

Supplementary Materials: Synthesis and Characterization of Mannosylated Formulations to Deliver a Minicircle DNA Vaccine

Ana Sofia Serra ¹, Dalinda Eusébio ¹, Ana Raquel Neves ¹, Himanshu Bhatt ², Swati Biswas ², Diana Costa ^{1,*} and Ângela Sousa ^{1,*}

Citation: Serra, A.S.; Eusébio, D.; Neves, A.R.; Albuquerque, T.; Bhatt, H.; Biswas, S.; Costa, D.; Sousa, Â. Synthesis and characterization of mannosylated formulations to deliver a minicircle DNA vaccine. *Pharmaceutics* **2021**, *13*, 673. <https://doi.org/10.3390/pharmaceutics13050673>

Academic Editor: Satoshi Uchida

Received: 7 April 2021

Accepted: 4 May 2021

Published: 7 May 2021

Publisher's Note: MDPI stays neutral with regard to jurisdictional claims in published maps and institutional affiliations.



Copyright: © 2021 by the author. Licensee MDPI, Basel, Switzerland. This article is an open access article distributed under the terms and conditions of the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>).

E7 protein

```

atgcatggagatacacctacattgcatgaatatatgttagatttgcaaccagagacaact
M H G D T P T L H E Y M L D L Q P E T T
gatctctactgttatgagcaattaaatgacagctcagaggaggatgaaatagatgg
D L Y C Y E Q L N D S S E E D E I D G
ccagctggacaaggcagaaccggacagagcccattacaatattgttaacccttttgtc
P A G Q A E P D R A H Y N I V T F C C K
tgtgactctacgcttcggttgtcgctacaaagcacacacgttagacattcgtaacttgg
C D S T L R L C V Q S T H V D I R T L E
gacctgttaatgggcacacttaggaattgtgtgccccatctgttctcagaaaccataa
D L L M G T L G I V C P I C S Q K P -

```

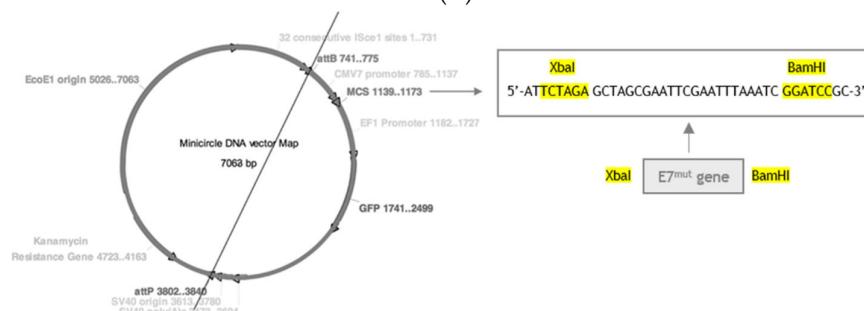
(A)

E7 protein - H2P (CAT → CCT)
- C24G (TGT → GGT)
- E46A (GAA → GCA)

(B)

E7wt	MHGDTPTLHEYMLDLQPETTDLYCYEQLNDSSEEDEIDGPAGQAEPDRAHYNIVTFCKK	60
E7mutant	MPGDPTPLHEYMLDLQPETTDLYGYEQLNDSSEEDEIDGPAGQAAPDRAHYNIVTFCKK	60
*	*****	*****
E7wt	CDSTLRLCVQSTHVDIRTLLEDLLMGTGLGIVCPICSQKP-	98
E7mutant	CDSTLRLCVQSTHVDIRTLLEDLLMGTGLGIVCPICSQKP-	98
*	*****	*****

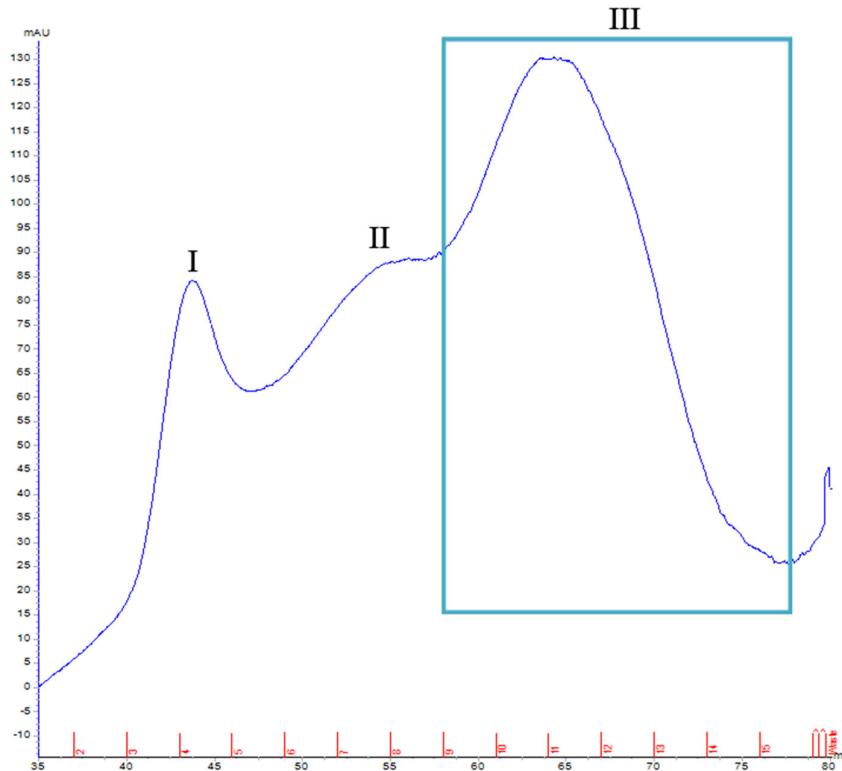
(C)



(D)

Figure S1. Schematic representation of three mutations in the HPV E7 gene and cloning of mutated gene in the parental plasmid vector. (A) E7 gene sequence from HPV wildtype; (B) Identification of three mutations to perform in the HPV E7 wildtype gene; (C) Sequencing of E7 mutant gene; (D) cloning of E7 mutant gene in the parental plasmid vector.

A)



B)

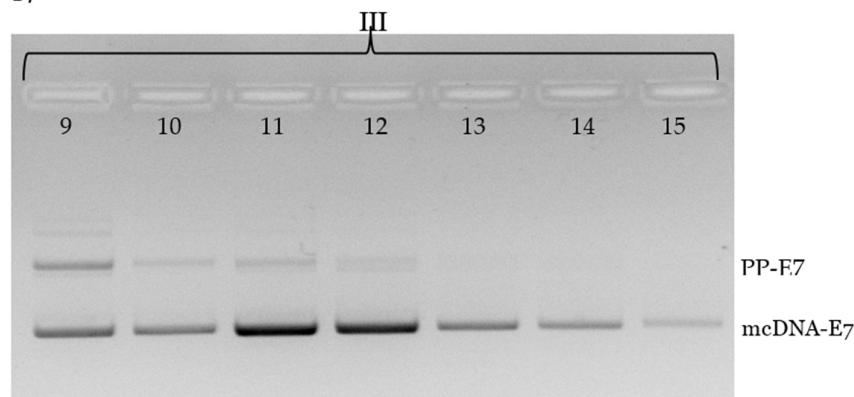


Figure S2. Chromatographic profile of mcDNA isolated by size exclusion chromatography in the Sephadryl SF-1000 column (A), using the following conditions, flow-rate of 0.3 mL/min, sample loading of 2 mL and fractionation of 3 mL; and agarose gel electrophoresis of fractions from peak III (B).

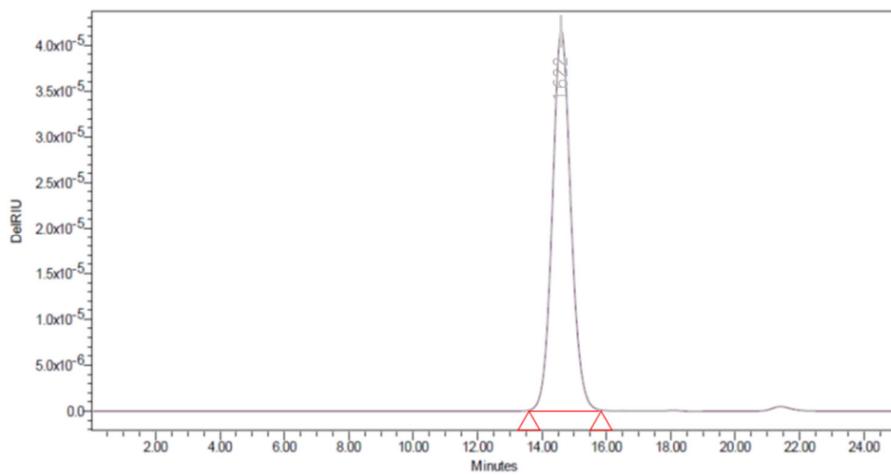


Figure S3. SEC chromatogram of MPITC-R8.

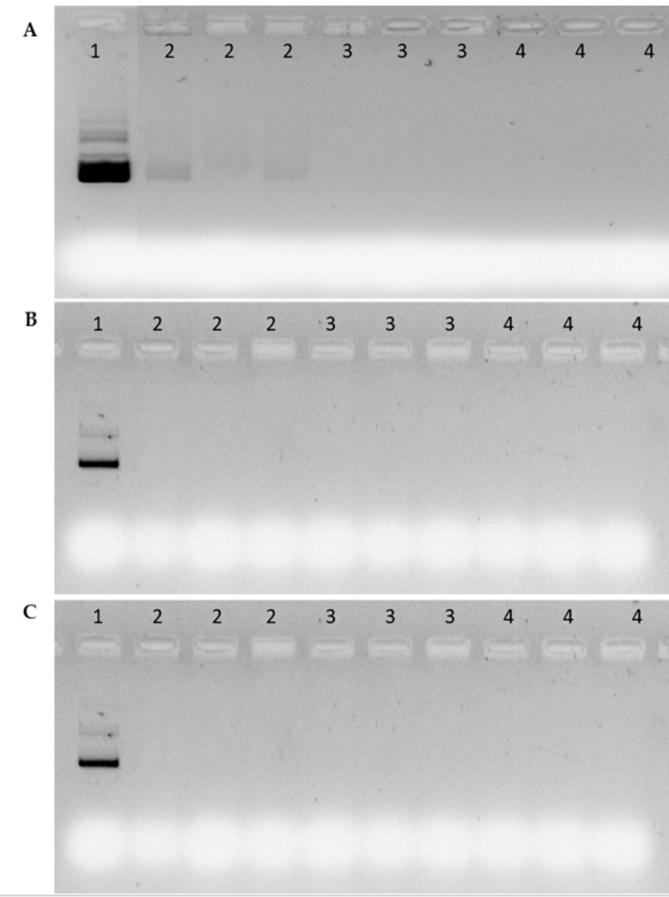


Figure S4. Electrophoretic mobility of supernatants from several formulations studied at various N/P ratios. (A) R8-mannose/mcDNA, (B) R8-mannose/PEI/mcDNA maintaining PEI N/P ratio at 5 and changing R8 N/P ratios and (C) R8-mannose/PEI/mcDNA maintaining PEI N/P ratio at 10 and changing R8 N/P ratios. Image A: lane 1-R8-mannose/mcDNA N/P ratio of 1:1; lane 2-R8-mannose/mcDNA N/P ratio of 1.5:1; lane 3-R8-mannose/mcDNA N/P ratio of 2:1. Image B: lane 1-R8-mannose/PEI/mcDNA N/P ratio of 1:5:1; lane 2-R8-mannose/PEI/mcDNA N/P ratio of 1.5:5:1; lane 3-R8-mannose/PEI/mcDNA N/P ratio of 2:5:1. Image C: lane 1-R8-mannose/PEI/mcDNA N/P ratio of 1:10:1; lane 2-R8-mannose/PEI/mcDNA N/P ratio of 1.5:10:1; lane 3-R8-mannose/PEI/mcDNA N/P ratio of 2:10:1.

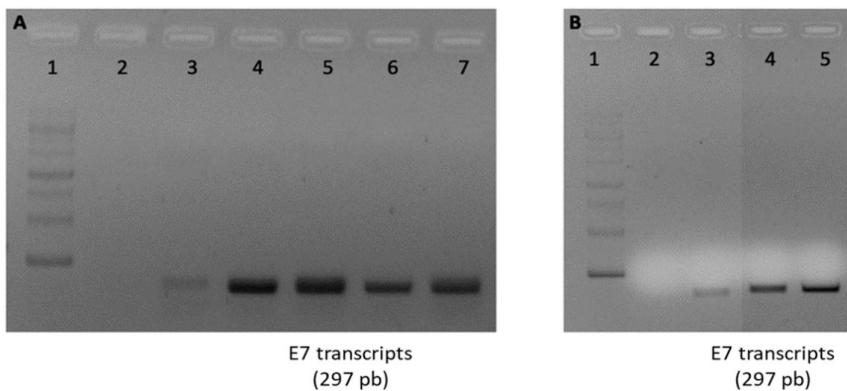


Figure S5. Analysis of RT-PCR products by agarose gel electrophoresis. Evaluation of E7 transcripts in Raw cells (A) and Fibro cells (B). Lane 1 - DNA molecular weight marker; lane 2-control without cDNA sample; lane 3-non-transfected cells; lane 4-cells transfected by PEI/mcDNA N/P ratio 5:1; lane 5-cells transfected by R8-mannose/PEI/mcDNA N/P ratio 2:5:1; lane 6-cells transfected by PEI/mcDNA N/P ratio 10:1; lane 7-cells transfected by R8-mannose/PEI/mcDNA N/P ratio 2:10:1.

Table S1. The molecular weight of each MPITC-R8 conjugate by SEC analysis.

Conjugates	Observed Relative Molecular Weight (Mw) (Da)	Theoretical Molecular Weight (Da)
MPITC-R8	1622	1643