



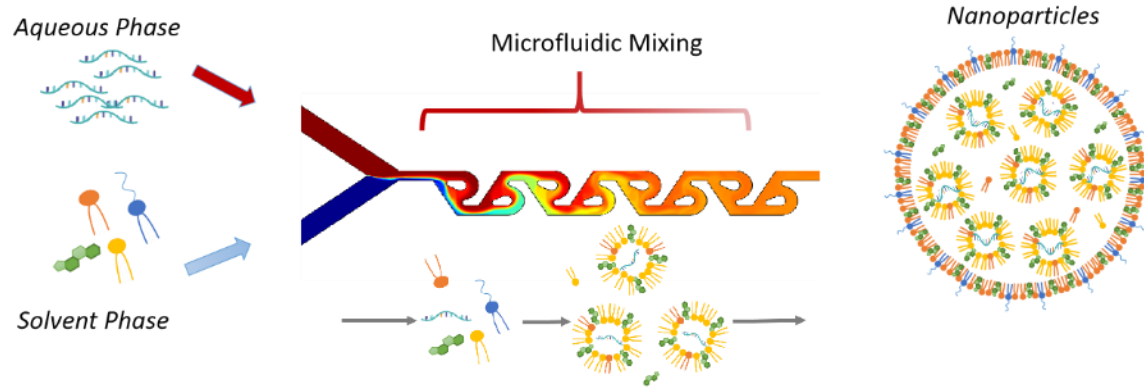
# NanoGenerator<sup>®</sup> Flex-S Plus:

High throughput  
Formulation Screening platform  
for Nucleic Acid Encapsulated  
LNPs

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# Components of Nucleic Acid Encapsulated LNPs



## Lipid Components



Cationic/ionizable lipid



Helper lipid



Cholesterol



PEGylated lipid

## Genetic Materials



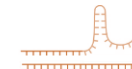
mRNA



DNA Plasmid

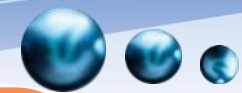


SiRNA



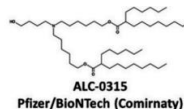
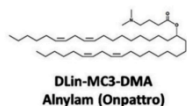
Cas9mRNA + sgRNA

# Lipid Components and Functions



## Cationic/Ionizable Lipids

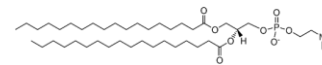
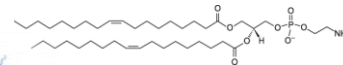
- Increase nucleic acid encapsulation rate
- Critical for endosomal escape
- Increase transfection efficiency



## Helper Lipids

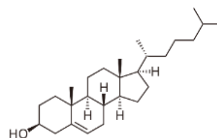
DOPE –facilitate fusion between LNP membranes and cell membranes.  
Higher protein expression level.

DSPC – stabilizing lipid membrane structure, enhance nucleic acid encapsulation efficiency



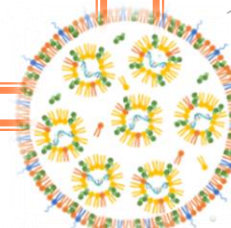
## Cholesterol

- Enhancing membrane fluidity
- Increasing LNP stability



## PEGylated Lipids

- 0.5-2.5% molar ratio
- Targeting function
  - Increase LNP stability
  - extend circulation time
  - reducing clearance by blood proteins and macrophages
  - immune responses (anti-PEG antibody)
  - reduce cellular uptake and hinder the escape of nanoparticles from endosomes



# Generic Material Optimization



## mRNA material

- Synthetic cap analogues and capping enzymes
- Regulatory elements in the 5'-untranslated region (UTR) and the 3'-UTR
- Poly(A) tail stabilizes mRNA and increases protein translation
- Modified nucleosides, decrease innate immune activation and increase translation
- Sequence and/or codon optimization increase translation

mRNA vaccines — a new era in vaccinology.  
Pardi, N., Hogan, M., Porter, F. *et al. Nat Rev Drug Discov* **2018** *17*, 261–279  
<https://doi.org/10.1038/nrd.2017.243>

## siRNA materials

- 2'-Ribose modification
  - 2'-Ome, 2'-F
  - Increase metabolic stability and reduce degradation
- Phosphorothioate (PS)
  - Terminal backbone stabilization
- RISC loading, 5' phosphate modification
  - Prolonged durability on target silencing
- GNA glycol nucleic acid, reducing off-targeting
- 3' End backbone extra stabilization

RNAi-based drug design: considerations and future directions  
Tang, Q., Khvorova, A *Nat Rev Drug Discov* **2024** *23*, 341–36.  
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41573-024-00912-9>

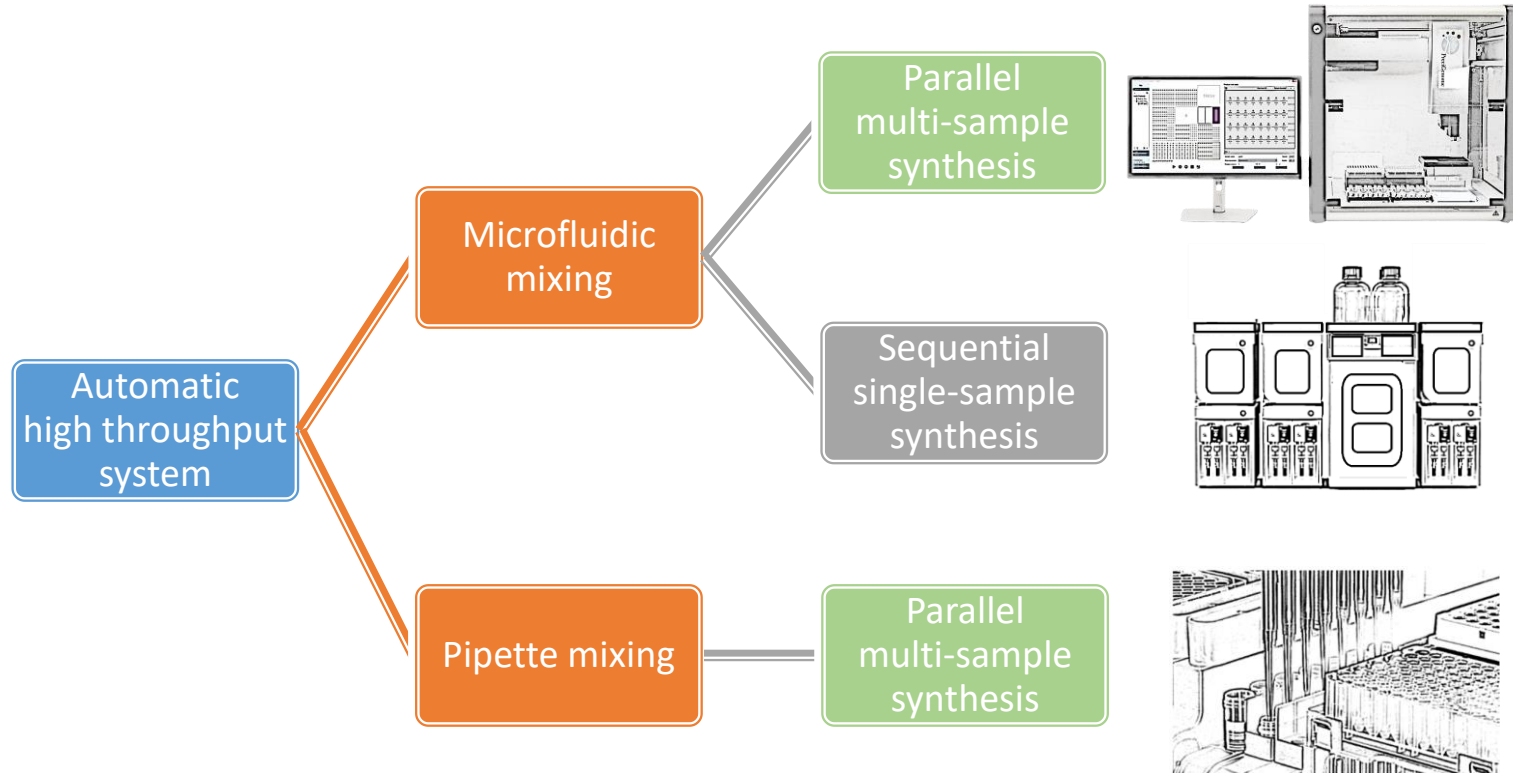


## DNA materials

- Sequences optimization
  - Enhance transgene expression
  - Reduce autoimmunity
  - Strong promoter for expression
- Codon Optimization
  - Increase protein expression level
  - Codon preference
  - Secondary structure of resulted mRNA
  - Avoid restriction enzyme sites
  - GC ~40-60%

DNA-Based Nonviral Gene Therapy—Challenging but Promising  
Xiaocai Guan, Yufeng Pei, and Jie Song  
*Molecular Pharmaceutics* **2024** *21* (2), 427–453  
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# High throughput system for LNP preparation

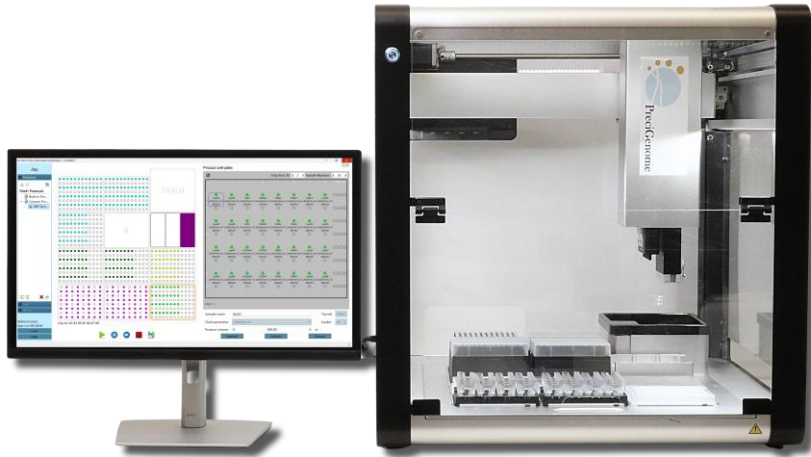


# High throughput system for LNP preparation



	PreciGenome NanoGenerator® Flex-S Plus	Sequential microfluidic single- sample mixing	Robotic Liquid Handler
Mixing Methods	Microfluidic mixing	Microfluidic mixing	Pipette mixing
Synthesis Mode	Multi-sample	Single-sample	Multi-sample
Washing Needed	No	Yes	No
Run Time for 96 samples	1 hour	> 4 hours	40min
Sample volume	100 – 500 µL	400 µL – 2 mL	200 µL
Sample conc. range	Flexible	Flexible	Only low lipid concentration (1-2mM lipid)
LNP size difference compared to scale up production	Similar	Similar	20-25% larger
LNP PDI compared to scale up production	Similar	Similar	20-25% larger
EE% compared to scale up production	Similar	Similar	20-25% less
Protocol optimization	Well developed	Well developed	Intense (ratio, speed, concentration, tip choice, etc.)

# Features of Flex-S Plus



- The Flex-S Plus System facilitates the rapid screening of nanoparticle formulations and early-stage mRNA candidates, offering a substantial increase in project efficiency.
- With a max throughput of 48 samples per run, 96 samples per hour, the Flex-S Plus greatly streamlines screening processes. It offers comprehensive automation of complex protocols, enabling users to concentrate on other laboratory duties.
- The system also permits experimentation with as little as 100  $\mu$ l of samples while providing control over collection volumes. This allows users to optimize the use of valuable materials.

# NanoGenerator® Flex-S Plus



	NanoGenerator® Flex-S/Flex-S Plus	Syringe Pump Systems	Tubing Connection Systems
Dead volume per sample	< 20 µl	0.5 mL	0.5 - 1 mL
Source of dead volume	Micro-channel in the mixing Chip	Syringe, connector, and/or mixing chip	Tubing, connector, and mixing chip
Typical production volume	100 - 500 µL	1 – 10 mL	1 – 10 mL
Minimum input volume (Aqueous :Lipid = 3:1)	Aqueous : 75ul Lipid: 25ul	Aqueous: 1 mL Lipid: 0.5 mL	Aqueous: 1 mL Lipid: 0.5 mL
Estimated minimum mRNA cost	\$50	\$660	\$660
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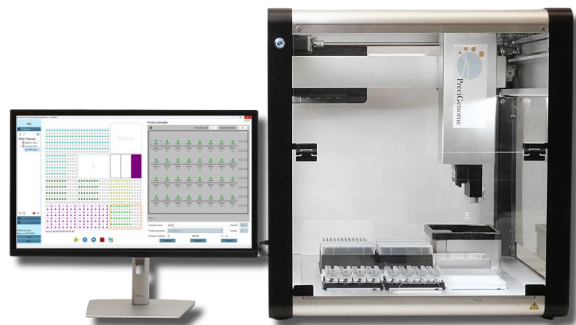
NanoGenerator® Flex-S



NanoGenerator® Flex-S Plus



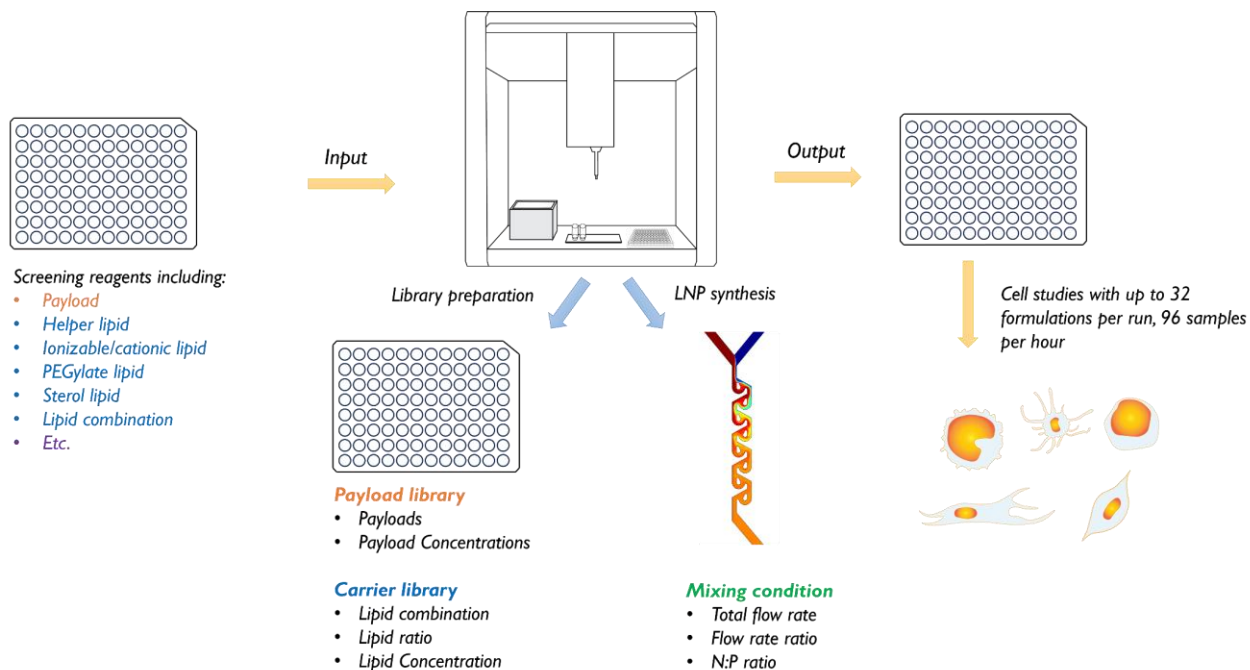
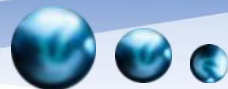
# NanoGenerator® Flex-S Plus



- Rapid screening of LNP formulations
- Rapid screening of mRNA/siRNA
- 48 samples per run
- 96 samples within one hour
- Disposable consumables

Model	Flex-S	Flex-S Plus
Multi-sample per run	1 – 4	(1 – 12) × 4 per run Up to 96 samples per hour
Full automation	N/A	Yes
Library preparation	N/A	Optional
Throughput	0.1 – 0.5 ml per sample	0.1 – 0.5 ml per sample
Total flow rate	3 ml/min, 4 ml/min	3 ml/min
Flow rate ratio	3:1	3:1
Custom design flow rate	Yes	Yes
Size range	40 – 200 nm	40 – 200 nm
PDI	0.05 – 0.2	0.05 – 0.2
Encapsulation efficiency	Up to 99%	Up to 99%
Payload	DNA, mRNA, siRNA, Protein, small molecules, etc.	DNA, mRNA, siRNA, Protein, small molecules, etc.
Dimension	320 mm × 400 mm × 210 mm	630 mm × 570 mm × 660 mm
Weight	8.1 kg	50 kg

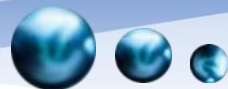
# NanoGenerator® Flex-S Plus for screening



## Sample Workflow:

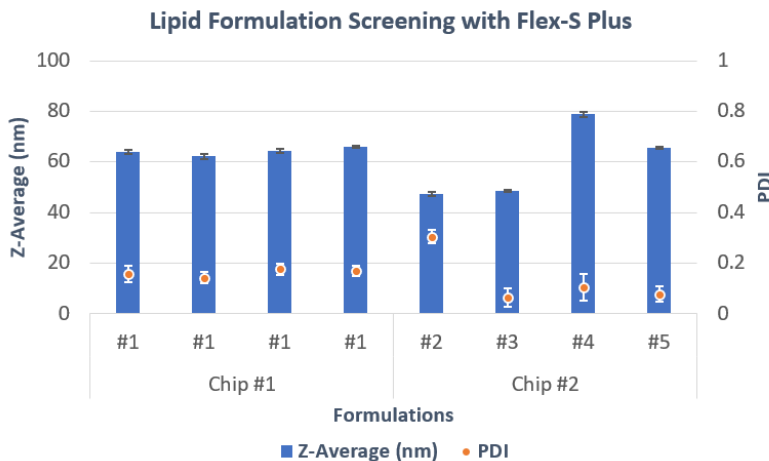
1. Load samples in 96 well plates;
2. Seal the 96 well plate (optional);
3. Put consumables on the deck: Chips, 96 well plates, pipette tips, and Gaskets;
4. Set parameters in the software and run the program;
5. Collect samples in 96 well plate;
6. Discard/Change consumable.

Demo video: [Demo of NanoGenerator® Flex-S Plus Platform, Automated High-throughput LNP Preparation & formulation](#)



- Robust multi-sample synthesis
- Reliable performance
- Consistent results

Model	Flex-S Plus
Aqueous phase	Sodium acetate buffer, 100mM, pH5.2
Solvent phase	LipidFlex, 15mM in ethanol
Parameters	3ml/min, FRR 3:1, 200µL



- Lipid formulation screening
- 96 samples < 1hour
- 96-well Plate format

Model	Flex-S Plus
Aqueous phase	RNA in Sodium acetate buffer, 100mM, pH5.2
Solvent phase	Different lipid formulation



Size (nm)

54.9	45.4	45.5	55.5
54.4	47.6	45	46.2
54.7	46.5	47.4	62.3
54.4	48.2	51.9	57.3
42.6	47.8	44.8	51.2
41.1	50	46.9	48.2
62.8	48.5	46.7	74
56.6	50.7	52.1	59.2

40

80

PDI

0.216	0.13	0.126	0.473
0.175	0.107	0.092	0.08
0.185	0.09	0.104	0.113
0.16	0.1	0.137	0.107
0.306	0.121	0.101	0.403
0.063	0.129	0.128	0.124
0.118	0.066	0.148	0.109
0.041	0.099	0.163	0.113

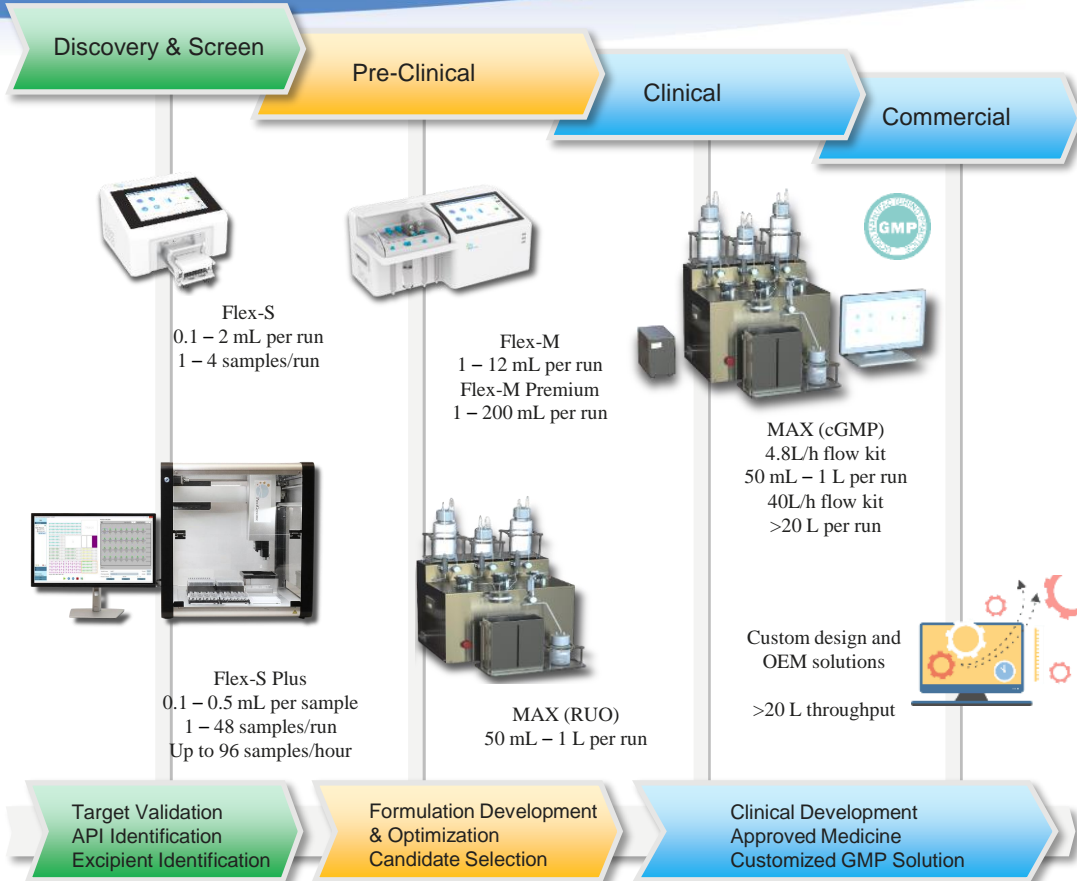
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- 32 sample screening (formulation & N:P ratio screening)
- 96 samples < 1hour
- 96-well Plate format

Model	Flex-S Plus
Aqueous phase	RNA in Sodium acetate buffer, 100mM, pH5.2
Solvent phase	Different lipid formulation

# NanoGenerator® - Nanoparticle Synthesis System



# NanoGenerator® Scaling Up



- Transferable results from early screening (Flex-S, 0.1mL) to pre-clinical development (Flex-M/M Premium, 200mL), then commercial production (Max: 1L, MAX 40L/h: >20L)



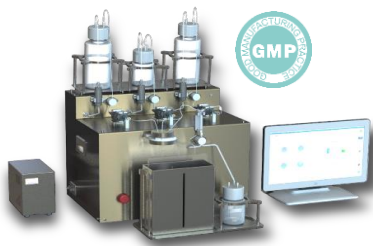
Flex-S: 0.1 – 2 ml  
Flex-S Plus: 0.1 – 0.5 ml



Flex-M: 1 – 12 ml  
Flex-M Premium: 1 – 200ml

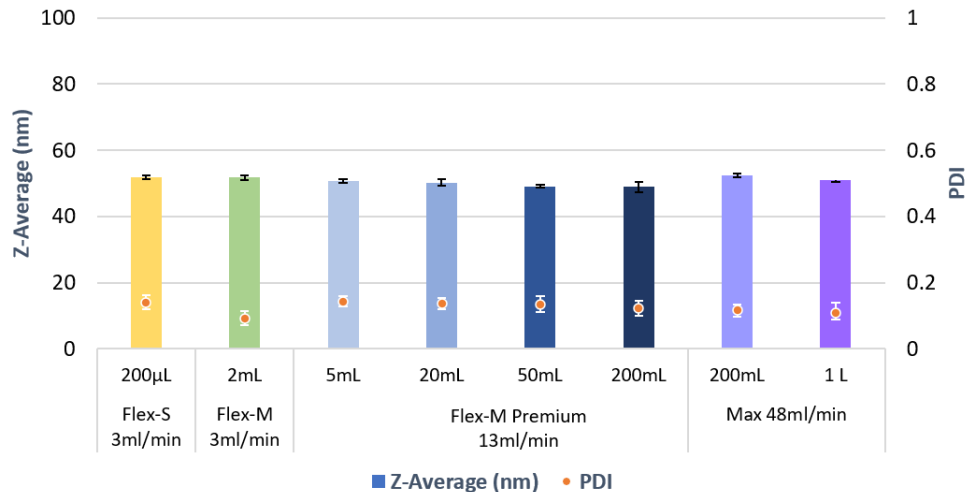


MAX RUO : 50 ml – 1 L



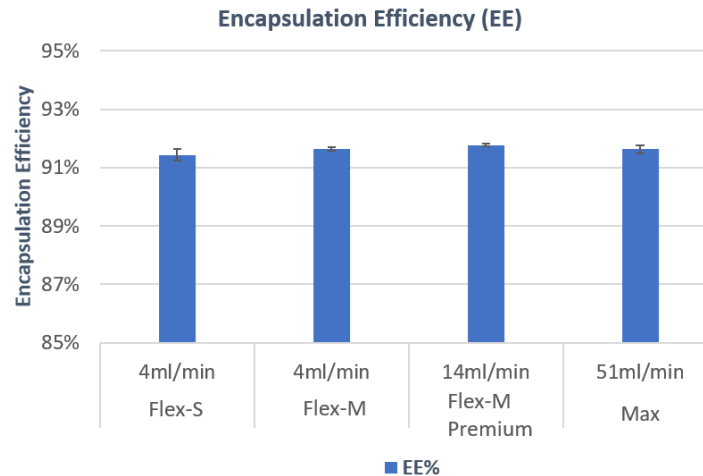
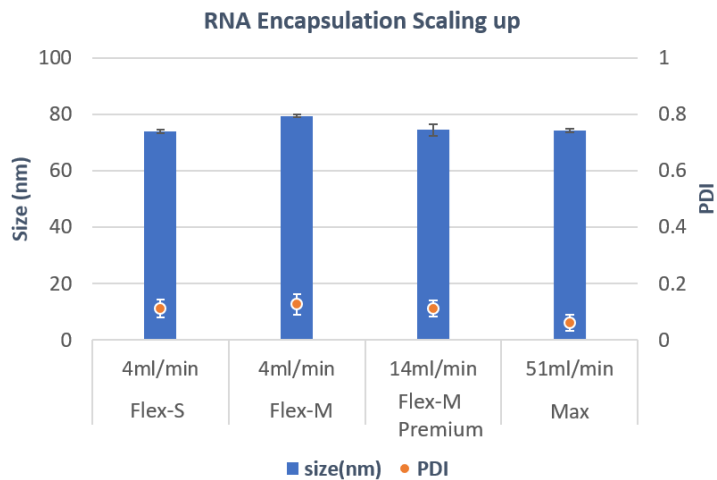
MAX cGMP (4.8L/h) : 50 ml – 1 L  
MAX cGMP (40L/h): > 20 L

## NanoGenerator® Scaling up



Reagents	
Aqueous phase	Sodium acetate buffer (100mM, pH5.2)
Solvent phase	LipidFlex, 15mM in ethanol

# NanoGenerator® — Scale Up



Reagents	
Aqueous phase	Sodium acetate buffer (100mM, pH5.2)
Payload	RNA (~600 nt)
Solvent phase	LipidFlex RNA-LNP kit



# System Benefits

## High Throughput & Efficiency



- Multiple sample (1/4/32) per run.
- Runtime <5 min for 4 samples, 48/96 samples per hour.

## Regulatory Compliance



- Intuitive software (21 CFR Part 11 compliant)
- Single-use mixing cartridge

## Scalable & Reproducible



- Direct transfer from discovery to clinical manufacturing
- Reproducible manufacturing

## Automation



- Automated workflow
- Real-time data monitoring & recording
- Electronic batch records

## High Yield



- Small reagent volume (minimum 50  $\mu$ l) for each sample.
- Save up to 80% of RNA/lipid cost

## Custom Design & Service



- On-site 3Q installation & qualification
- Custom design & OEM