## Inviscable Viscous Drug Injectors



## The Need



Key characteristics of antibody administration:

- Antibody formulations are usually administered in high volumes
- Self administration necessitate low volumes
- Antibody formulations can have high viscosities, which slow injection times and increase injection forces



Challenges to manufacturers of Auto-Injectors:

- How to keep stringent standards of self-administration:
  - Needle gauge should stay thin (27 G)
  - Injection time should stay short (below 15 s)
- Spring mechanisms (state of the art) are prone to failure at high viscosities
- Spring mechanisms have difficulty in generating high forces which compromises injection time

## **Current Status**

- Our team has developed a high performance actuating technology that could drive formulations with very high viscosities.
- The team has recently received internal-funding from Columbia University towards the development of an injector based on the technology.
- We identified potential values of the technology and we are seeking advice from drug formulators and other experts on the value propositions we should pursue, :
  - Possible reduction of the number of injections by half.
  - Increase in the speed of injections
  - A more reliable injector due to robustness of mechanism that has fewer moving parts than other technologies
  - No need for sophisticated electronics
- We are looking for a part-time business advisor in the biomedical field to direct us in the right product development path and help us expand our network in the biopharmaceutical sector

