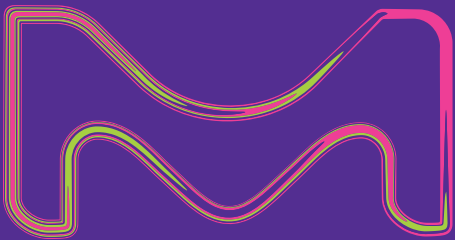


# viral vector Manufacturing

Capabilities and Experience



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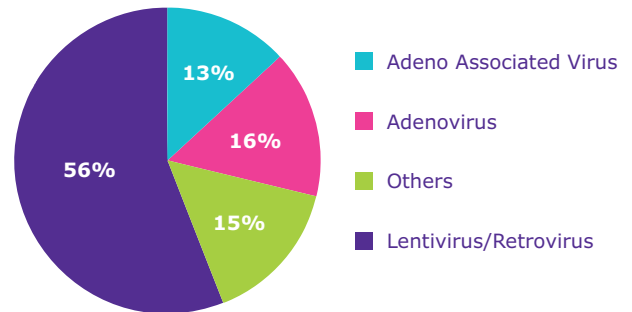
Pharma & Biopharma  
Manufacturing &  
Testing Services

# viral & gene therapy Manufacturing

## Why we are the best strategic partner for you:

- **More than 25 years' experience** manufacturing viral vectors for pre-clinical studies to commercialization
- **Highly qualified experts** invested in the process development, scale-up, tech transfer, and manufacturing of viral vectors
- Process Development/Tech Transfer/ Manufacturing teams with **proven history of successful tech transfer and continuous Process Improvement**
- Proven scalable platforms to **overcome production challenges** with Lentivirus and Adeno-Associated Virus (AAV)
- Project Management team is dedicated to **keeping both manufacturing and development projects on time**
- Our Product Development Process (PDP) **ensures development of a risk-based and scalable processes** designed to build **solid foundation for commercialization**
- **Established synergy between production and testing within one company** supporting early development through commercial production
- **Proven FDA/EMA compliant** Quality Systems for commercial release of approved products
- History of successfully **navigating the commercial regulatory pathways**

**Historical Experience by Virus Type**  
(>550 batches from 2010–Present)



## Quality Assurance and Regulatory Expertise:

- Inspected by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- Inspected by the European Medicines Agency (EMA)
- Remote (Paper) Inspections
  - Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA) Japan
  - Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) Australia
  - Health Canada
- Licensed by the California Department of Health Services, Food and Drug Branch (FDB)
- Inspected by the Services Food and Drug Branch (FDB)
- Site Master File covering our Facilities and Quality Systems has been referenced by over 100 Client Submissions
- Audited regularly by USDA, San Diego County, and Clients with ex-FDA inspectors and European QPs

# WHO WE ARE

## Virus and Gene Therapy Solutions

### Carlsbad, California, USA

- GMP Virus Production
- In-process testing
- Process Development Services

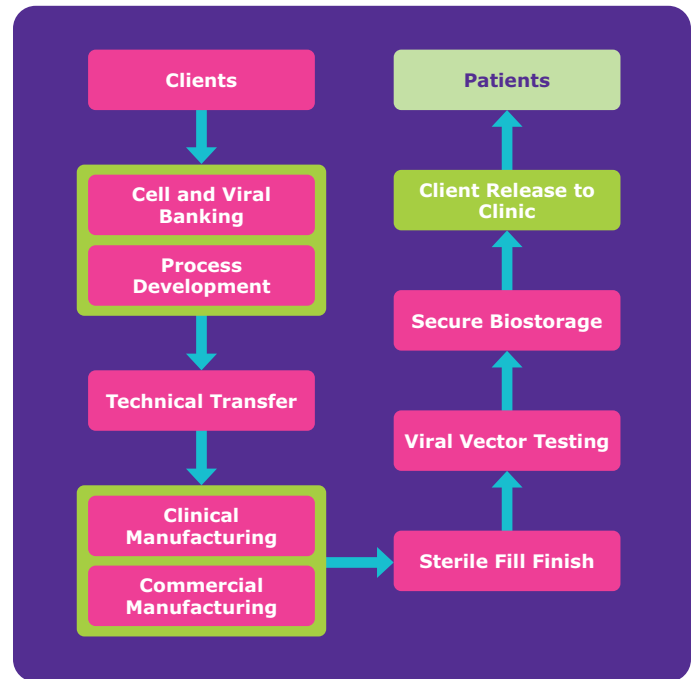


#### Small Scale Facility

- 65K ft<sup>2</sup>/16 suites/  
2 manufacturing buildings
- Small scale clinical and commercial
- Adherent, suspension up to 200 L

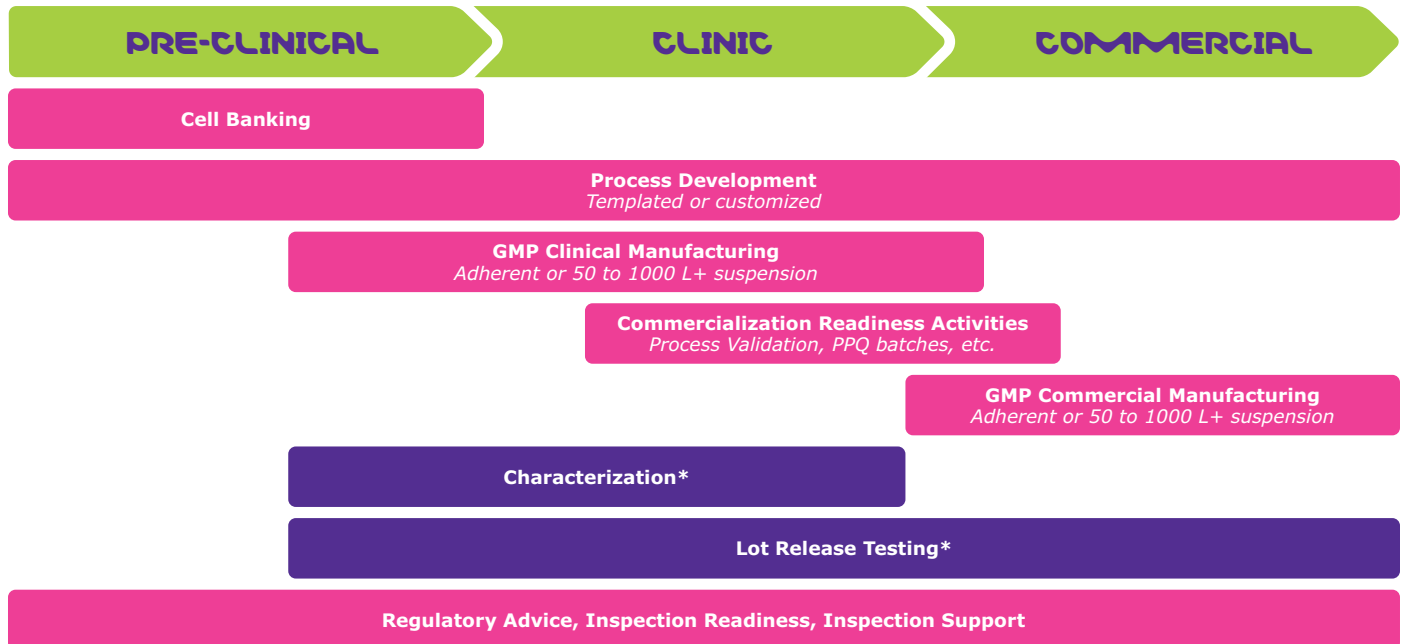
#### Large Scale Facility

- 92k ft<sup>2</sup>/11 suites
- Large scale clinical and commercial, +1000 L scale
- Quality control



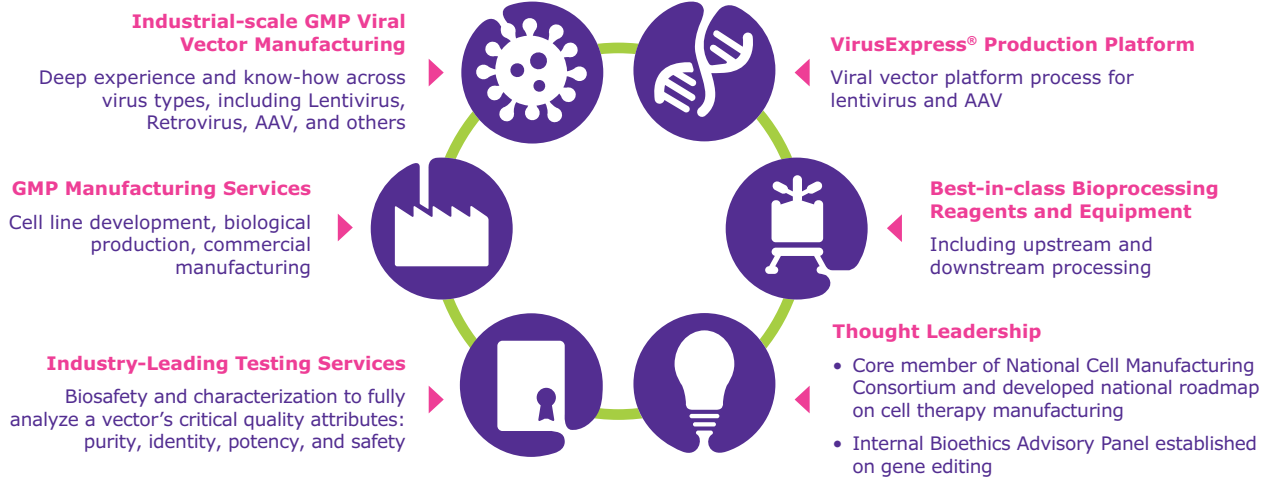
# PROCESS OVERVIEW

Development, manufacturing, and testing in one contract



\*BioReliance® testing services are conducted at our facilities in Glasgow, UK and Rockville, Maryland, USA.

# what we bring to the table



## Manufacturing overview

Cells & Virus Experience	
<b>Cells</b>	293, 293T, BHK, PER.C6, MRC5, HeLa, HT1080, A549, and Vero
<b>Viruses</b>	AAV, Adenovirus, Lentivirus/Retrovirus, Reovirus, Dengue Virus, Herpes Simplex Virus, Coxsackie Virus, and others
Viral Production Scales	
<b>Adherent</b>	Up to 40x10 layer CellSTACKS®, 20xHS36 layer HyperSTACKS®, iCELLis® 500
<b>Suspension</b>	50 L, 100 L, 200 L, 500 L SUB, 1,000 L SUB, 100 L/1,000 L perfusion
Fills	
<b>Fill/finish</b>	<b>Semi-automated:</b> 800 vials/day in 2 mL to 30 mL vials <b>Automated:</b> 2,000 vials/day in 2 mL to 30 mL vials

## Process Development Services

Our team possesses significant R&D and process development capabilities including “end-to-end” processing over multiple scales, modalities, and viral vector types.

### Process Development Standard Equipment:

- Ambr® Cell Culture High Throughput Bioreactor
- Mobius® Single-use Bioreactor from the Millipore® portfolio
- iCellis Nano Fixed Bed Bioreactor
- Eppendorf CelligenBlu Bioreactor
- Eppendorf DASGIP
- AKTA Prime
- AKTA Pilot
- Spectrum TFF System
- PendoTech Filtration System

### Process Development Adherent Scale Equipment:

- 10 x CS10
- 20 x HS36
- iCELLis Nano (up to 4 m<sup>2</sup>)
- Access to iCELLis 500 m<sup>2</sup>

### Process Development Suspension Scale Equipment:

- 3 L, 50 L, and 200 L Mobius® Single-use Bioreactors from the Millipore® portfolio
- 50 L Hyclone Single-use Bioreactor
- Up to 50 L Eppendorf CelligenBlu Bioreactor

### Upstream

- Optimization of (planar) adherent cell culture processes
- Development of SUB processes (in microcarrier mode or single cell suspension)
- Transfection optimization
- Development of scaled up cell culture processes

### Midstream & Downstream

- Virus clarification
- Chromatography development and optimization
- TFF development and scale up
- Ultracentrifugation

### Analytical Methods

- P24 and AAV ELISAs
- qPCR; ddPCR
- Bioassays with imaging (cell based)

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# release your therapy with confidence

As gene therapy products continue to deliver remarkable results, biosafety testing and characterization remain a critical part of the development process. These vital steps help mitigate safety concerns and provide a better understanding of products and processes well in advance of patient administration. With our comprehensive biosafety testing and product characterization portfolio, custom analytical method development capability, and technical expertise, we partner to develop a testing strategy to fully analyze the critical quality attributes of your therapy. Our BioReliance® services give you the confidence to advance your therapy to market quickly and safely.

## viral vector development and production services

For gene and cell therapies, we work closely with our global teams in Rockville, MD, Glasgow, UK, and Singapore to develop and support testing services specific to that specialized area. Our facilities in the U.S., Europe, and Asia have a trusted and collaborative relationship with regulatory agencies around the world, including FDA, EMEA, and MHRA.



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