## Supplementary Information: Optimization of Lipid Nanoparticles for saRNA Expression and Cellular Activation Using a Design-of-Experiment Approach

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**Supplementary Figure 1:** Multiple pairwise analysis for variable selection. Boxplot (**A-F**) from Definite Screening Design of experiments (Iteration A). Only statistically significant interactions between experimental inputs and outputs (see Figure 2C in main text) are displayed.



**Supplementary Figure 2:** Multiple pairwise analysis for the effect of the Ionizable lipid type on critical quality attributes. Boxplot (**A-F**) from Box-Behnken Design of experiments (Iteration B).



**Supplementary Figure 3:** RNA electropherogram raw data (Bioanalyzer 100) from 6 typical samples. Electropherograms from unencapsulated RNA species (**A**) and LNP-encapsulated RNA (**B**) are displayed. The assessed RNA Integrity values from saRNA samples are : 65.7 % (unencapsulated), (59,7 % (low degradation) and 23.4% (high degradation). The assessed values from mRNA samples are: 76.4% (unencapsulated), 71.1 % (low degradation) and 38.6 % (high degradation).

## **Explanatory coded variable for Supplementary Table 1-6:**

X1 : Ionizable Lipid Content

X2 : pH X3 : Phosopholipid content

X4 : Ionizable lipid pKa

Supplementary Table 1: Response surface methodology results for LNP size (nm) based on polynomial Ordinary Least Square (OLS) regression

Variable	Parameter Estimate	Standard Error	t-value	p-value						
Intercept	103.2706	2.817	36.661	0.000*						
Main effect										
X1	1.0945	1.739	0.630	0.542						
X2	-9.0928	1.739	- 5.230	0.000*						
X3	2.7043	1.739	1.555	0.148						
X4	-4.6421	1.408	-3.296	0.007*						
		Interaction effect								
X1*X2	5.4333	2.519	2.157	0.054						
X1*X3	2.0842	2.519	0.827	0.426						
X1*X4	-3.1026	1.905	-1.629	0.132						
X2*X3	1.5675	2.519	0.622	0.547						
X2*X4	-2.2317	1.905	-1.172	0.26						
X3*X4	-1.2573	1.905	-0.660	0.523						
Quadratic effect										
X1	-6.4066	2.412	2.656	0.022*						
X2	-1.2791	2.412	-0.530	0.606						
X3	-7.3360	2.412	-3.041	0.011*						
X4	-1.2573	1.905	-0.660	0.523						

*R-Squared*= 0.862 ; *Prob* (*F-statistic*): 0.00586

Variable	Variable Parameter Estimate		t-value	p-value					
Intercept	89.1689	2.796	31.889	0.000					
Main effect									
X1	0.006								
X2	-0.0899	1.726	-0.052	0.959					
X3	-2.4813	1.726	-1.438	0.178					
X4	0.7275	1.398	0.520	0.613					
		Interaction effect							
X1*X2	-13.7758	2.501	-5.508	0.000					
X1*X3	-3.9967	2.501	-1.598 -0.005	0.138					
X1*X4	-0.0102	1.891		0.996					
X2*X3	-3.0242	2.501	-1.209	0.252					
X2*X4	5.7040	1.891	3.017	0.012					
X3*X4	1.6229	1.891	0.858	0.409					
		Quadratic effect							
X1	-3.6893	2.395	-1.541	0.152					
X2	-5.3160	2.395	-2.220	0.048					
X3	0.5803	2.395	0.242	0.813					
X4	0.0336	2.475	0.014	0.989					

**Supplementary Table 2:** Response surface methodology results for Encapsulation Efficiency (%) based on polynomial Ordinary Least Square (OLS) regression

R-Squared= 0.879

Variable	Parameter	Standard Error	t-value	p-value						
	Estimate									
Intercept	45.8062	2.861	16.013	0.000						
Main effects										
X1	-0.9593	1.766	-0.543	0.598						
X2	-3.8496	1.766	-2.180	0.052						
X3	2.3008	1.766	1.303	0.219						
X4	-1.1650	1.430	-0.815	0.433						
		Interaction effects								
X1*X2	2.9929	2.559	1.170	0.267						
X1*X3	2.1292	2.559	0.832 -1.086 1.296	0.423 0.301 0.221 0.919						
X1*X4	-2.1008	1.934								
X2*X3	3.3162	2.559								
X2*X4	0.2006	1.934	0.104							
X3*X4	-0.6469	1.934	-0.334	0.744						
		Quadratic effects								
X1	2.4018	2.450	0.980	0.348						
X2	-6.8972	2.450	-2.816	0.017						
X3	-4.2024	2.450	-1.716	0.114						
X4	-3.0632	2.532	-1.210	0.252						

**Supplementary Table 3**: Response surface methodology results for RNA Integrity (% full length RNA) based on polynomial Ordinary Least Square (OLS) regression

R-Squared=0.758

Variable	Parameter	<b>Standard Error</b>	t-value	p-value					
	Estimate								
Intercept	56.0833	7.056	7.948	0.000					
Main effects									
X1	-0.1529	4.355	-0.035	0.973					
X2	-14.0226	4.355	-3.220	0.008					
X3	-0.8585	4.355	-0.197	0.847					
X4	-3.7913	3.528	-1.075	0.306					
		Interaction effects							
X1*X2	2.8640	6.311	0.454	0.659					
X1*X3	-9.7236	6.311	-1.541	0.152					
X1*X4	-4.5379	4.771	-0.951	0.362					
X2*X3	-3.0584	6.311	-0.485	0.637					
X2*X4	-0.9230	4.771	-0.193	0.850					
X3*X4	-6.6659	4.771	-1.397	0.190					
		Quadratic effects							
X1	1.8821	6.042	0.311	0.761					
X2	-10.3653	6.042	-1.715	0.114					
X3	-4.0833	6.042	-0.676	0.513					
X4	-14.5125	6.245	-2.324	0.040					

**Supplementary Table 4:** Response surface methodology results for "Full length RNA per particle" based on polynomial Ordinary Least Square (OLS) regression

R-Squared=0.744

Variable	Variable Parameter Estimate		t-value	p-value						
Intercept	1070.7424	128.432	8.337	0.000						
Main effects										
X1 13.3994 79.270 0.169 0.869										
X2	234.2870	79.270	2.956	0.013						
X3	-14.7627	79.270	-0.186	0.856						
X4	203.5250	64.216	3.169	0.009						
	Interaction effects									
X1*X2	64.9717	114.873	0.566	0.583						
X1*X3	-6.0020	114.873	- 0.052	0.959						
X1*X4	31.1357	86.836	0.359	0.727						
X2*X3	38.0080	114.873	0.331	0.747						
X2*X4	-57.0024	86.836	-0.656	0.525						
X3*X4	3.1393	86.836	0.036	0.972						
Quadratic effects										
X1	-13.0994	109.983	- 0.119	0.907						
X2	-26.6679	109.983	- 0.242	0.813						
X3	-310.8027	109.983	-2.826	0.016						
X4	171.9190	113.670	1.512	0.159						

**Supplementary Table 5:** Response surface methodology results for IL-6 cytokine release (pg/mL) based on polynomial Ordinary Least Square (OLS) regression

R-Squared=0.808; Prob (F-statistic): 0.0264

**Supplementary Table 6 :** Response surface methodology results for protein expression (RLU) based on polynomial Ordinary Least Square (OLS) regression.

Variable	Parameter	Standard Error	t-value	p-value					
	Estimate								
Intercept	1.376e+07	1.74e+06	7.918	0.000					
Main effects									
X1	3.267e+06	1.2e+06	2.723	0.034					
X2	4.816e+06	1.2e+06	4.015	0.007					
X3	1.557e+06	1.2e+06	1.298	0.242					
X4	-1.982e+06	8.48e+05	-2.336	0.058					
	Interaction effects								
X1*X2	1.996e+06	1.52e+06	1.316	0.236					
X1*X3	-1.523e+06	1.52e+06	-1.004	0.354					
X1*X4	2.469e+06	1.2e+06	2.058	0.085					
X2*X3	2.445e+05	1.52e+06	0.161	0.877					
X2*X4	8.263e+05	1.54e+06	0.537	0.610					
X3*X4	1.574e+06	1.2e+06	1.312	0.237					
Quadratic effects									
X1	2.795e+06	1.54e+06	1.817	0.119					
X2	-8.166e+06	1.54e+06	-5.309	0.002					
X3	-1.97e+06	1.2e+06	-1.642	0.152					

*R*-*Squared*=0.946 ; *Prob* (*F*-*statistic*): 0.00884

ID	N/P	Phospholipid	Phospholipid	DMG-	Ionizable	Ionizable	<b>Total Flow</b>	Temperature	Aqueous	RNA
		Туре	(mol %)	PEG-2000	Lipid Type	Lipid	Rate	(°C)	Buffer	Туре
				(mol%)		(mol %)	(mL/min)		pН	
A-1	10	DOPE	10	0	MC3	30	2	4	3	saRNA
A-2	5	DSPC	15	0	SM-102	30	2	4	7	mRNA
A-3	15	DOPE	20	2.5	SM-102	30	2	4	7	mRNA
A-4	5	DSPC	20	1.25	MC3	50	2	4	3	mRNA
A-5	15	DSPC	10	2.5	SM-102	50	2	4	3	saRNA
A-6	5	DOPE	20	2.5	MC3	50	9	4	7	saRNA
A-7	15	DSPC	20	0	MC3	30	16	4	5	saRNA
A-8	5	DOPE	10	2.5	ALC-0315	30	16	4	3	mRNA
A-9	15	DSPC	10	2.5	MC3	40	16	4	7	mRNA
A-10	5	DOPE	10	0	SM-102	50	16	4	7	saRNA
A-11	15	DOPE	20	0	SM-102	50	16	4	3	mRNA
A-12	15	DOPE	10	0	MC3	50	2	20	7	mRNA
A-13	10	DOPE	15	1.25	ALC-0315	40	9	20	5	saRNA
A-14	10	DSPC	15	1.25	ALC-0315	40	9	20	5	mRNA
A-15	5	DSPC	20	2.5	SM-102	30	16	20	3	saRNA
A-16	5	DSPC	10	2.5	MC3	30	2	36	7	saRNA
A-17	15	DSPC	20	2.5	MC3	30	2	36	3	mRNA
A-18	5	DOPE	20	0	SM-102	40	2	36	3	saRNA
A-19	15	DSPC	20	0	ALC-0315	50	2	36	7	saRNA
A-20	5	DOPE	10	2.5	SM-102	50	2	36	5	mRNA
A-21	15	DSPC	10	0	SM-102	30	9	36	3	mRNA
A-22	5	DOPE	20	0	MC3	30	16	36	7	mRNA
A-23	15	DOPE	10	1.25	SM-102	30	16	36	7	saRNA
A-24	5	DSPC	10	0	MC3	50	16	36	3	saRNA
A-25	15	DOPE	15	2.5	MC3	50	16	36	3	saRNA
A-26	10	DSPC	20	2.5	SM-102	50	16	36	7	mRNA

**Supplementary Table 7:** List of all formulation variations explored for Iteration A.

ID	N/P	Phospholipid	Phospholipid	DMG-	Ionizable	Ionizable	<b>Total Flow</b>	Temperature	Aqueous	RNA
		Туре	(mol %)	PEG-2000	Lipid Type	Lipid	Rate	(°C)	Buffer	Туре
				(mol%)		(mol %)	(mL/min)		pН	
B-1	10	DOPE	12.5	1.25	ALC-0315	40	16	20	4	saRNA
B-2	10	DOPE	17.5	1.25	ALC-0315	40	16	20	4	saRNA
B-3	10	DOPE	15	1.25	MC3	40	16	20	4	saRNA
B-4	10	DOPE	15	1.25	SM-102	40	16	20	4	saRNA
B-5	10	DOPE	15	1.25	ALC-0315	35	16	20	4	saRNA
B-6	10	DOPE	15	1.25	ALC-0315	45	16	20	4	saRNA
B-7	10	DOPE	12.5	1.25	MC3	40	16	20	5	saRNA
B-8	10	DOPE	17.5	1.25	MC3	40	16	20	5	saRNA
B-9	10	DOPE	12.5	1.25	SM-102	40	16	20	5	saRNA
B-10	10	DOPE	17.5	1.25	SM-102	40	16	20	5	saRNA
B-11	10	DOPE	12.5	1.25	ALC-0315	35	16	20	5	saRNA
B-12	10	DOPE	17.5	1.25	ALC-0315	35	16	20	5	saRNA
B-13	10	DOPE	12.5	1.25	ALC-0315	45	16	20	5	saRNA
B-14	10	DOPE	17.5	1.25	ALC-0315	45	16	20	5	saRNA
B-15	10	DOPE	15	1.25	MC3	35	16	20	5	saRNA
B-16	10	DOPE	15	1.25	SM-102	35	16	20	5	saRNA
B-17	10	DOPE	15	1.25	MC3	45	16	20	5	saRNA
B-18	10	DOPE	15	1.25	SM-102	45	16	20	5	saRNA
B-19	10	DOPE	15	1.25	ALC-0315	40	16	20	5	saRNA
B-20	10	DOPE	15	1.25	ALC-0315	40	16	20	5	saRNA
B-21	10	DOPE	12.5	1.25	ALC-0315	40	16	20	6	saRNA
B-22	10	DOPE	17.5	1.25	ALC-0315	40	16	20	6	saRNA
B-23	10	DOPE	15	1.25	MC3	40	16	20	6	saRNA
B-24	10	DOPE	15	1.25	SM-102	40	16	20	6	saRNA
B-25	10	DOPE	15	1.25	ALC-0315	35	16	20	6	saRNA
B-26	10	DOPE	15	1.25	ALC-0315	45	16	20	6	saRNA

**Supplementary Table 8.** List of all formulation variations explored for Iteration B.

ID	N/P	Phospholipid Type	Phospholipid (mol %)	DMG- PEG-2000	Ionizable Lipid Type	Ionizable Lipid	Total Flow Rate	Temperature (°C)	Aqueous Buffer	RNA Type
				(mol%)		(mol %)	(mL/min)		pН	• •
1-M	10	DOPE	15.9	1.25	ALC-0315	45	16	20	4.53	mRNA
1-S	10	DOPE	15.9	1.25	ALC-0315	45	16	20	4.53	saRNA
2-M	10	DOPE	17.5	1.25	SM-102	45	16	20	6	mRNA
2-S	10	DOPE	17.5	1.25	SM-102	45	16	20	6	saRNA
3-M	10	DOPE	17.5	1.25	ALC-0315	35	16	20	5.25	mRNA
3-S	10	DOPE	17.5	1.25	ALC-0315	35	16	20	5.25	saRNA

**Supplementary Table 9.** List of all formulation variations used to validate the optimized LNP formulations.