



Outcome of NBF Co-creation workshop

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Introduction

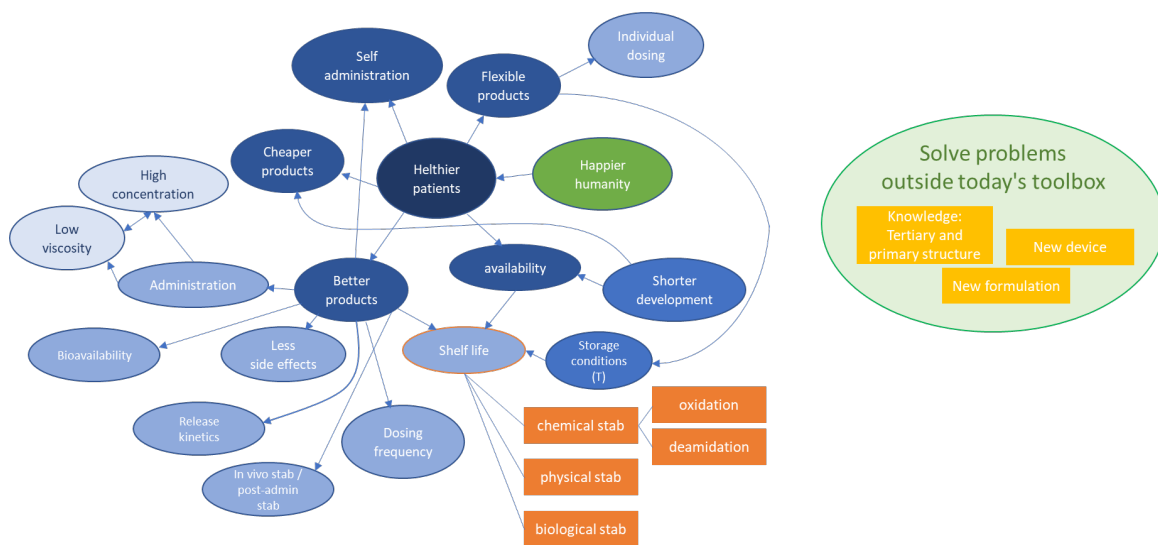
To fully leverage the potential of NextBioForm in context of healthcare system, life science industry and academia, an active innovation strategy is critical. The mission for NextBioForm is to be a gamechanger regarding more patient friendly available biological drug products:

- To have a focus on how to develop drug products that can be easily handled by the patient and in health care
- To improve the time to market for drugs for new break-through therapies

We have performed a workshop to renew or refine existing research areas as well as potential innovations that could be fulfilled by the research in the centre (academic or industrial) or would need another type of setting. The workshop will be led by RISE TTO (Tech Transfer Office) and the setup is called Co-Creation workshop.

In the NextBioForm centre life science (pharma, medical devices, probiotics and service providers), academia and health care collaborate to perform research in industrially relevant scientific areas. The research is mainly performed by academia and closely associated service providers. Industry provides input based on current needs in manufacture and characterization of products. However, the great potential of the centre could allow for a higher ambition with respect to innovation in the clinical treatment using biological drugs, including stabilization of drugs, dosing, manufacture, distribution and actual clinical use. NextBioForm is actively working to find better ways to focus its research in critical areas.

In order to focus the Co-Creation workshop effectively, areas with high innovation needs in this context has been identified in a pre-workshop by the pharma producing parties in NBF. Based on the mind-map below 9 primary needs were identified and conceptualized. These were currently further scrutinized and prioritized and was finally the basis for the scope of the CoCreation workshop (see table below).



The concepts were then ranked based on (monetary) value to the market (1-7) if achieved and complexity to achieve (1-3).

#	Title	Value	Complexity
1	New excipients designed for stabilization during drying	1	2,5
2	The interplay between active ingredients and excipients	2	1,5
3	Molecular understanding of protein stabilization	3	2
4	Room temperature stable liquid formulations	4	1
5	Increased humidity tolerance	4	2
6	Aggregation free protein formulations	5	2
7	Modified release for biologics	6	2
8	What happens after administration	6	3
9	Convenient administration – Flexible administration	7	2,5

Important to note is that the solutions that we seek in the coming workshop go beyond the current state of the art and should be sought outside today's toolbox. Solutions should not be limited to what can be achieved within NextBioForm project/consortium, but also include concepts that can be realized by individual partners, in extended collaborations or by other constellations.

CoCreation Workshop

A two-day workshop based on design methodology in the field of product and business development, aimed at providing an informed decision prior to commencing an innovation project. A concrete customer requirement was formulated and submitted before the workshop.

Responding parties (in the case of NBF this means industrial as well as academic researchers) were invited to attend the workshop for creative concept generation and structured assessment of implementability and profitability. To boost creativity a number of people from other areas as well as end-users can be invited as well. Deliverables from the workshop are a number of completed innovation concepts.

During the workshop we worked together in groups to refine and develop the topics selected from the pre-WS.

Workflow:

Day 1

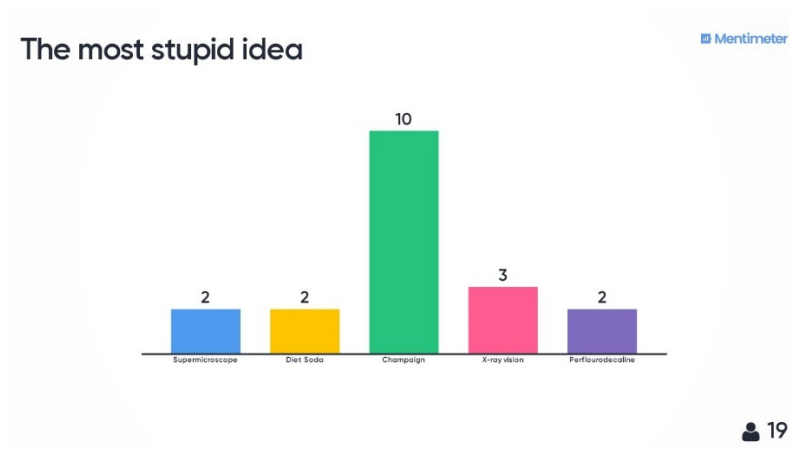
1. Introduction
2. Most stupid solution (Mentimeter test)
3. Brainstorming on solutions to needs A-I
4. Canvas production of solutions
5. Refine solutions canvases
6. Clustering of solution canvases
7. Rating of solutions by heart and by brain

Day 2

8. Concept portfolio production based on solutions
9. Balancing the Concept portfolio

Outcome from the workshop

In order to get our brains going we started with a brainstorming session on the most stupid solution that we could come up with to meet the need of a healthier patient. The mentimeter system was tested by voting on five potential solutions. The winning solution was to drink champagne in order to not feel sick!



The 9 different needs identified during the pre-workshop were introduced in short form (see Appendix 1). Individual and group brain storming led to several ideas that within each group were refined into solution canvases. The solution canvas should have a title, and pros and cons for the idea was listed here.

In the next session each idea was discussed, and improvements suggested from other groups were added. The solutions were then grouped with similar ideas and numbered according the original needs. All workshop participants were then allowed to vote for the five best ideas by, and by brain.

NextBioForm: Best Proposals by HEART



NextBioForm: Best Proposals by BRAIN



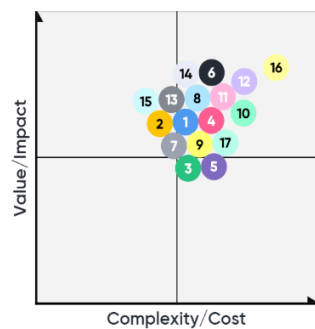
Based on the voting, the solutions were ranked with 1, 2 or 3 stars (golden stars for heart, and silver stars for brain).

New groups were formed and in the following session each group chose solution ideas that they were inspired by and worked them into concept canvases. 17 concepts were produced in power point format (see Appendix 2). The concept was summarized with a synopsis and a short potential project description based on necessary steps was given in the canvas. In addition, some preliminary estimates of effort needed, business and patient value of the concept was given. Also, critical partners needed, potential financing and regulatory concerns were considered.

In the final session the concept portfolio was evaluated using the mentimeter tool. Both complexity/cost, that is how hard it would be to and how much economical effort would be needed, as well as value/impact the solution would have if it could be achieved was estimated. The most beneficial concepts would ideally be the ones having high value/impact and low complexity/cost, and within the centre we should aim for a balance between the different kinds of projects.

NBF Portfolio

Mentimeter



- 1: Formulation web portal
- 2: Sourcing novel drying protectants
- 3: Protein traps
- 4: Making the unwanted wanted
- 5: Using the secret of the tardigrades
- 6: Live Shelf-life
- 7: New surfactants to avoid aggregation
- 8: Sweet as sugar
- 9: Forced degradation – follow the few
- 10: iFormulation – Solid state
- 11: iFormulation – Liquid state
- 12: Local Microbe Bioplant for Good Gut Health
- 13: Challenging Freeze Drying Standards
- 14: New excipients
- 15: The cool solution to room temperature problem
- 16: Vaccine for me
- 17: Controlling aggregation



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Concept	Complexity/Cost	Value/Impact
1: Formulation web portal	5,2	6,1
2: Sourcing novel drying protectants	5,0	6,0
3: Protein traps	5,8	5,5
4: Making the unwanted wanted	6,2	6,8
5: Using the secret of the tardigrades	6,3	5,6
6: Live Shelf-life	6,4	8,0
7: New surfactants to avoid aggregation	5,4	6,4
8: Sweet as sugar	5,8	6,9



NextBioForm

9: Forced degradation – follow the few	5,3	5,8
10: iFormulation – Solid state	7,6	6,7
11: iFormulation – Liquid state	6,3	6,8
12: Local Microbe Bioplat for Good Gut Health	7,3	7,6
13: Challenging Freeze Drying Standards	5,2	6,3
14: New excipients	5,6	7,8
15: The cool solution to room temperature problem	4,5	6,8
16: Vaccine for me	8,9	8,4
17: Controlling aggregation	6,1	5,5

Finally, the workshop participants voted on their 3 most preferred solutions. However, since this voting only reflects the ranking of the participants and not of the whole NBF consortium it should not be taken as a final ranking of the concepts.

Next NBF Action



The concepts will be considered in the process of establishing a new project portfolio for the next phase of NBF. Concepts already included in part or as a whole in project portfolio of NBF are marked with the NBF logo (Appendix 2). The outcome of the workshop is open to public and concepts that the NBF consortium are not able to utilize should ideally be broadcasted in general or pitched to potentially interested parties.

List of Appendices

Appendix 1: Short needs

Appendix 3: Concept portfolio

A

New excipients to preserve function during drying

The stability of proteins and bacteria is tightly linked to their interaction with water in their natural environment. Thus, drying is very stressful and often the structure is changed when the possibility to bind water disappears. Could new excipients, that will stabilize proteins or bacteria during drying, be chemically designed?

B	The interplay between active ingredients and excipients
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	Understanding is needed in order to design better, more stable, formulations that will allow higher patient flexibility. Water is also an excipient and play an important role in dry formulations.
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C	Molecular understanding of protein stabilization
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	<p>Through better understanding of the interaction between different type of molecules in the formulation we will learn how to distinguish a bad from a good formulation early in development. Which measures are relevant for the outcome of the formulation?</p>
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Room temperature stable liquid formulations

Reduced reaction rates for destabilising reactions would increase stability.

E	Increased humidity tolerance in dry formulations
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	Dry formulations are more stable than solutions, but not always enough. Control of the water molecules and how they are moving is needed. Where is the water, and how can it be managed?
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F Aggregation free protein formulations

High concentration formulations are desired to lower dose volume or frequency, compensate for quick breakdown in body or for low therapeutic effect (potency), but may lead to increased risk of protein aggregation during storage. Preservatives often interact with proteins and their presence increase the risk of aggregation but are required in multidose formulations.

G Modified release for biologics

There are numerous controlled release formulations for small molecules and peptides, but not for biologics. Could any of the intrinsic properties as oligomerization or reversible aggregation, fibrillation, be utilized? Ultimate goal is oral delivery.

H	What happens after administration
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	What is the fate of the API after administration? Can we affect what happens in the body with the formulation? How do we know?
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Convenient administration – Flexible administration

What is convenient for the patient? What makes the patient feel less like a patient? Is oral delivery the holy grail or are there other dosage forms that would work even better?



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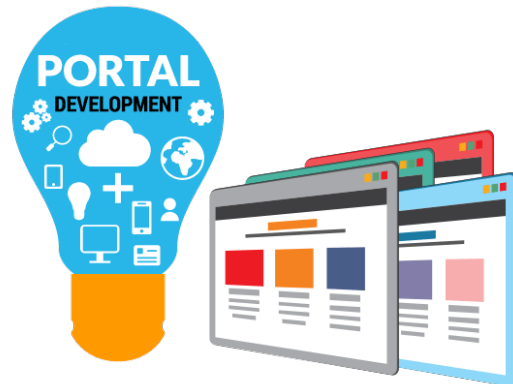
NextBioForm Proposal Portfolio



1: Formulation web portal (A3)

Synopsis

- Mine existing data for a defined area (e.g. proteins, bacteria)
- Perform a systematic review of the mined data
- Develop and beta-test a reporting web portal within NBF
- Go public with the web portal
- Present portal to external users and provide incentive for upload data.



Project Proposal

Step	Description
1	Systematic review of existing data
2	Set-up a web portal for negative (and positive) results
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Preliminary Estimations

R&D Effort	500 K € 5 Years Simple Medium High cost...
Business Case/Other Value	High value, big market Middle Smaller
Patient Value	Positive Neutral Negative
Critical Partners	Web designer
Financing	Vinnova?
Regulatory Concerns	No

Rating

Value/Impact	6,1	Complexity	5,2	Priority	
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2: Sourcing novel drying protectants (A2)

Synopsis

- Use existing chemicals/compounds libraries produced by combinatorial chemistry and the synthesis of compound libraries to screen for lyoprotective effects.
- Confirm effects in experimental studies
- Use labeling techniques of identified protective compounds to find the interaction site
- Study the interaction mechanism
- Design or discover novel excipients



Project Proposal

Step	Description
1	Screen with libraries
2	Experimentally confirm effects
3	Interaction characterization
4	Design or discover novel excipients
5	Validate the new excipients

Preliminary Estimations

R&D Effort	X € 5-10Years Simple Medium High cost...
Business Case/Other Value	High value , big market Middle Smaller
Patient Value	Positive Neutral Negative
Critical Partners	Research lab with libraries
Financing	Vinnova? Formas?
Regulatory Concerns	Yes – new excipients will have to be thoroughly tested and registered

Rating

Value/Impact	6,0	Complexity	5,0	Priority	
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3: Protein traps (F2)

Synopsis

- Trap structure during drying in order to avoid phase separation and local high protein concentration. Gel structure will dissolve upon dissolution (pH, salt, temperature, etc.)
- Trap proteins in microgels, can work as sustained release formulations.
- Protect proteins by encapsulation from moisture, aggregation, deamidation.
- Add water absorbing material (i.e. Upsalite, mesoporous silica) to dry formulations as water activity sink
- Competitive parallel reactions (scavenger excipients)



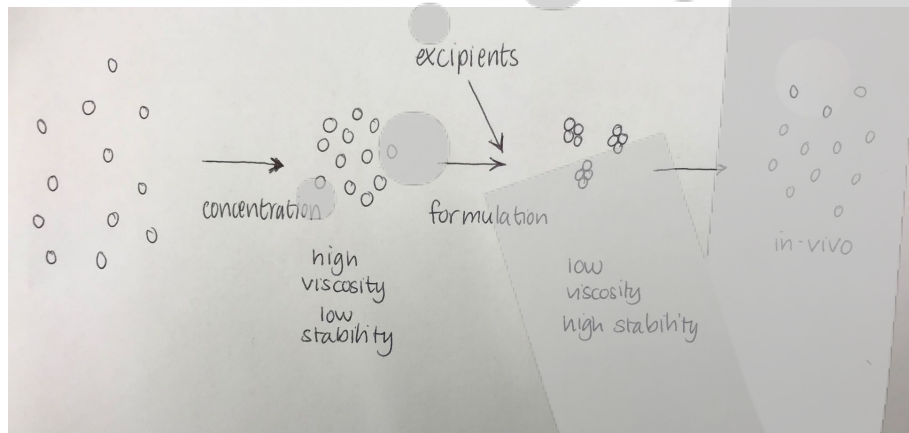
Project Proposal			
Step	Description		
1	Literature study		
2	Identify feasible “traps”, choice of models		
3	Experimental studies on different principles for protection		
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Preliminary Estimations			
R&D Effort	2 Years (post-doc)		
Business Case/Other Value	High scientific value (potential business value if concept is proved)		
Patient Value	Neutral		
Critical Partners	NBF consortium		
Financing	NBF or public funding		
Regulatory Concerns	No Yes – if new excipients are needed		
Rating			
Value/Impact	5,5	Complexity	5,8
		Priority	

4: Making the unwanted wanted; controlled protein association (G1)

Synopsis

Aggregates would allow higher concentration and give lower viscosity. Higher ordered structure may also protect proteins from chemical and physical degradation.

- Various ways of compacting protein structures in solution
 - reversible oligomerization/aggregation
 - bind proteins reversible to synthetic spider silk or other polymers
- Knowledge about what triggers irreversible aggregation will be gained as well



Project Proposal

Step	Description
1	Literature study
2	Identify critical characteristics, choice of models
3	Experimental studies on different principles for association
4	In-vitro dissociation in relevant media (AF4)
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Preliminary Estimations

R&D Effort	4 years
Business Case/Other Value	High scientific value, potential business case for Spiber/Affibody
Patient Value	Neutral (Positive if better products achieved)
Critical Partners	NBF consortium
Financing	Within NBF/public funding for PhD
Regulatory Concerns	No (Yes – for potential products)

Rating

Value/Impact	6,8	Complexity	6,2	Priority	
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5: Using the secret of the tardigrades (A1)

Synopsis

Various organisms are surviving under extreme conditions. Other industries (e.g. food) have a long history of drying and re-suspending protein structures.

- Learning from nature
 - Bacteria/spores, organisms living under extreme conditions, tardigrades (björndjur)
- Interdisciplinary learning, e.g. food industry



Project Proposal			
Step	Description		
1	Literature study on mechanisms, identification of concepts		
2	Proof of concept for therapeutic or model proteins		
3	Regulatory aspects for potentially new excipients needed.		
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6			
Preliminary Estimations			
R&D Effort	2 Years (post-doc)		
Business Case/Other Value	High scientific value (potential)		
Patient Value	Neutral		
Critical Partners	NBF consortium		
Financing	NBF or public funding		
Regulatory Concerns	No Yes – if new excipients are needed		
Rating			
Value/Impact	5,6	Complexity	6,3
		Priority	

6: Live Shelf-life (D2)

Synopsis

Dynamic expiration date

- Adapt expiration date depending on time-temp experience of the product (hard upper and lower temp limits and end of shelf-life based on time)
- Patient information interface (both direct by color code on the package/device and by an app explaining why the color code and/or how to treat the medicine based on the situation)



Project Proposal

Step	Description
1	Identify technology and stakeholders
2	Freedom to operate study
3	Advice from regulatory body
4	Design of stability studies (temp profiles/freeze-thaw/light/humidity/transport at different times)
5	Predictive model based on stability study
6	Validation of model

Preliminary Estimations

R&D Effort	4,5 Years
Business Case/Other Value	High patient value, unclear business value
Patient Value	Highly Positive
Critical Partners	Modelling, app, sensor
Financing	New funding
Regulatory Concerns	Yes – new concept

Rating

Value/Impact	8,0	Complexity	6,4	Priority	
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7: New surfactants to avoid aggregation (F4)

Synopsis

Using libraries of excipients to understand their interaction with proteins

Key interesting surfactants are

- Sugar based
- Charged sugar based
- Amino acid based surfactants
- Polypeptide based headgroups
- Phosphatidylcholine

Could be interesting to look at the numbers of tails

Set up HTS method for mapping

Set up calorimetric or other methods for further studies

Using x-rays and neutrons to understand key systems

Would lead to next generation surfactants tailor made for functionality

Project Proposal

Step	Description
1	Identifying proper surfactant libraries
2	Identify HTS methods
3	Identifying complementary methods
4	Data mapping and chemometrics to evaluate
5	Development of new surfactants
6	

Preliminary Estimations

R&D Effort	4 year project
Business Case/Other Value	High scientific and commercial potential
Patient Value	Better safer drug products
Critical Partners	Tools and safety
Financing	Basic research in nextbioform- Development in companies.
Regulatory Concerns	Yeas safety

Rating

Value/Impact	6,4	Complexity	5,4	Priority	
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8: Sweet as sugar – the development of new sugar based excipients (D4)

Synopsis

To replace PEG-based chemistry with sugar based one

Today PEG based chemistry is used

- For surfactants to stabilize emulsions, increase stability of proteins, solubilization,
- For peg based polymers, co-solvent, bulking agent
- PEG attachment to proteins for increased *in-vivo* stability
- In the NextBioform we could work both with mapping unmet needs
- In NextBioform work with proof of concept for sugar surfactants

Project Proposal

Step	Description
1	Mapping of unmet needs
2	Identifying proper carbohydrate structures
3	Develop suitable biotechnology tool for production of excipients
4	Proof of formulation concept
5	Scale up and sell
6	

Preliminary Estimations

R&D Effort	5-10
Business Case/Other Value	High commercial potential
Patient Value	Better safer drug products
Critical Partners	Tools and safety
Financing	Basic research in nextbioform- Development in companies. New competence centrum
Regulatory Concerns	Yeas safety

Rating

Value/Impact	6,9	Complexity	5,8	Priority	
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9: Forced degradation – follow the few (?)

Synopsis

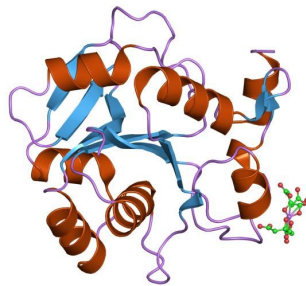
- Combine force degradation with labeling to be able to follow what happens with the proteins when introduced in pristine solution
- Labeling would include
 - Label first – degradation and then follow
 - Degradation that can be followed– to follow
 - Labeling through degradation – to follow
- What to follow would
 - Aggregation
 - Adsorption
 - Reversible quaternary structure
 - Population differences in conformational structure
- Especially interesting for Neutrons
- Could be linked to what happens in- vivo

Project Proposal			
Step	Description		
1	Design labling principle		
2	Understand methods how to follow the population		
3	Understand and develop methods for forced degradation		
4	Used to study different phenomena		
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6			
Preliminary Estimations			
R&D Effort	X € 1-2 years for method dev		
Business Case/Other Value	High value research		
Patient Value			
Critical Partners			
Financing	Within NextBioform		
Regulatory Concerns	No		
Rating			
Value/Impact	5,8	Complexity	5,3
		Priority	

10: iFormulation – Solid state (B2)

Synopsis

- Molecular dynamic simulation of protein formulations in solids.
- Simulate systems with low water content.
- Focus will be in on the modeling
- Challenge will be the time needed for the simulation and methods to speed up time to equilibrium
- The gain would be new modeling tools that could
 - Understand mechanism of protein excipient and water interaction
 - Understanding properties of excipients
 - Using the model to optimize freeze drying

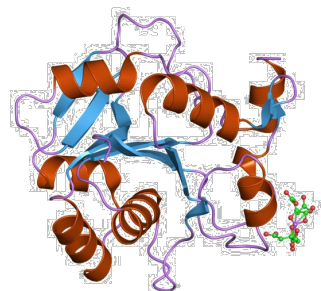


Project Proposal			
Step	Description		
1	Developing methodology		
2	Compare experimental data with models		
3	Understand mechanism of protein surfactant interaction		
4	Using the model to optimize freeze drying		
5	Using verify the concept		
6	Educate industry on how to use the tools		
Preliminary Estimations			
R&D Effort	X € 5-10 High cost...		
Business Case/Other Value	High value for both research and if implement for industry		
Patient Value	In the long run more efficient drug development		
Critical Partners			
Financing	Other financing (e.g. VR or EU), will be pursued by NBF partners outside NBF		
Regulatory Concerns	No		
Rating			
Value/Impact	6,7	Complexity	7,6
Priority			

11: iFormulation – Liquid state (B2)

Synopsis

- Molecular dynamic simulation of protein formulations in liquid state
- Use and refine existing methods to study aggregation and excipient interaction
- Focus will be in on comparison between models and experiments
- Challenge will be the time needed for the simulation and methods to speed up time to equilibrium- Realistic and universal force fields
- Possibility to model chemical reactions with quantum dynamics
- The gain would be understanding of
 - Understand mechanism of protein excipient interaction
 - Understanding aggregation
 - Using the model to optimal
 - Linking structure to chemical degradation

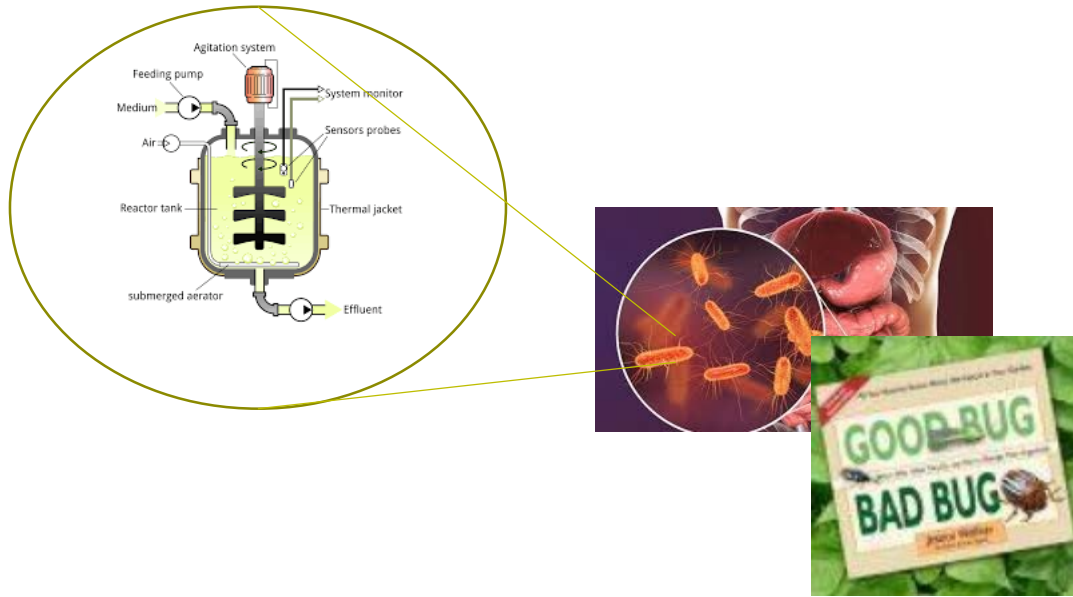


Project Proposal			
Step	Description		
1	Find collaborators		
2	Compare experimental data with models		
3	Understand mechanism of protein surfactant interaction		
4	Using the model to optimize design of excipient		
5	Using the model to compare with experimental data		
6	Educate industry on how to use the tools		
Preliminary Estimations			
R&D Effort	5-10		
Business Case/Other Value	High value for research/hig value		
Patient Value	In the long run more efficient drug development		
Critical Partners	Theoretical chemists		
Financing	Joint NextBioForm other financing – EU SSF		
Regulatory Concerns	No		
Rating			
Value/Impact	6,8	Complexity	6,3
		Priority	

12: Local Microbe Bioplant for Good Gut Health (I1)

Synopsis

- Technologies from Biogaia and Ilya Pharma will be combined to produce microorganisms that will produce API proteins to treat Inflammatory bowel disease (local treatment) to start with, could be expanded later.
- Present treatment today is to give systemic treatment for a local disease (via IV). This leads to severe side effects to the patient. Solution would be to have an oral "drug" that is a "microbe-bioplant" that will produce the API "in situ" in the gut.



Project Proposal

Step	Description
1	Investigate regulatory aspects.
2	Try to find a protein sequence that have gone off patent to test in project. Agree on protein and define vector for cloning, for example Anti-TNF. Absorptions levels in gut should be low?
3	Identify good bacteria strain that is robust and meet the needs cloning, safe, host (need to colonize and stay)
4	Clone sequence into the bacteria.
5	Production and formulation (freeze drying?)
6	Perform testing (Ferring have different models). Identify good models

Preliminary Estimations

R&D Effort	4 years total /6 man years...
Business Case/Other Value	Novel approach, large patient group
Patient Value	Positive
Critical Partners	Ferring, Biogaia, Ilya pharma
Financing	External, with Nextbioform collaboration
Regulatory Concerns	Need to investigate

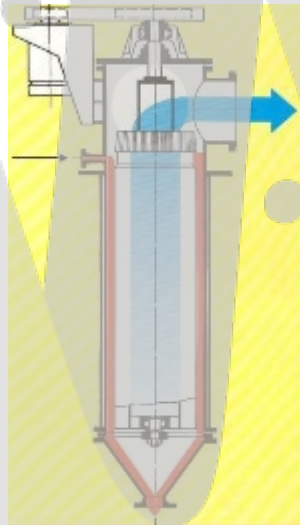
Rating

Value/Impact	7,6	Complexity	7,3	Priority	
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13: Challenging Freeze Drying Standards (B1)

Synopsis

- Replace conventional freeze drying with other alternatives.
- Investigate different parameters, including "controlled collapse".
- Different drying options:
 - Speed up freezing process using for example flash freezing.
 - Use vacuum drying (continuous, falling film, thin film) instead of freeze drying.
 - Ultrasound, etc.
- Design vials to optimize drying.
- Final result stable product with uniform look.



Project Proposal			
Step	Description		
1	Define model substance (proteins, bacteria)		
2	Identify optimum drying process by considering all alternatives.		
3	Investigate different parameters, methods for drying process		
4			
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Preliminary Estimations			
R&D Effort	Two post docs?		
Business Case/Other Value	Can reduce drying time – economic. Science.		
Patient Value	positive		
Critical Partners	Linked to WP2 NBF		
Financing	Within NextbioforM		
Regulatory Concerns	Low, Need to be confirmed.		
Rating			
Value/Impact	6,3	Complexity	5,2
		Priority	

14: New excipients – helping the authorities help us (A2)

Synopsis

- Introducing new excipients to market is currently extremely complicated and costly
- This complicates formulation work and inhibit innovation
- These issues can be addressed by:
 - Possibility to form consortia so cost for new api can be shared (and all get share of profit)
 - Educate authorities so they understand the need. Risk mitigation. Stop regarding excipients as non-active ingredients
 - Reduce refine animal testing – acceptance of in-vitro/in-silico modelling tox data. Use learnings from cosmetics industry – it is now animal test free and still introduce new materials. Especially ‘simple’ wellknown species such as sugar, often excipients should not have to be tested repeatedly. Repurposing substances for other areas. Flexibility of regulatory framework. Authorities could share their vast information in a searchable database.



Project Proposal			
Step	Description		
1	Mapping – stakeholders (existing groups, authorities..)		
2	Identification of key unmet needs for new excipients		
3	Identify and form relevant groups/consortia /workstreams		
4	Collect learning from cosmetic industry – minimize animal testing		
5	Stream a – educate authorities – show need Stream b – assess /improve in-vitro methods		
6	Together with authorities agree n new framework for new excipients		
Preliminary Estimations			
R&D Effort	More than 1 billion € 5 Years High effort...		
Business Case/Other Value	High value, big market		
Patient Value	Positive		
Critical Partners	Ingredient manufacturers, authorities, big pharma		
Financing	External additional funding to WP5		
Regulatory Concerns	Yes – by definition!		
Rating			
Value/Impact	7,8	Complexity	5,6
		Priority	

15: The cool solution to room temperature problem (D1)

Synopsis

- Chargeable smart minifridge, USB and solar cell
- App is consumer-centric. Gives info like: temp too high, container empty, time to take medicine. Connected and able to log temp no of doses
- AI built in to this medical device? Regulatory?



Project Proposal

Step	Description
1	Freedom to operate study
2	Involve device manufacturer
3	Proof of principle (prototype)
4	patent
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Preliminary Estimations

R&D Effort	Medium cost...
Business Case/Other Value	Medium value, small market
Patient Value	Positive
Critical Partners	Device manufacturer and app programmer patient groups
Financing	External (patient groups)
Regulatory Concerns	Yes – medical device class 2

Rating

Value/Impact	6,8	Complexity	4,5	Priority	
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16: Vaccine for me (I3)

Synopsis

- Preventing immunological disease such as rheumatism by screening for early markers and discovery at pre-disease stage
- Outcome: Personalized medicine and possibly cure.
- Decision: which diseases to screen for
- Health economic aspects
- Learn from similar approaches ongoing for insulin screening (Skåne)
- Who takes cost for screening

Project Proposal

Step	Description
1	Identification of the need-market-disease
2	Identification of the possible disease markers
3	Development of rapid screening method for the disease marker
4	Establishment of production system (doctor/producer/patient)
5	
6	

Preliminary Estimations

R&D Effort	1 B€ 15 years High cost
Business Case/Other Value	High value, big market Middle Smaller
Patient Value	Positive
Critical Partners	Drug manufacturer-Healthcare authorities
Financing	External (patient groups/healthcare authorities)
Regulatory Concerns	Yes – approval needed

Rating

Value/Impact	8,4	Complexity	8,9	Priority	
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17: Controlling aggregation by using Intrinsically disordered protein as chaperon (F3)

Synopsis

- IDP is a class of proteins that lack fixed or ordered 3-dimensional structure.
- It has been observed in nature that this type of proteins exists in some desiccated species and protects them from being damage in the desiccated condition.
- One of the hypothesis is that the IDP bind to the protein and form a chaperon upon drying and thus protect the protein from aggregation in the dry state.
- Outcome: molecular understanding of IDP – protein interaction.

Project Proposal			
Step	Description		
1	Literature study and selection of IDP models		
2	Feasibility study for model proteins		
3	Structural and dynamical characterization at large scale facilities		
4	Simulation study		
5	Proposed mechanism of chaperon formation		
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Preliminary Estimations			
R&D Effort	200k € 2 year Simple Medium High cost...		
Business Case/Other Value	High value, big market Middle Smaller		
Patient Value	Positive		
Critical Partners	Within NextBioForm		
Financing	Vinnova, VR, NextBioForm		
Regulatory Concerns	No		
Rating			
Value/Impact		Complexity	5,2
		Priority	