

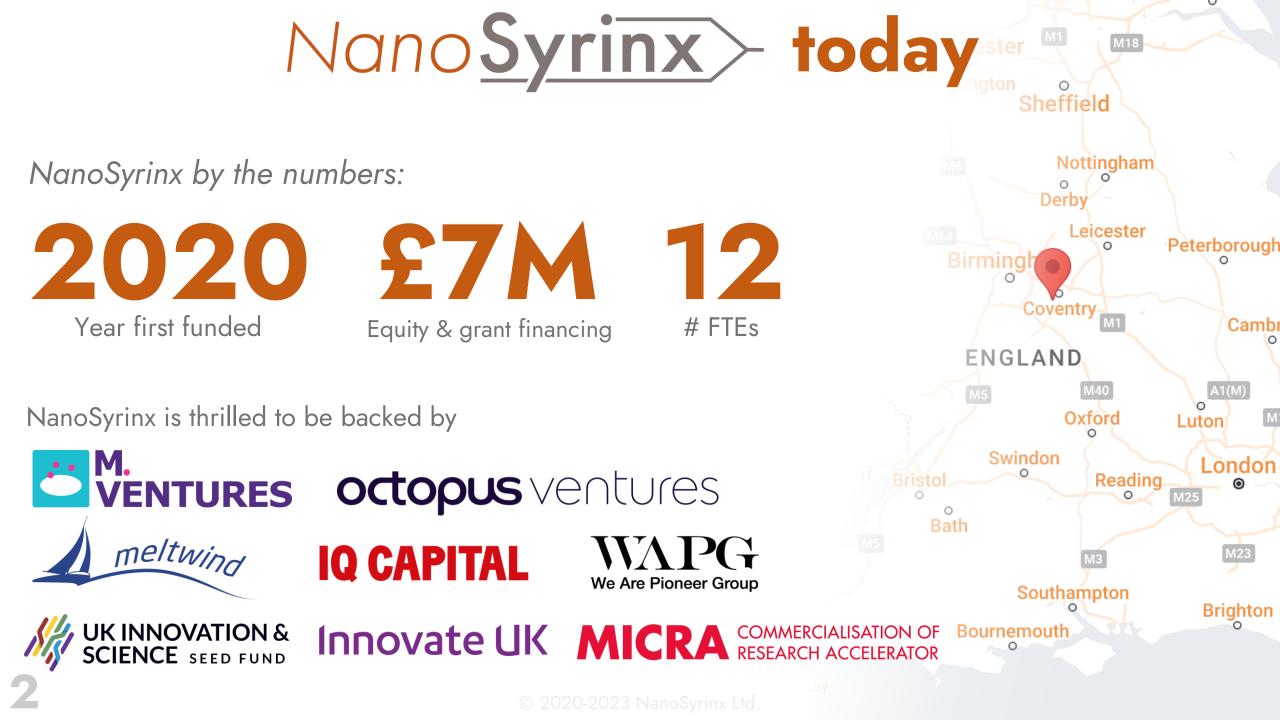
# Nano<u>Syrinx</u>>

a novel platform technology for **targeted intracellular** drug delivery

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The opportunity for the UK to be a leader in synbio for human health

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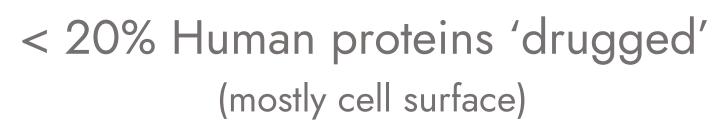
### Why me?

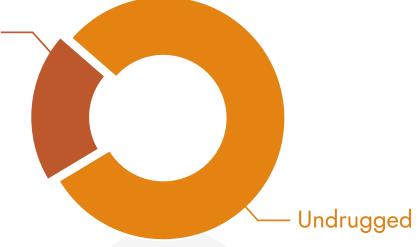
- Co-Founder/CEO of Warwick Uni synbio spin-out
- Previously:
  - BSc Aberystwyth
  - MSc and PhD @ Warwick Med/Chemistry
  - PhD in molecular microbiology/synbio
  - Research Fellow at Warwick Medical School

- Particularly interested in the use of synthetic and molecular biology
- "Engineer trapped in a biologists body"
- 'Unusual' as a biotech/founder in the Midlands

## The un-druggable cell

Drugged





"Delivering [biologics] into cells is the Holy Grail..."

"Delivering functional proteins to the interiors of cells would open up an entirely new range of targets for drug development..."

"Intracellular delivery is a strategic priority for us. We have already tried a number of solutions, including some quite 'out there' ideas, but nothing really works."

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#### A synthetic biology-inspired, fully customisable, genetic platform

Nanosyringe chassis genes

Cell-targeting gene

Payload gene

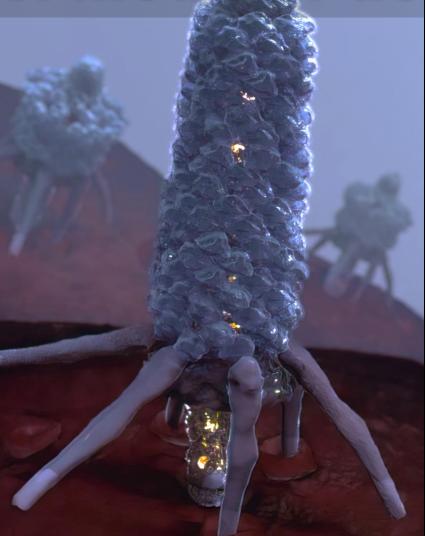
1. System built from fully genetic construct.

2. 'Single step' loading and assembly in *E. coli* 

3. Nanosyringe complexes purified, loaded, ready for use

#### A completely novel mode of action

Cell-targeting 'arms'





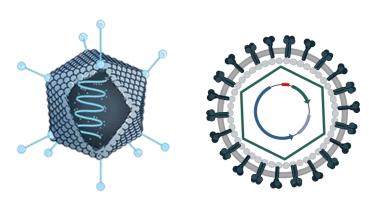
1. Loaded nanosyringes produced by out bacterial expression system

Payload

protein

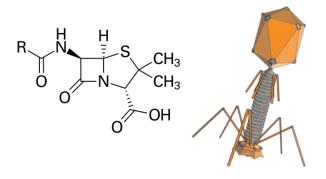
2. Cell-targeting 'arms' selectively bind nanosyringe to cell surface

3. Nanosyringes actively pierce the membrane to deliver the 'API'



Why **SynBio**?

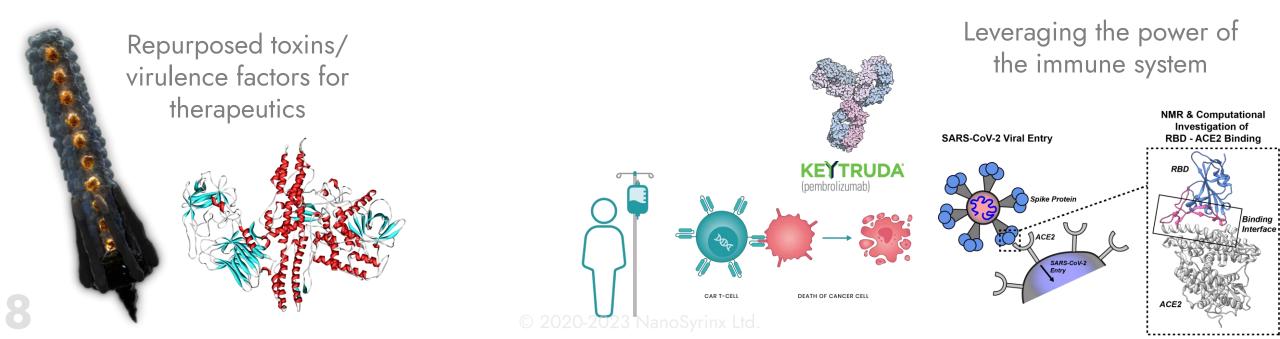
Bacterial viruses and natural products to defeat AMR



#### ADENOVIRUS

Repurposed viruses for gene therapy

# I am fascinated by solutions from Nature



### 'top of mind' SynBio themes

- "Valley of Death" is alive and well
- Access to UK growth capital
- SynBio is a scientific confluence
  - Investment percolates in to many areas
- Risk of 'homelessness' within UKRI?
- Preach caution around retrenchment
  R&D tax credits 🔅

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- NS&I bill 🔅
- SEIS/EIS expansion  $\bigcirc$

#### It's going to happen; how do we ensure it happens here?

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