Pioneering animal genetic improvement to help nourish the world

Taking PRRS virus resistant pigs through regulatory approvals

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#### About Genus

A world-leading animal genetics supplier for 85 years



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Porcine Reproductive & Respiratory Syndrome is a devastating and costly disease in pigs

First recognized in the U.S. in 1987, PRRS is now found in pig production facilities worldwide

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#### **PRRS Annual Impact**

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### How our gene edit works

Removing the viral binding site without adding any genetic material

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# Creation of intended edits and selection for absence of off-target edits

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Production

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## Creation of a commercial population

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- CD163 edit in four lines (2 dam, 2 sire lines)
- Identical edits in many individual pigs of each line
  - Screening for correct edits and removal of off-targets in EO-E2
  - Phenotypic characterization of a representative subset
- Faster commercial scale-up and prevents bottleneck in genetic diversity

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## Gene-edited pigs were evaluated for efficacy, performance and meat quality and composition

Gene edited pigs are resistant to PRRS virus strains representing lineages currently circulating in the US

Measured infection of pigs (through virus replication, detection and antibody response) over 21 days

PRRS type	Lineage/ Strain	Edited	Non- edited
I.	SD13-15	No infection	Infection
I	SD01-08	No infection	Infection
II	L1C-144	No infection	Infection
II	L1H-184	No infection	Infection
II	L1A-174	No infection	Infection
II	L1E-142	No infection	Infection
II	L8- NVSL97	No infection	Infection

identically to non-edited pigs Evaluated phenotypes from

birth through finishing and

reproductive phases

Gene edited pigs perform

Meat from gene edited pigs is identical to meat from non-edited pigs

**Evaluated Meat** 

composition

**Evaluated Meat** 

quality

Key Traits <sup>2</sup>	Sire Line	Dam Line
Birth weight	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Teat count	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Key Traits	Sire Line	Dam Line
Weight @ 140 days	$\checkmark$	~
Lifetime daily gain	~	~
Carcass health	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Key Traits	Sire Line	Dam Line
Gestation length	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Total	~	$\checkmark$

Key Traits <sup>2</sup>	Key Traits	
Hot carcass weight	Protein %	$\checkmark$
Muscle pH 🗸	Amino acids	$\checkmark$
Marbling 🗸	Fat	$\checkmark$
Colour (redness)	Vitamins	$\checkmark$
	Minerals <sup>7</sup>	$\checkmark$
	Moisture %	./

1 All claims about safety and efficacy of PRP are currently being evaluated by the US FDA;

#### Global pork trade flows require a global perspective We are committed to deploying PRRSV-resistant pigs transparently and responsibly

Major Pork Export Flows

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Targeting countries that produce and/or import substantial amounts of pork and have clear regulatory pathways

Countries that do not export significant quantities of pork may be quicker to commercialise following regulatory approval (e.g. Colombia, China & Japan)

Targeting widespread technology adoption to minimise pork trade disruption & maximize benefit to the global pork value chain

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#### FDA regulatory process nearing completion

#### 2021

Phase I - Product Claim and Methods

- 1. Product Definition
- 2. Molecular Characterisation of Altered DNA

Submitted and accepted

Submitted and accepted

#### 2022

Phase II - Molecular Characterization

1. Molecular Characterization of Edited Animals

Submitted and accepted

2023 - 2024

Phase III - Animal Characterization

- 1. Phenotypic Characterization
- 2. Phenotypic Durability
- 3. Genotypic Durability
- 4. Food Safety
- 5. Environmental Safety

Submitted and accepted
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## Global regulatory submissions

Other geographies will be pursued as regulatory frameworks develop

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Colombia positive determination - 2023

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Brazilian positive determination - 2024

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Regulatory submissions in Canada - 2024

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Regulatory submissions in Japan - 2024

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Regulatory environment developing; regulations on gene-edited animals published Obtained approval for import of PRRSv resistant pigs for in-country assessment

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Identifying a path for positive determination or approval in Mexico

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