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# Sublingual Vaccination by an Oro-Dispersible Patch made with Natural **Polymers: Optimization for Vaginal and Rectal Protection**

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### Context

Mucosae represent preferential entry sites for pathogens. Consequently, the mucosal immune system has been shaped to act as the first line of defense to prevent microorganisms' invasions. sublingual vaccines administration, protection can be achieved with both systemic and local immune response induction, as well as rectal and vaginal protection.

### Sublingual liquid vaccines: Heterogeneity due to partial



### Introduction

Oro-dispersible membrane:



Bioactive vaccination patch containing subunit antigens and protein or nanoparticular adjuvants

### Sublingual vaccination patch

Biocompatible

Composed with polysaccharides which are not toxic for cells and mucosae

Runctionalizable & Biodegradable

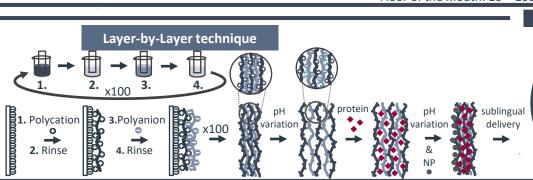
Protein antigen & adjuvant incorporation without bioactivity loss. Antigen relased during patch degradation by salivary enzymes.

Mucoadhesive

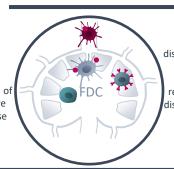
Lengthen contact time between formulation and mucosa to induce a better response

**Bioactive** 

Induce a systemic and mucosal immune response



# Strategy adaptive response

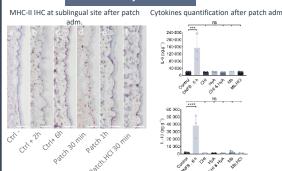


Vessels dissemination of the Plasma Cell immune Plasmocytes, Plasmablasts) Antigen response to distant lymph nodes

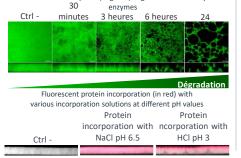
humoral protection of distant mucosal sites



### **Biocompatible**

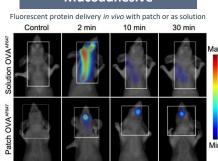


### Biodegradable & functionalizable Fluorescent patch (in green) degradation in salivary enzymes

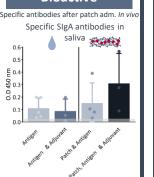


### Results

### Mucoadhesive



# Bioactive



### **Conclusion & Perspectives**

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Our results demonstrate this oro-dispersible patch biocompatibility through IHC and cytokines quantification after patch administration. This patch permits protein incorporation using various pH, allowing protein release once degraded by salivary enzymes. Its mucoadhesive properties permits a prolonged delivery at the sublingual site inducing a higher quantity of specific sIgA in saliva.

For an enhanced mucosal response, especially at distant mucosal sites (such as rectal and vaginal mucosa), other mucosal adjuvants should be tested, especially through NP formulation for a better presentation to immune cells.