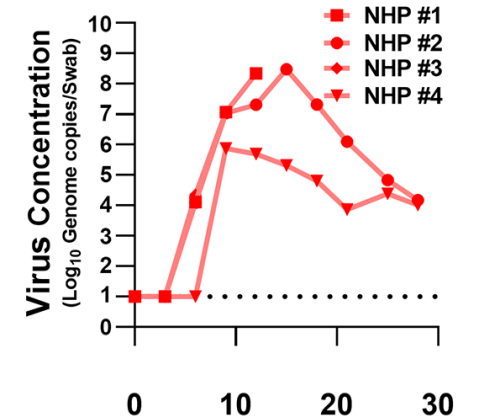
TNX-801 (High Dose)



TNX-801 (Low Dose)



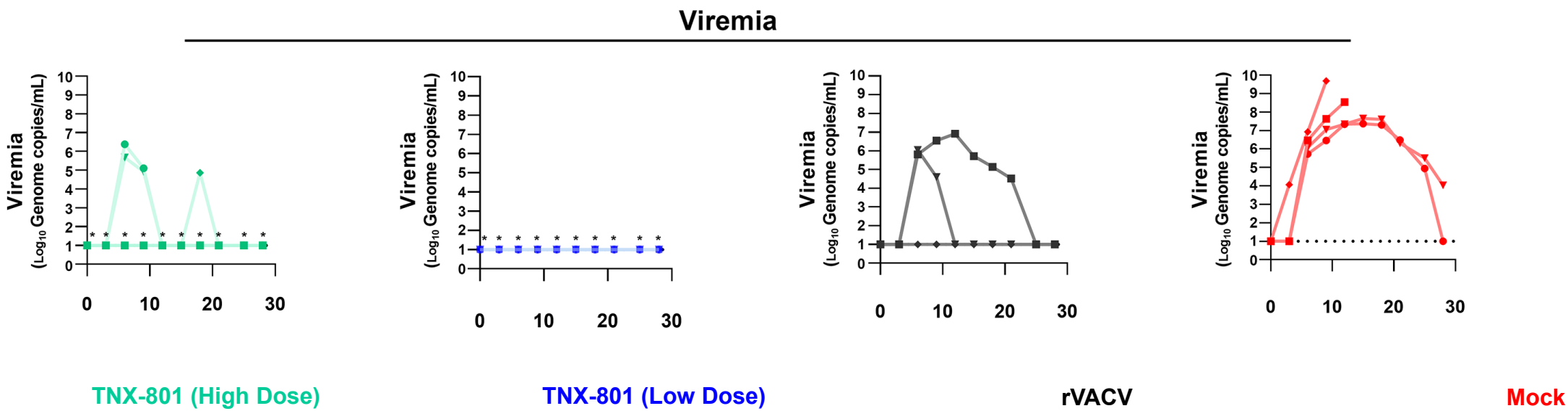
rVACV



Mock

Minimal or no virus shedding in Tonix-801 vaccinated groups

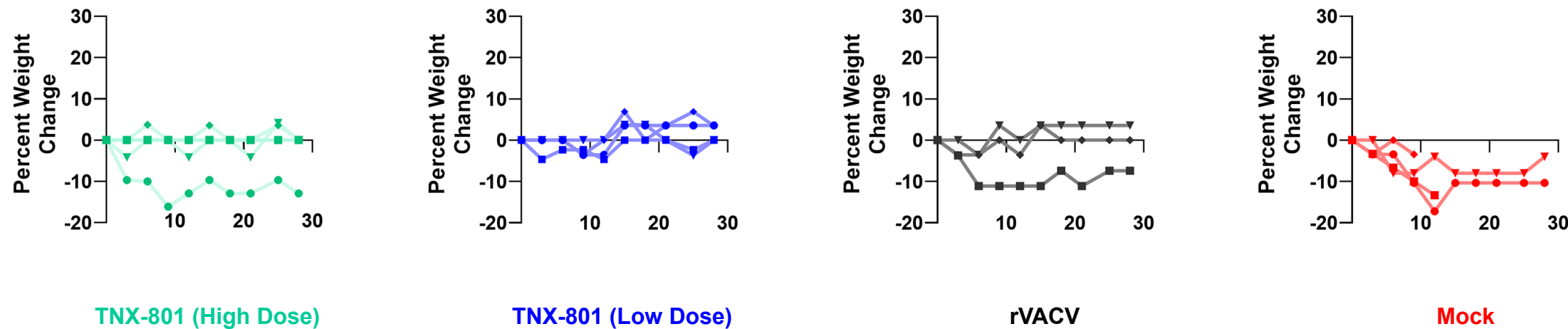
# Measured Viremia



Minimal sporadic or no viremia in Tonix-801 vaccinated groups

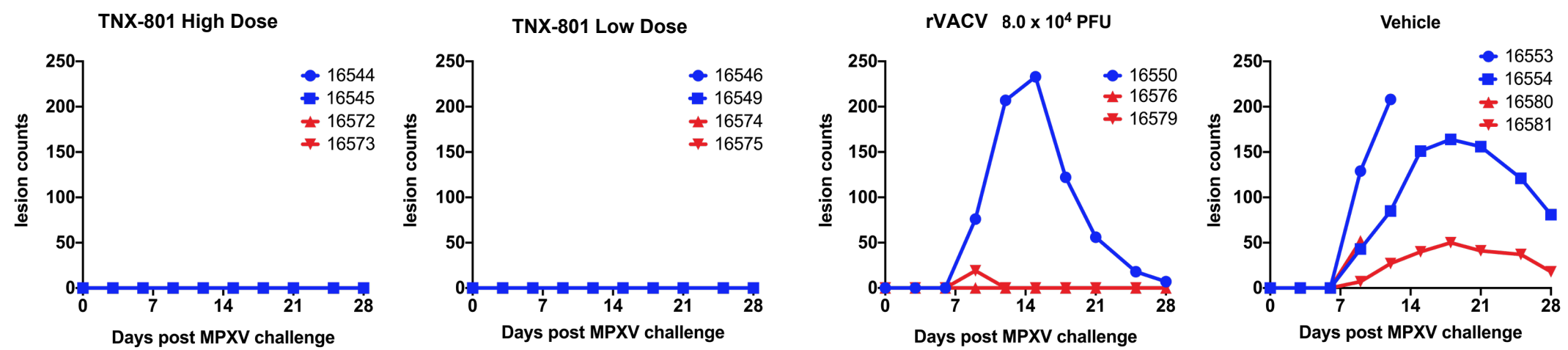
# Clinical Disease: Weight Loss

Weight Loss



Minimal or no weight loss in Tonix-801 vaccinated groups

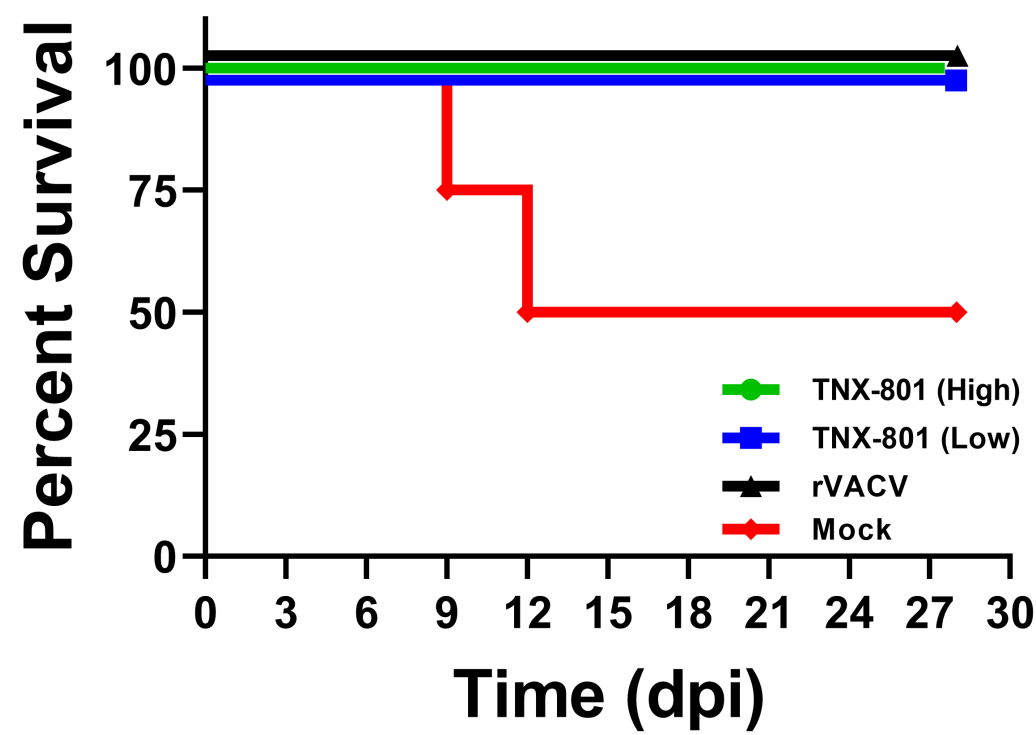
# Clinical Signs After MPXV Challenge



**NHPs vaccinated with Tonix-801:**  
**No lesions observed after MPXV challenge in any of the eight animals**

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# Clinical Disease: Lethality



No deaths in Tonix-801 vaccinated groups

# Study Conclusions for TNX-801 Non-Human Primate Challenge

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- A single dose vaccination was well tolerated
  - No severe adverse events
- Vaccination was immunogenic
- Mpox disease (lesions) was not observed following MPXV (Zaire) challenge
- All vaccinated NHPs survived lethal challenge

# Live Recombinant Poxvirus (rPXV) Vaccine Platform Profile

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## POTENTIALLY LONGER DURABILITY DUE TO POX-ENGINEERED ARCHITECTURE

- Live virus vaccines present unique “danger signals” (PAMPs)
- Results in strong immune response



## PROGRAMMABLE VECTOR DESIGN FOR USE IN DIFFERENT DISEASES

- Large capacity for expressing inserted genes
- Wide range of clinical applications: pandemic, biodefense, infectious disease, smallpox, oncology



## LIVE VIRUS-BASED SCIENCE IS WELL ESTABLISHED

- Streamlined development
- Ability to vertically integrate development and manufacturing
- Standard cold-chain requirements

# Approved Recombinant Poxvirus-Based Commercial Products<sup>1-3</sup>

Product	Application / disease	Location	Poxvirus vector	Host restricted?	Doses released to environment
<b>TROVAC-AIV H5N1</b> <i>Boehringer Ingelheim</i>	Agriculture/avian influenza	Mexico, Central America	TROVAC-AIV H5N1	<b>No</b> <i>Replication competent</i>	<b>2 billion</b> (as of 2006)
<b>Purevax FeLV</b> <i>Boehringer Ingelheim</i>	Companion animals (cats)/FeLV	US, others	ALVAC-FeLV Gag/Pol	Yes <i>Replication incompetent</i>	Unknown
<b>Purevax Rabies</b> <i>Boehringer Ingelheim</i>	Companion animals (cats)/rabies	US, others	ALVAC-RG	Yes <i>Replication incompetent</i>	Unknown
<b>Recombitek</b> <i>Boehringer Ingelheim</i>	Companion animals (dogs)/canine distemper	US, others	ALVAC-HA, F	Yes <i>Replication incompetent</i>	Unknown
<b>Raboral V-RG</b> <b>Rabisin</b> <i>Boehringer Ingelheim</i>	Wildlife control of rabies	US, Europe, Israel	Vaccinia Copenhagen RG	<b>No</b> <i>Replication competent</i>	<b>250 million doses</b> <i>5 million doses/year</i>

<sup>1</sup>Boehringer Ingelheim. Accessed July 15, 2021. <https://www.boehringer-ingelheim.com/animal-health/products>

<sup>2</sup>Bublot M, Pritchard N, Swayne DE, et al. Development and use of fowlpox vectored vaccines for avian influenza. *Ann N Y Acad Sci.* 2006;1081:193-201.

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# Emerging Infectious Disease R&D and Manufacturing Capability

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Advanced Development, MA



Commercial Manufacturing, MT(Planned)



# American Pandemic Preparedness Plan (AP3) White House OSTP

AP3 Plan Element	Tonix rPXV Vaccine Platform Potential
Rapid Design, Testing Review <100 days	4-6 mo. Design-to-FIH trial
Rapid Production Scale Up	Large scale production <130 days possible
Distribution	Stable Traditional cold-chain
Administration	Intraepidermal : BFN or skin patch Non-Sterile No syringes
Adaptation	rPXV platform can express large inserts
Public Health Strategy	Potential to reduce onward transmission 1 dose only Ideal for Ring Vaccination Strategy

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