

# In-Cell-Art results with two Top 10 Pharma will be presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Discovery on Target on September 25-28 2018 in Boston

**Nantes – France, 3 of September, 2018 –** In-Cell-Art (ICA), a biotechnology company specialized in nanocarrier technologies named Nanotaxi® designed to unlock the promise of nucleic acids to treat acquired or inherited diseases, announces today the presentation of results obtained between ICA and two top 10 pharma at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Discovery on Target that will be held from 25 to 28 of September 2018 in Boston during the Antibody Discovery Programs session.

The presentation of ICA collaborative results at this industry's preeminent event on novel drug targets with over 1,300 international participants, reflects on ICA expertise to efficiently immunize animals with Nanotaxi® technology. During the meeting, speakers will have the opportunity to introduce the results on the use of the breakthrough ICANtibodies<sup>™</sup> to immunize transgenic animals for the discovery of fully human antibodies with potential therapeutic use in human. ICANtibodies<sup>™</sup> is a fully integrated antibodies discovery process without peptide and recombinant protein (from plasmid DNA antigen design and synthesis, Nanotaxi®/plasmid formulation and immunization in various species, to antibody quality controls). The figure below is the process of ICANtibodies<sup>™</sup>.



Nanotaxi®, the proprietary In-Cell-Art formulations, makes ICANtibodies<sup>™</sup> unique compared to other genetic immunization-based antibodies discovery since Nanotaxi® dramatically increases expression of the gene-encoded antigen and hugely stimulates the innate immune system through a unique delivery mechanism. The combination of these two properties allows the Nanotaxi® to generate powerful immune responses and antibodies of interest even against extremely difficult targets such as complex of integral membrane proteins and proteins with high homology. Discovered antibodies are of high quality with high specificity and high affinity (~pM).

### About In-Cell-Art

In-Cell-Art (ICA), which is headquartered in Nantes (France) is a biopharmaceutical company specializing in the preclinical and pharmaceutical development of nanocarriers named Nanotaxi ® for macromolecular drugs. Its founder and research team, which includes a Nobel Laureate, have designed new classes of vectors that are organized on a nanometric scale, which enables them to cross the cell barrier efficiently and safely. ICA Nanotaxi® technology displays unique properties for development of:

## ·DNA Vaccines

ICA614 Nanotaxi®, an innovative DNA synthetic formulation, offers unique efficient and industrial features such as the dramatic enhancement of the immunogenicity of plasmid DNA-encoding tumours or pathogen-derived antigens, a reduction in the dose of plasmid DNA, as well as an excellent safety profile. ICA614 Nanotaxi® represents a crucial step in DNA vaccine development, and GMP fill/finish of ICA614 Nanotaxi®, as well as regulatory-enabling GLP safety evaluation of ICA614 Nanotaxi® alone HEPAVAC (Hepatocellular vaccine candidate) have been achieved successfully.

### ·mRNA Vaccines

Some other ICA Nanotaxi® are also being assessed in \$33.1 million RN-ARMORVAX consortium, co-funded by US Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). The consortium would validate the new application of ICA Nanotaxi® for mRNA-based vaccines for infectious diseases in collaboration with CureVac and Sanofi-Pasteur.

### ·mRNA Replacement Therapies

Some other ICA Nanotaxi<sup>®</sup> are also developed to improve the limited efficacy and stability of mRNA therapeutics, leading to the dramatic increase in therapeutic protein expression without DNA-encoded gene.

### Therapeutic antibodies

In the absence of recombinant antigen, ICANtibodies<sup>™</sup> allows, from an in silico DNA antigenic sequence, the production of the most ambitious functional antibodies against any natively expressed nuclear, cytoplasmic, secreted or membrane proteins.

In-Cell-Art is a privately held company, which was founded in 2005, laureate in 2012 and 2013 of the Fast 50 Deloitte award, and in 2013 of Territoires Innovation Pays de la Loire Awards. It is a member of the Atlanpole Biotherapies high-tech cluster of biotechnology companies in western France.

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