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## **Investment Highlights**

Focused on advancing proprietary technology platform to address multiple high-value cancer indications

### DNase I Oncology Platform

Aimed at improving immunotherapies by targeting Neutrophil Extracellular Traps (NETs)

### The Power of Leveraging DNase I

### The Problem

NETs promote tumorigenesis and metastasis by shielding tumor cells from the immune system

NETs can also contribute to resistance to chemotherapy, checkpoint inhibitors and radiotherapy

DNase I – Our Innovative Solution DNase I is an enzyme that digests DNA and can eliminate NETs

Exposes cancer cells to the immune system, chemotherapy and other targeted cancer treatments



## **Innovative Oncology Pipeline**

**Opportunity to Address Multiple Oncology Indications** 

### **DNase** I

PROGRAM	TECHNOLOGY	INDICATIONS	PRECLINICAL	IND ENABLING	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	HIGHLIGHTS
XBIO-015	Systemic DNase I (+Chemo)	Pancreatic Carcinoma		0			Working toward study to evaluate combination with chemo
	Systemic DNase I (+ICIs)	Solid Tumors		0			Working toward study to evaluate combination with ICIs
	Systemic DNase I (+CAR T)	Solid Tumors	-0-				Potential to enhance CAR T cell function in the tumor microenvironment
XBIO-020	DNase I-Armored CAR T	Solid Tumors	-0-				Potential to enhance CAR T cell function in the tumor microenvironment



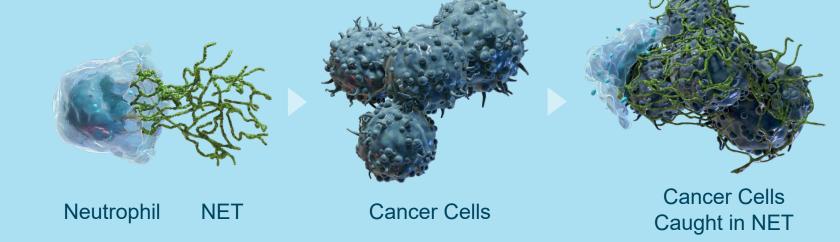
### Leveraging DNase I to Target Neutrophil Extracellular Traps (NETs)



## The Role of Neutrophil Extracellular Traps (NETs)

NETs are an Innate Immune Response to Kill Invading Pathogens

NETs are composed of cell-free DNA, histones, neutrophil elastase, MMP-9 and other proteins



Elevated levels of NETs lead to inflammation and a pro-tumorigenic environment that potentiates coagulopathies and cancer progression



### **Role of NETs in Cancer Progression**

Epithelial-Mesenchymal Transition (EMT) of primary tumor cells Circulating tumor cells are shielded by NETs, preventing attack by the immune system

Secondary Metastatic Tumor

NETs can potentiate the establishment of metastatic niches

Neutrophil

Primary Tumor Microenvironment

**NETs** 



## NETs Can Limit the Effectiveness of Current Cancer Therapies



Shaping of the Tumor Microenvironment (TME)

Engaging in Pro-tumorigenic and Immunosuppressive Signaling, thereby Promoting Cancer Cell Proliferation, Invasion and Metastasis Promoting Hypercoagulability and Treatment-Associated Thrombosis Exacerbated by Chemotherapy

### The Literature Confirms the Presence of NETs is Associated with a Poor Prognosis





#### Neutrophils Extracellular Traps Inhibition Improves PD-1 Blockade Immunotherapy in Colorectal Cancer

Hongji Zhang, Yu Wang, Amblessed Onuma, Jiayi He, Han Wang, Yujia Xia, Rhea Lal 5, Xiang Cheng, Gyulnara Kasumova, Zhiwei Hu, Meihong Deng, Joal D. Beane, Alex C. Kim, Hai Huang, and Allan Tsung

### CANCER RESEARCH

#### Neutrophils Extracellular Traps Promote the Development and Progression of Liver Metastases after Surgical Stress

Samer Tohme, Hamza O. Yazdani, Ahmed B. Al-Khafaji, Alexis P. Chidi, Patricia Loughran, Kerri Mowen, Yanming Wang, Richard L. Simmons, Hai Huang, Allan Tsung

### **\$JEM**

#### Interleukin-17-Induced Neutrophil Extracellular Traps Mediate Resistance to Checkpoint Blockade in Pancreatic Cancer

Yu Zhang, Vidhi Chandra, Erick Riquelme Sanchez, Prasanta Dutta, Pompeyo R Quesada, Amanda Rakoski, Michelle Zoltan, Nivedita Arora, Seyda Baydogan, William Horne, Jared Burks, Hanwen Xu, Perwez Hussain, Huamin Wang, Sonal Gupta, Anirban Maitra, Jennifer M Bailey, Seyed J Moghaddam, Sulagna Banerjee, Ismet Sahin, Pratip Bhattacharya, Florencia McAllister

### HEPATOLOGY

#### Neutrophil Extracellular Traps Promote Inflammation and Development of Hepatocellular Carcinoma in Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis

Dirk J van der Windt, Vikas Sud, Hongji Zhang, Patrick R Varley, Julie Goswami, Hamza O Yazdani, Samer Tohme, Patricia Loughran, Robert M O'Doherty, Marta I Minervini, Hai Huang, Richard L Simmons, Allan Tsung



#### Citrullinated Histone H3, a Biomarker for Neutrophil Extracellular Trap Formation, Predicts the Risk of Mortality in Patients with Cancer

Ella Grilz, Lisa-Marie Mauracher, Florian Posch, Oliver Königsbrügge, Sabine Zöchbauer-Müller, Christine Marosi, Irene Lang, Ingrid Pabinger, Cihan Ay

### Systemic DNase I Mode of Action

Co-administered with Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors or Chemotherapy

DNase I

**NETs** 

Primary Tumor Microenvironment DNase I is an enzyme that digests DNA and can eliminate NETs thereby exposing cancer cells to the immune system, chemotherapy and other targeted cancer treatments

Neutrophil

## DNase I Has the Potential to Improve Current Cancer Therapies

Overcome T cell exclusion and immunosuppressive signals by the tumor microenvironment (TME)

Improve side effect profiles of current ChemoRx

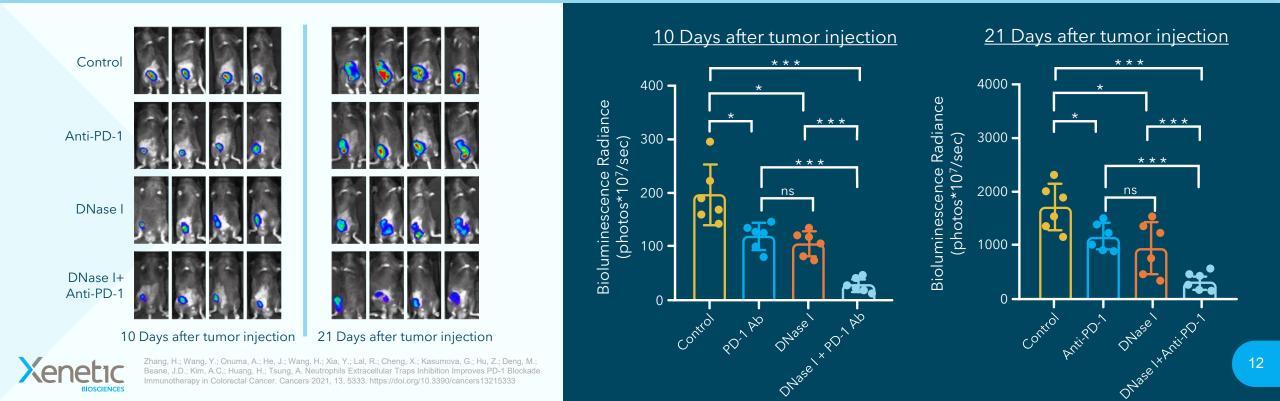




## DNase I Improves Efficacy of PD-1 Blockade

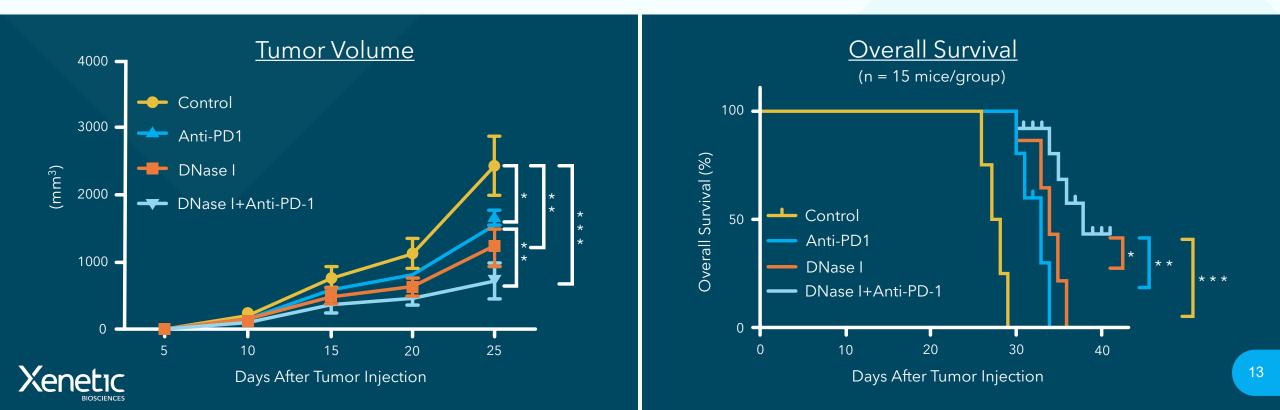
Systemic administration of DNase I improves the efficacy of PD-1 blockade to reduce the growth of cancer in MC38 colorectal cancer cell model

Combination of DNase I and anti-PD-1 mAb resulted in the lowest tumor volume growth, superior to either DNase I or anti-PD-1 alone



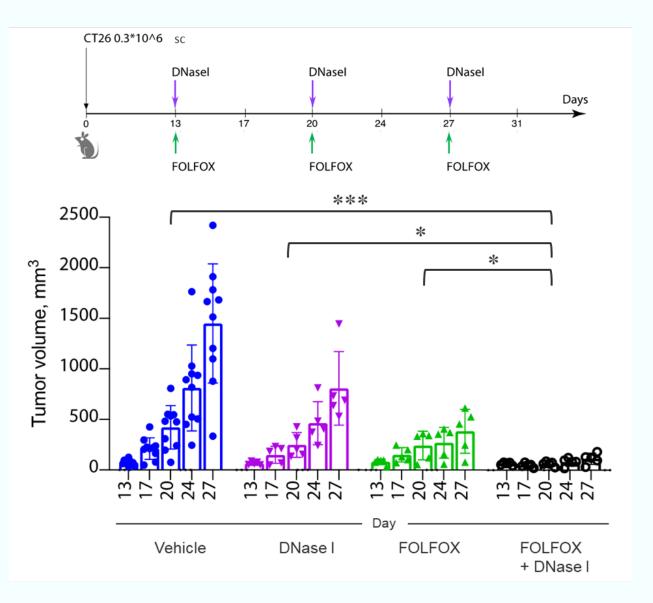
## DNase I Slowed Tumor Growth and Prolonged Survival

Systemic Administration of DNase I and Anti-PD-1 Resulted in the Slowest Tumor Growth and Prolonged Overall Survival in MC38 Colorectal Cancer Cell Model



Systemic DNase I Administration Enhances Antitumor Activity of FOLFOX Chemotherapy in a Model of CRC

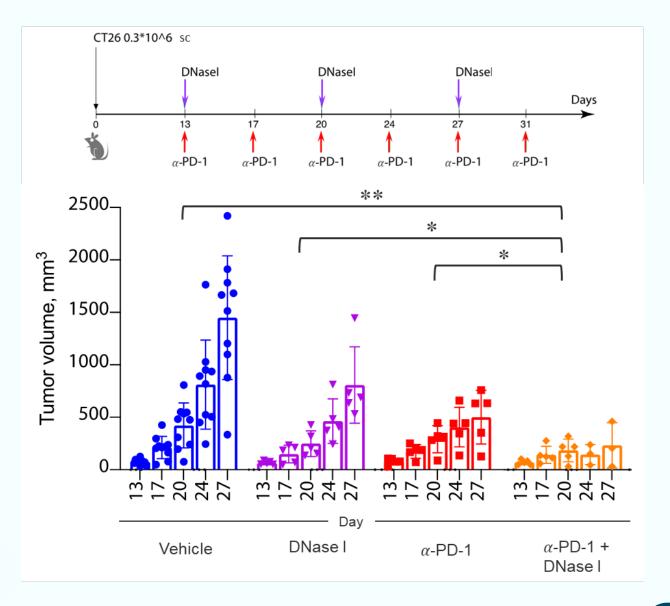
> CT26 Colorectal Carcinoma Intraperitoneal implant, Day 0 Dosing start, Day 2 \* P < 0.05 \*\* P < 0.01 \*\*\* P < 0.005





### Systemic DNase I Administration Enhances Antitumor Activity of α-PD-1 Immunotherapy in a Model of CRC

CT26 Colorectal Carcinoma Subcutaneous implant, Day 0 Dosing start, Day 13 \* P < 0.05 \*\* P < 0.01 \*\*\* P < 0.005



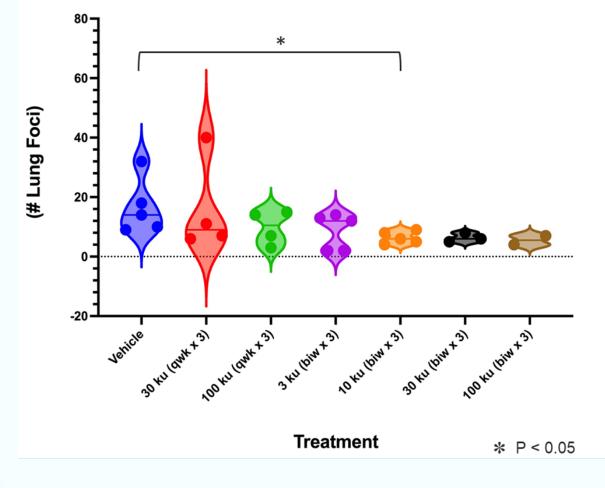


### DNase I Reduces Metastatic Burden in a 4T1 TNBC Model

### 4T1 TNBC

Mammary fat pad implant, Day 0 Dosing start, Day 7 Lung metastases assessed, Day 19

\*ku = Kunitz units/Dose

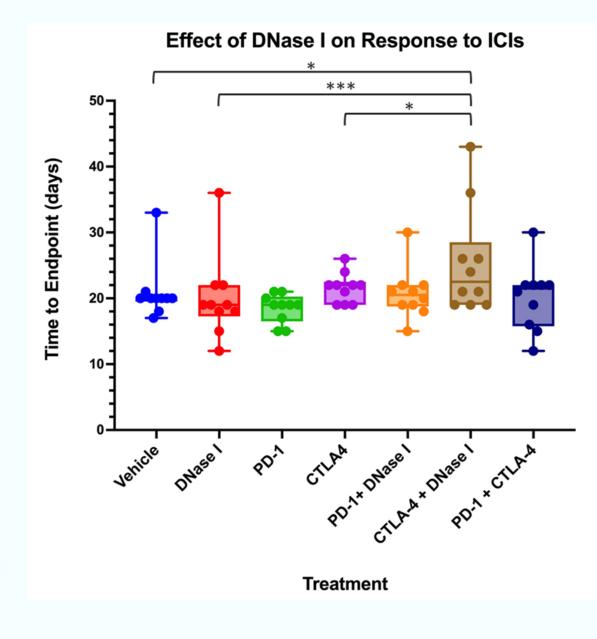


#### Dose-dependent Effect of DNase I on Metastatic Burden



### DNase I Enhances Anti-Tumor Activity of $\alpha$ -CTLA-4

CT26 Colorectal Carcinoma Intraperitoneal implant, Day 0 Dosing start, Day 2 \* P < 0.05 \*\* P < 0.01 \*\*\* P < 0.005





### **DNase I for the Treatment** of Pancreatic Carcinoma

Advancing Toward First-In-Human Study



## Initially Targeting Pancreatic Carcinoma

Multi-Billion-Dollar Indication with Significant Unmet Need

Early detection is currently not feasible – most patients are diagnosed at advanced stages

5-year survival for advanced stage patients: ~3%<sup>1</sup>



- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (n.d.). Common cancer sites Cancer stat facts. SEER. Retrieved March 17, 2023, from https://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/common.html
- NIH National Cancer Institute, Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results Program, Cancer Stat Facts: Pancreatic Cancer https://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/pancreas.html
  - Grand View Research, Inc. (n.d.). Global pancreatic cancer treatment market size report, 2025. Retrieved March 17, 2023, from https://www.grandviewresearch.com/industry-analysis/pancreatic-cancer-treatment-market

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Deadliest Cancer in the United States<sup>1</sup>

~62,000 Diagnosed Annually<sup>2</sup>

~50,000 Deaths Annually<sup>2</sup>

\$4.8B Projected Market by 2025<sup>3</sup>

## **Currently Planned Phase 1 Study**

Multicenter, dose escalation and dose-expansion in subjects with locally advanced or metastatic solid tumors



IV administration of rhDNase I

Monotherapy dose escalation followed by expansion in two cohorts Combined with chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer patients

Combined with immunotherapy for patients with other solid tumor indications

Primary Endpoints: safety, tolerability, efficacy, MTD and recommended Phase 2 dose

Secondary Endpoints: PK, Efficacy (ORR by RECIST)

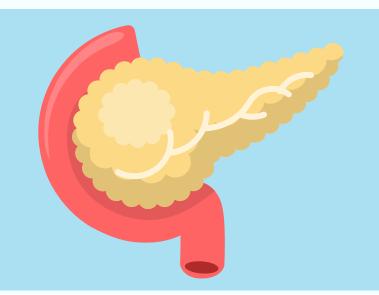
## **Key Drivers for Success**

Pancreatic Cancer is a Challenging Indication but We Believe We Will Be Successful

### 1L PDAC has 40% ORR, 7.5 months PFS, 11.1 months OS

*Ipsen's NAPOLI-3 Study*<sup>1</sup> NALIRIFOX demonstrated 42% ORR vs. 36% ORR for nab-paclitaxel and gemcitabine

mPFS for NALIRIFOX was 7.4 months vs. 5.6 months for nab-paclitaxel and gemcitabine



### **Relatively Low Hurdle for Demonstrating Clinical Meaningfulness** ORR > 50% or PFS > 9 Months Would be Meaningful Improvement to Current SOC



1. Ipsen presents phase III napoli 3 trial of Onivyde® regimen demonstrating positive survival results in previously untreated metastatic pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma at ASCO GI. Ipsen. (2023, May 26). https://www.ipsen.com/press-releases/ipsen-presents-phase-iii-napoli-3-trial-of-onivyde-regimen-demonstrating-positive-survival-results-in-previously-untreated-metastatic-pancreatic-ductal-adenocarcinoma-at-asco-gi/

## Application Across a Number of Solid Tumors

~1.9 million new solid tumor cases in the U.S. in 2022<sup>1</sup>

~.6 million solid tumor related deaths in the U.S. in 20221





### **DNase I Armored CAR T**

Targeting Solid Tumors Provides Opportunities for Significant Upside



## DNase I Armored CAR T for Solid Tumors

Requirements for Successful T Cell Therapies in Solid Tumors

Find the tumor

Infiltrate and persist in tumor

Maintain cytotoxic function

Barriers to Success in the Tumor Microenvironment

Physical barriers (e.g., extracellular matrix or NETs) impeding infiltration and occluding tumor cell contact

Immunosuppressive signaling from bioactive elements within the TME



### **DNase I-Armored CAR T for Solid Tumors**

CAR T cells that deliver DNase I while maintaining CAR T tumor killing function

**DNase** I

**NETs** 

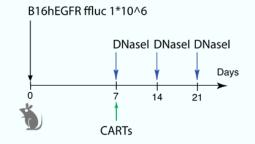
CAR T

DNase I digests DNA, clearing NETs and allowing tumor access to CAR T

Primary Tumor Microenvironment



# Systemic DNase I Enhances CAR T Antitumor Activity in the B16 Model of Metastatic Melanoma

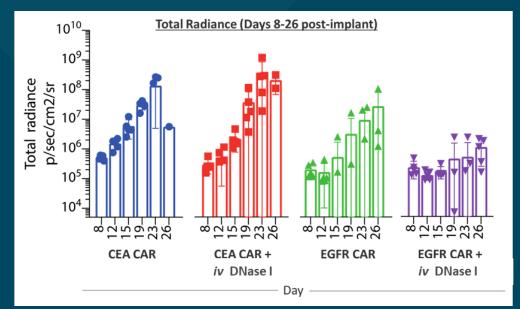


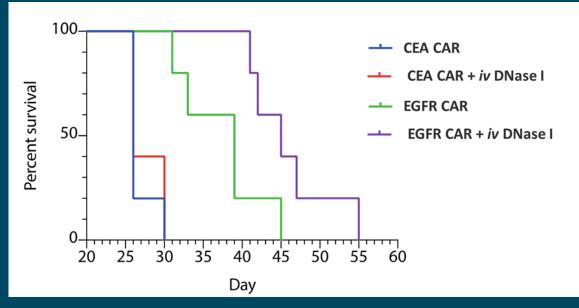
#### CAR constructs: anti-hEGFR.CD28.CD3z /GFP anti-hCEA.CD28.CD3z /GFP

Kaplan-Meier Survival by Group

Group 1:  $2 \times 10^{6}$  CEA CAR-T Group 2:  $2 \times 10^{6}$  CEA CAR-T + *iv* DNase I Group 3:  $2 \times 10^{6}$  EGFR CAR-T Group 4:  $2 \times 10^{6}$  EGFR CAR-T + *iv* DNase I (negative control) (negative control + iv DNase I)

### Tumor Burden





### Xenetic

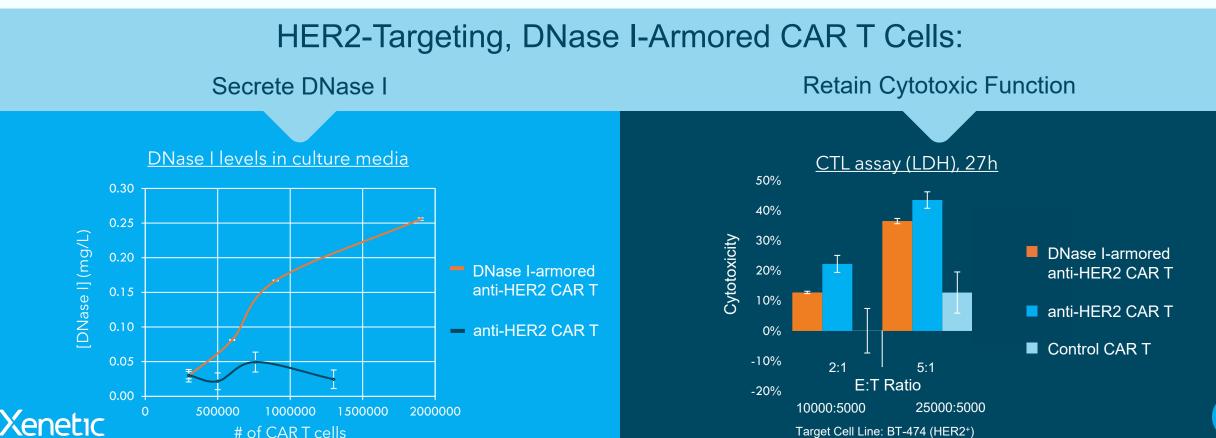
B16-hEGFR melanoma

Intravenous implant

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## DNase I Armored CAR T: Proof of Concept

Ability to Design CAR T Cells That Deliver DNase I While Maintaining CAR T Function



## Advancing with Collaboration Partner, VolitionRX

Developing Proprietary Adoptive Cell Therapies Potentially Targeting Multiple Solid Cancer Types



### DNase I-Armored CAR T



Expect Volition to fund research program and two parties to share proceeds from commercialization or licensing of any products arising from the collaboration



## Intellectual Property and Exclusivity

### Systemic DNase I

### DNase I-Armored CAR T

### IP Portfolio

Co-administration of Systemic DNase I with ICIs, Radiation, Chemo

### Orphan Designation

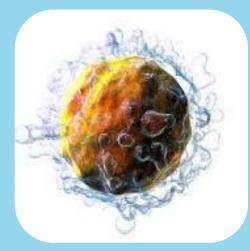
DNase I for pancreatic cancer



### **IP Portfolio**

Co-administration of Systemic DNase I with CAR T

DNase I-secreting CAR T cells





## **Team with Proven Expertise**

Jeffrey F. Eisenberg Chief Executive Officer & Director

Life Sciences executive with over 25 years of successful track record in value creation in both private and public companies; former CEO of Noven Pharmaceuticals, responsible for leading 2 product launches and Noven's Novogyne Women's Health joint venture with Novartis

Curtis Lockshin, Ph.D

Chief Scientific Officer

25 years Biotech/Pharma management experience, including discovery, preclinical and clinical development and commercial manufacturing; former CEO of SciVac Therapeutics, CTO of VBI Vaccines and VP of Corporate R&D Initiatives for OPKO Health

#### James F. Parslow, MBA, CPA

Chief Financial Officer

Over 30 years of experience providing financial and business leadership to biotech, manufacturing, technology, business-to-business e-commerce and cleantech industries



#### Scott N. Cullison

**Business Development** 

Over 20 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry with a broad range of expertise across business development, alliance management, commercialization, product management, R&D program team leadership, and strategic planning.

Reid P. Bissonnette, Ph.D.

Translational Research and Development

Over 25 years of experience in small molecule drug discovery and development and biotherapeutics; well-established translational scientist, drug hunter and senior manager of Oncology and Inflammation drug R&D



## **Scientific Advisory Board**



### Dr. Jonathan Spicer

Associate Professor of Surgery at McGill University and Medical Director of the McGill University Health Center (MUHC) Thoracic Oncology Network; recognized as a leader in understanding how neutrophils impact cancer progression, in particular, the role of NETs in cancer biology



### Dr. Allan Tsung

Chair of the Department of Surgery at the University of Virginia School of Medicine and Director of the Cancer Therapeutics program at the University of Virginia Comprehensive Cancer Center; specializes in treating patients with liver, bile duct and pancreatic cancer



### Dr. Matthew Frigault

Medical Oncologist in the Hematologic Malignancy Program at the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center, as well as Assistant Director of the Cellular Immunotherapy Program; serves as an Instructor at Harvard Medical School



### Dr. Maksim Mamonkin

Assistant Professor, Pathology and Immunology and an independent faculty member at the Center for Cell and Gene Therapy at Baylor College of Medicine



### Dr. Guenther Koehne

Internationally recognized cancer specialist and current Chief of Blood & Marrow Transplant and Hematologic Oncology at the Miami Cancer Institute

## **Key Upcoming Milestones**

### Assets

- IP supporting the use of DNase I in cancer
- ✓ IND-enabling GLP Tox studies in 2 species for systemic DNase I
- ✓ Cell line & established cGMP process and manufacturing

### 2022-2023 Activities

- Engaged Catalent, preeminent CDMO for clinical manufacturing
  - Enhance preclinical data set

**Business Development** 

#### **Academic Collaborations**

### 2024-2025 Activities

Enhance preclinical data set

Phase 1 study start

Dose escalation and expansion data available



## **Investment Summary**

Advancing Proprietary Technology Platform Aimed at Improving Immunotherapies by Targeting Neutrophil Extracellular Traps (NETs)

DNase I oncology platform has the potential to improve the efficacy of current cancer therapies Initially targeting pancreatic carcinoma, a multi-billion-dollar indication with significant unmet need

Multiple key value-driving milestones expected over the next 12-24 months



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