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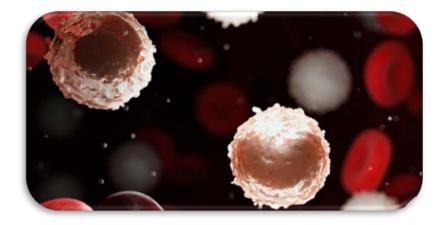
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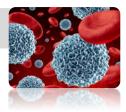
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Investment Highlights



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Strong leadership with expanded management team Approximately 2 years of cash to advance clinical programs Clinical stage biotech company developing 1st-in-class targeted agents Treating hematologic malignancies; life-threatening / orphan diseases





CG-806 Oral FLT3 / BTK Kinase Inhibitor

FDA Orphan Drug Designation in AML

Inhibits all forms of FLT3 and BTK : Drivers of AML, CLL & NHL hematologic cancers Precision that suppresses multiple oncogenic pathways, yet spares safety targets Phase 1a/b trial ongoing for CLL & NHL and Phase 1 is planned for AML & MDS



APTO-253 MYC Inhibitor

FDA Orphan Drug Designation in AML

Only clinical stage agent directly targeting G-Quadruplex of notable MYC oncogene Phase 1b ongoing for AML & MDS demonstrating safety and MYC inhibition



Serving Patients and Market Opportunities

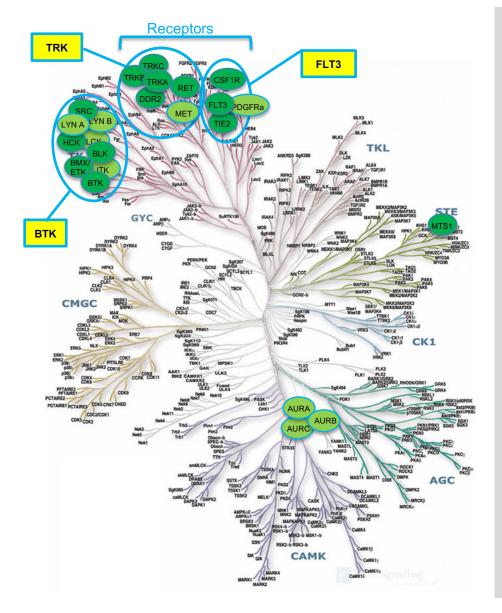
Potential to serve broadly CLL and AML patient needs : \$1B+ commercial opportunity Potential for rapid clinical POC and value creation with hematologic cancers



CG-806 1st-in-Class Oral FLT3 / BTK Inhibitor Phase 1a/b Ongoing

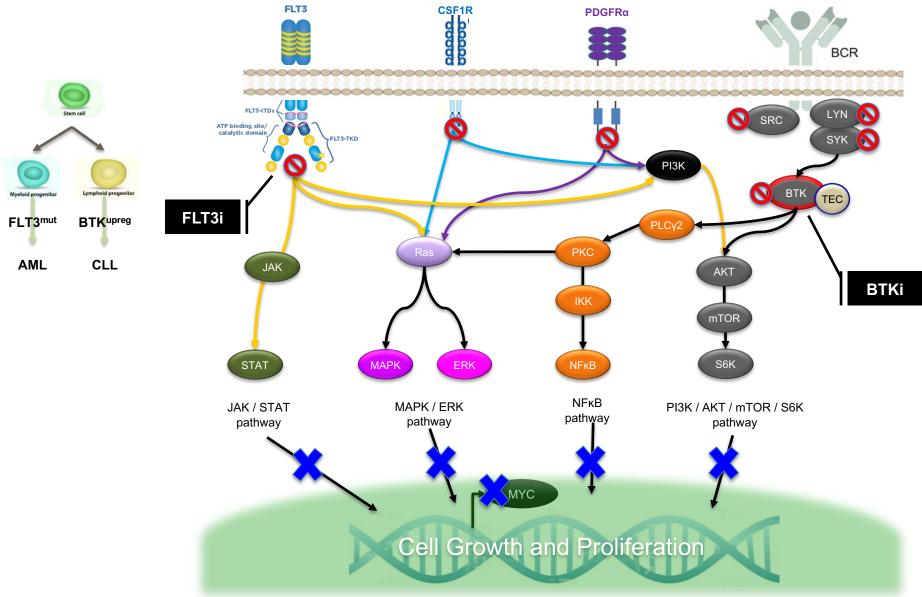
- 1. Non-covalent "reversible" inhibitor with unique kinome targeting profile
- 2. Potent inhibitor of all forms of BTK (WT / C481S) driver kinase
- 3. Potent inhibitor of all forms of FLT3 (WT / ITD or TKD mutated) driver kinase
- 4. Suppresses multiple signaling pathways essential for cancer cell survival
- 5. Precision spares safety targets & pathways associated with toxicity
- 6. Ongoing trial Ph1a/b for CLL & NHL B-cell malignancies
- 7. Planning trial Ph1a/b for AML/MDS myeloid malignancies

"Multi-Cluster Kinase Inhibitor": CG-806 Potently and Selectively Inhibits Clusters of Related Kinases



- Mutation Agnostic
 - Inhibits all forms of FLT3
 - Inhibits all forms of BTK
 - Simultaneously suppresses multiple signaling pathways
- Robust Safety Profile
 - NOT a "dirty" kinase inhibitor
 - Avoids kinases that impact safety
 - No drug-related AEs seen to date
- Inhibits Clusters of Kinases that
 Drive Hematologic Malignancies
 - FLT3 cluster \rightarrow AML & MDS
 - BTK cluster \rightarrow CLL & NHL

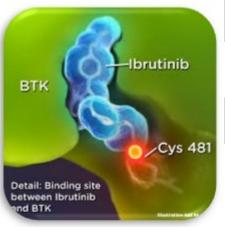
CG-806 Suppresses Key Oncogenic Targets and Pathways in Myeloid & Lymphoid Malignancies



CG-806 for the Treatment of CLL / SLL / NHL

Overexpressed BTK (Bruton's Tyrosine Kinase)

- Drives B-cell cancers : CLL/SLL and NHL (FL, MCL, DLBCL, others)



Ibrutinib Covalent BTKi : SOC with >\$6B Annual Sales

- Chemically targets Cys481 residue in the active site of BTK

Ibrutinib Shortcomings : Patients Discontinuing

- Over half (54%) CLL patients discontinue treatment by 44 months^(1,2)
- Patients resistant (C481S mutant), intolerant or refractory to ibrutinib

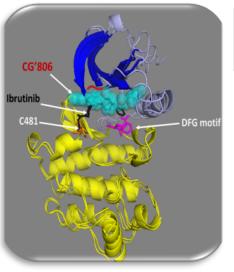
Patients Failing a Host of Other Agents

- Covalent BTKi, Non-covalent BTKi, BCL-2i, PI3Ki, Anti-CD20 Abs

CG-806 May Overcome Shortcomings of Ibrutinib & Other Agents

- "Non-covalent" : Retains activity against WT and C481S-BTK enzyme
- Well tolerated and inhibits multiple "oncogenic rescue" pathways
- Potently and directly kills CLL and other B-cell cancer cells

CG-806 Non-Covalent Inhibitor Retains Potency Against Wildtype and C481S-BTK



CG-806 Binds Non-Covalently and Productively to BTK

X-ray Crystallographic Analysis:

- Reversibly binds to WT-BTK and C481S-BTK Active Sites
- Atypical Binding Mode Not Reported with Other Drugs
- Chemical Structure Distinct from Ibrutinib/Other BTKi's

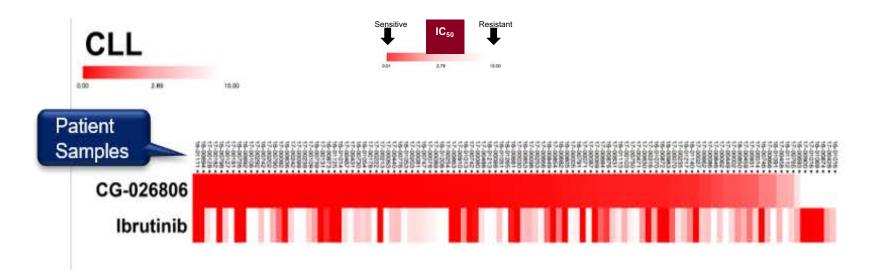
Retains potency against C481S-BTK But, does <u>NOT</u> inhibit TEC, EGFR or ErbB2 kinases linked to ibrutinib related toxicities; including bleeding disorders, gut and skin toxicity and atrial fibrillation, respectively. Expect Superior Safety Profile for CG-806

| Kinase | | CG-806 IC ₅₀ (nM) | |
|-----------------------|--------|------------------------------|--------|
| BTK-WT | | 8.4 | |
| BTK-C481S | | 2.5 | |
| | | | |
| IC ₅₀ (nM) | TEC | EGFR | ErbB2 |
| lbrutinib | 78 | 5.6 | 9.4 |
| CG-806 | >1,000 | >1,000 | >1,000 |



CG-806 Exerts Superior Breadth & Potency Compared to Ibrutinib on Patient Samples

• OHSU Measured the Ability of CG-806 or Ibrutinib to Kill Primary Cells from CLL Patients *Ex Vivo* : IC₅₀ transformed into a Heatmap of Sensitivity



"CG-806 is More Than Just a BTK Inhibitor"

- Targets driver (BTK-WT/Mutant) and rescue pathways operative in B-cell cancers
- 1000x more potent than ibrutinib (SOC covalent BTKi) at killing malignant B-cells

CG-806 Phase 1a/b Clinical Trial Underway: Initially in Patients with R/R CLL/SLL or NHL

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PATIENT POPULATION

Relapsed or refractory CLL/SLL & NHL who failed or are intolerant to 2 or more lines of established therapy, or for whom no other treatment options are available



Dose Escalation Phase

- Patients administered oral capsules
- Every 12 hours on a 28-day cycle
- Plan to include 6 dose levels
- Accelerated titration design
- Planned expansion cohorts

Development Plan for Severe Unmet Needs in B Cell Tumors

CLL Patients Resistant or Intolerant to:

- Covalent BTK inhibitors
- BCL2 inhibitors (venetoclax)
- Anti-CD20 therapy (rituximab)
- PI3K inhibitors (idelalisib)
- Cytotoxic agents
- Non-covalent BTK inhibitors

NHL Patients with Unmet Needs

- Richter's Transformation
- Tx-refractory DLBCL
- Tx-refractory FL, DHL

Enrollment: 1, 1, 3x3

- Fewer patients early in the study, but..
- Dose escalate quickly to effective dose



CG-806 in Dose Level 3 of Phase 1a/b Clinical Trial in CLL/NHL

(Clinical Data Cutoff Dec 31, 2019)

Dose Level 1 (150mg BID for 28d) Completed Only One Patient Required in Dose Level 1



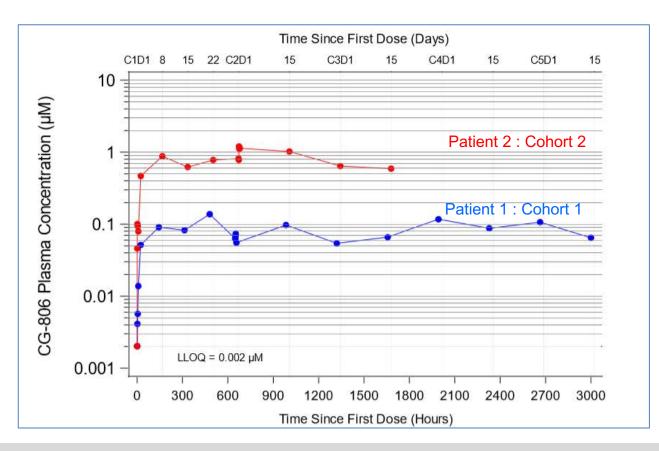
- R/R-CLL/SLL with TP53 mutation ; Heavily pretreated
- Challenging Case with p53 Mutation

Dose Level 2 (300mg BID for 28d) Completed

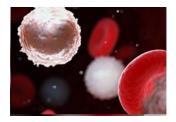
Only One Patient Required in Dose Level 2

- R/R-CLL with unmutated IGHV ; Heavily pretreated
- Marrow involvement with neutropenia and thrombocytopenia
- Highly Complicated Disease to Manage

CG-806 Favorable Steady-State Pharmacokinetics (C_{MIN})



- Oral absorption, dose-related exposure, predictable steady-state PK
- Achieving 0.6-1µM steady state (C_{min}) levels in Patient at Dose Level 2
- Approaching what we believe is active exposure in Dose Level 2
- Asked if the exposure at Dose Level 2 could inhibit P-BTK



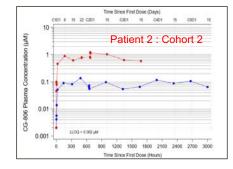
CG-806 Delivered Dose-Related Inhibition of Pharmacodynamic Markers (P-BTK) in CLL Patient #2 (300mg BID)

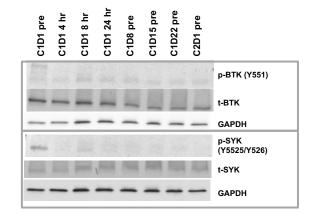
Phospho-BTK Inhibition in PBMC

- Whole blood collected four hours after administration of the first dose
- ELISA assay to determine Phospho-BTK and total-BTK levels
- BTK-pTyr223 completely inhibited at 4 hrs



- Plasma inhibitory assay (PIA) using plasma collected from patient
- EOL-1 reporter cells in vitro treated 6hrs with plasma from patient
- Reduction of key phospho-proteins in EOL-1 reporter cells
 - phospho-BTK (pTyr551)
 - phospho-SYK (pTyr5525/Tyr526)
- PD responses correlated with CG-806 concentration in plasma





CG-806 Delivered Evidence Safety, Target Engagement and Clinical Activity in Patient #2 (300mg BID)



Evidence of Safety with No Unexpected Toxicities

- No myelosuppression ; stabilized platelets and neutrophils
- No drug-related SAEs ; No dose-limiting toxicities

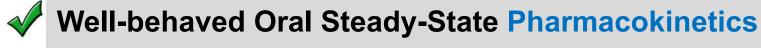


Evidence of Target Engagement with JP-BTK

- Inhibition of P-BTK, P-SYK, others : PIA Assay
- 100% inhibition of P-BTK in PBMC : ELISA Assay

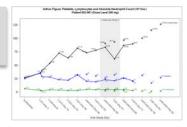
Evidence of Clinical Activity in R/R CLL

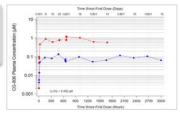
- Marked lymphocytosis
 - BTK inhibition in patients leads to CLL cell exfiltrated from lymphoid tissues
 - Observed immediately upon initiation of dosing in Cycle 1



Absorption that delivered near-uM exposures









CG-806 Now in Dose Level 3 of Phase 1a/b Clinical Trial in CLL/NHL

Dose Level 1 (150mg BID for 28d) Completed Only One Patient Required in Dose Level 1



- **R/R-CLL/SLL** with TP53 mutation ; Heavily pretreated
- Challenging Case with p53 Mutation No DLTs and completed Cycle 6

Dose Level 2 (300mg BID for 28d) Completed Only One Patient Required in Dose Level 2

- **R/R-CLL** with unmutated IGHV ; Heavily pretreated
- Marrow involvement with neutropenia and thrombocytopenia
- Highly Complicated Disease to Manage No DLTs and completed Cycle 4.5

Dose Level 3 (450mg BID for 28d) Dosing Ongoing

Three Patients Required in Dose Level 3

CG-806 : A New Class of Drugs More than Just a BTK Inhibitor for CLL Only Agent Also to Inhibit FLT3 for AML

Breadth for Difficult-to-Treat CLL and NHL Patients

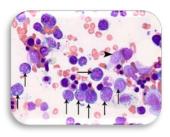
- Potently inhibits WT-BTK and C481S-BTK, plus multiple oncogenic pathways operative in B-cell cancers
- Potential to treat CLL patients failing covalent & non-covalent BTKi, Bcl-2i, CD-20 antibodies, and others
- Potential to treat Richter's Transformation, Tx-refractory DLBCL / Follicular Lymphomas / DHLs

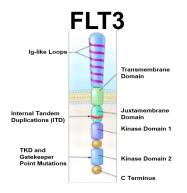
Safety : Targets Key Oncogenic Kinases and Avoids Safety Targets

- To date: safe, well-tolerated, and no drug related AEs have been observed
- Does not inhibit TEC, EGFR or ErbB2 kinases that cause toxicities with other BTK inhibitors
- Structurally distinct : assumes unique binding mode in kinase active sites relative to competitor agents

PLUS....Under Development for AML Patients Failing Other Drugs

- Only molecule that inhibits BTK and FLT3 and is being developed for CLL/NHL and AML/MDS







CG-806 For the Treatment of AML (Acute Myeloid Leukemia)

<u>Aggressive</u> Cancer of Blood/Bone Marrow (Orphan Disease)

- FLT3-ITD mutation is key driver in 25-35% of AML patients^{2,3}
- Approved: Midostaurin (Rydapt®); Gilteritinib (Xospata®)
- Advanced Development Stage: Quizartinib; Crenolanib

Medical Need For a Superior FLT3 Inhibitor

- "Dirty" agents (Midostaurin, etc.) are limited → Toxicity
- "Selective" agents don't provide durable responses → Resistance
- Need potent drug to inhibit all WT and mutant forms of FLT3: ITD/TKD/GK/WT

Inhibiting FLT3 Only is Not Enough to Control AML

- Need to suppress multiple other oncogenic signaling pathways that compensate

CG-806 Potently Inhibits All FLT3 + "Rescue" Pathways

- FLT3, PDGFRα, CSF1R, BTK, SYK, ERK, AKT, JAK/STAT, MAPK, MYC pathways

CG-806 Inhibits All Forms of FLT3 & Kills Cells with FLT3-D835Y Mutation More Potently than Other FLT3 Inhibitors

CG-806 CG-806 Superior to Other CG-806 Superior to FLT3 Inhibitors on AML Cells with Potent (Kd) Other **FLT3 WT/Mutants FLT3-D835Y Mutation FLT3-ITD** Inhibitor CG-806 IC₅₀ **FLT3-D835Y** Kd **FLT3 Proteins** (nM) Drug (nM) (Fragments) - CG'806 150 Quizartinib CG-806⁽¹⁾ 0.8 FLT3 WT 0.24 Gilteritinib Cell growth Crenolanib FLT3 ITD 3.1 Quizartinib⁽²⁾ 8.8 100 **FLT3 D835Y** 4.2 Gilteritinib⁽³⁾ 0.9 D835H 2.2 50 Crenolanib⁽⁴⁾ 2 % 7.9 D835V R834Q 6.4 Midostaurin⁽²⁾ 11 n N8411 0.8 Nexavar⁽²⁾ -12 -10 79 -8 -6 -4 K663Q 0.55 Log[Drug] (M) Sutent⁽²⁾ 1 ITD / F691L 16

⁽¹⁾Ba/F3 isogenic cells kindly provided by Dr. Michael Andreeff at MDACC

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(2) Blood. 2009 Oct 1; 114(14): 2984–2992

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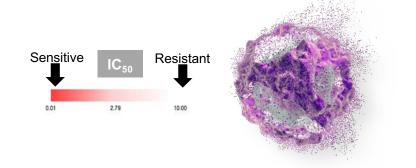
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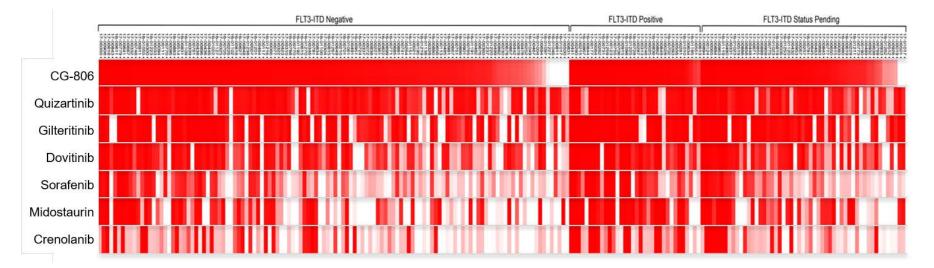
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CG-806 Exerts <u>Broad</u> & <u>Superior Killing</u> Potency Compared to FLT3i on <u>AML Patient Samples</u>

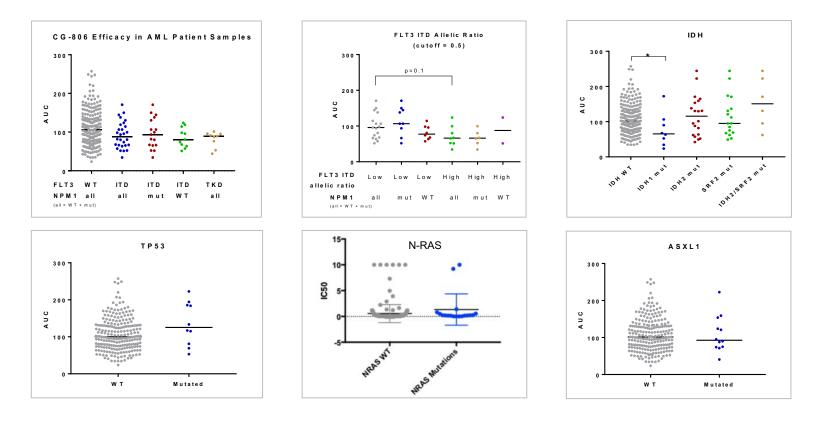
- OHSU Measured the Ability of CG-806 and Various FLT3i's to Kill Ex Vivo the Primary Cells from >200 AML Patients : IC₅₀ transformed into a Heatmap of Sensitivity
- CG-806 greater potency in killing primary AML cells bearing wild-type FLT3 or FLT3-ITD





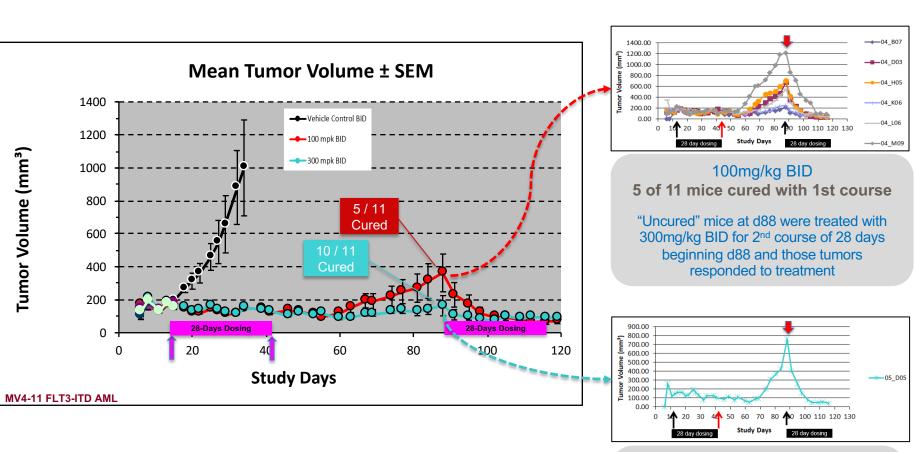
Sensitivity of AML Patients Samples to CG-806: AACR 2019

Enhanced Potency in Samples with FLT3 and IDH1 Mutations Retains Potency in Samples with NPM1, p53, N-RAS and ASXL1 Mutations



- AML patient samples with FLT3 mutations (ITD or TKD), with or without concurrent mutations of NPM1, are highly sensitive to CG-806
- Sensitivity of AML patient samples generally related to FLT3 ITD high allelic ratio (IC50 = 0.03 μM) vs. low allelic ratio (IC50 = 0.11 μM)
- AML patient samples with mutated IDH1 are more sensitive to CG-806 relative to the IDH WT or IDH2 mutations (p < 0.05)
- AML patient samples with TP53 WT and TP53 mutations equivalently sensitive to CG-806
 - AML patient samples with TP53 mutations were resistant to most other FLT3 inhibitors
- AML patient samples with ASXL1 WT and ASXL1 mutations equivalently sensitive to CG-806
- AML patient samples with NRAS WT and NRAS mutations equivalently sensitive to CG-806

CG-806 Rapid and Sustained Antitumor Activity in Mouse Model of AML After Oral Dosing for 28 Days



- No weight loss or toxicity at any dose level
- Significant cure rates with two highest doses
- Re-challenge of uncured mice with large tumors
 - Active on large tumors and no resistance observed

300mg/kg BID 10 0f 11 mice cured with 1st course

"Uncured" mouse at d88 was treated with 300mg/kg BID for 2nd course of 28 days beginning d88 and that tumor responded to treatment

Developing CG-806 for the Treatment of AML

Strong Rationale to Develop for AML with High Potential Value:

- Broadly potent against AML cells
 - Patients with mutated FLT3, TP53, IDH1, IDH2, SRF2, ASXL1 and RAS
 - Patients with WT-FLT3 (70% AML pts) driven by other mutations
- More potent than other FLT3 inhibitors on >200 AML patient samples
- Delivers cures in xenograft models of human AML without toxicity

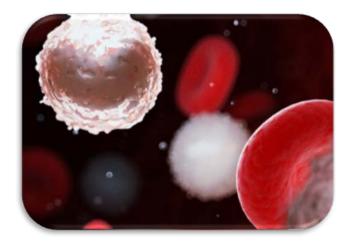
Phase 1 Planned : R/R AML and hr-MDS Patients with Unmet Needs

- Patients who failed other FLT3 inhibitors
- Patients who failed IDH-1 inhibitors
- Patients who failed venetoclax / mutated RAS
- Patients with mutated p53
- Patients with wild type-FLT3

- Rapidly differentiate CG-806 from other FLT3i's
 &
- Plan to initiate dosing with an active dose level

Plan to Initiate Trial with an Active Dose

- R/R-AML patients are acutely ill and we do not wish to dose sub-therapeutically
- Continue to dose escalate in B-cell cancer patients and identify likely therapeutic dose for AML patients
- Seek approval from FDA to initiate trial at a dose with likely "therapeutic exposure' for AML



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Phase 1a/b Ongoing

Small Molecule MYC Inhibitor For the Treatment of AML

- 1. MYC dysregulation is key driver of AML, certain B-cell cancers and solid tumors
- 2. MYC gene expression potently inhibited by APTO-253
- 3. Ph1a/b trial for AML/MDS ongoing with APTO-253
- 4. APTO-253 first agent to inhibit MYC expression and well tolerated in patients

Tremendous Interest in Targeting MYC as a Cancer Treatment

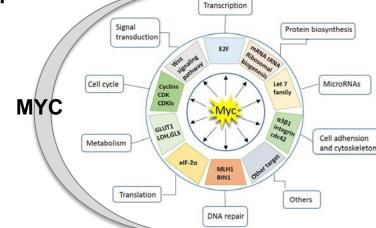
MYC protein regulates multitude of key biological processes

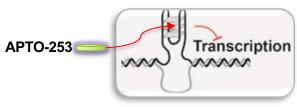
- Transcription factor binds to hundreds of genes
- Dysregulated in >50% of all human cancers
 - Reprograms signaling pathways to support survival
- Direct targeting of MYC protein is challenging
 - Generally considered "undruggable" no active site

APTO-253 Targets DNA regulatory motif in promoter of MYC gene

- NOT the MYC protein
- APTO-253 Inhibits MYC gene expression (mRNA)
 - Depletes cells of MYC protein \rightarrow induces apoptosis

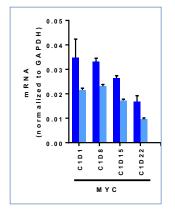






- APTO-253 inhibits MYC expression
- Causes induction of p21
- Triggers cell cycle arrest/apoptosis

APTO-253 Phase 1 Trial : Safely Inhibits MYC Expression in AML & MDS Patients



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AML Patient: Dose Level 1 (20 mg/m2)

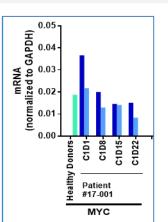
• Sampled pre-dose and 24 hr. post-dose day 1, 8, 15, 22

MYC Suppression & Well Tolerated

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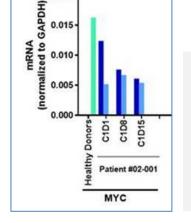
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• Observed inhibition of MYC expression in PBMC



MDS Patient: Dose Level 2 (40 mg/m2)

- Sampled pre-dose and 24 hr. post-dose day 1, 8, 15, 22
- MYC Suppression & Well Tolerated
 - Observed inhibition of MYC expression in PBMC



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AML Patient: Dose Level 3 (66 mg/m2)

Sampled pre-dose and 24 hr. post-dose day 1, 8, 15, 22

MYC Suppression & Well Tolerated

Observed inhibition of MYC expression in PBMC

APTO-253 Ongoing Phase 1b Dose Escalating Clinical Trial



Dose Level 1 (20mg/m2) Completed 1 AML Patient

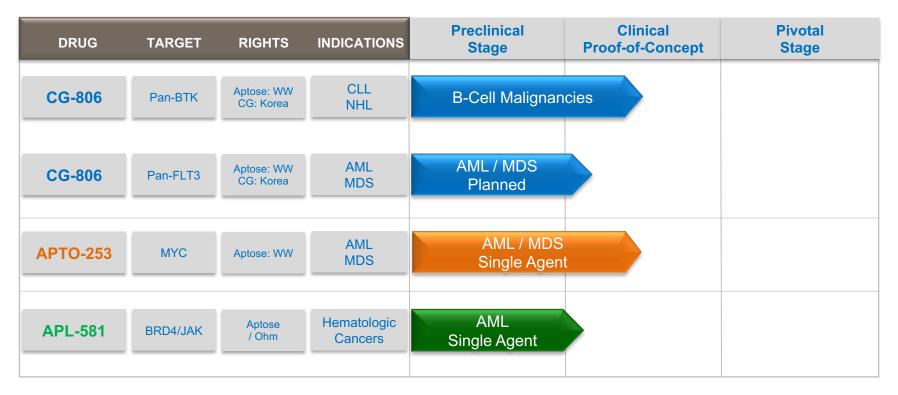


Dose Level 2 (40mg/m2) Completed 1 MDS Patient



Dose Level 3 (66mg/m2) Completed 3 AML Patients

- To date, well-tolerated & no drug-related SAEs
- Now screening for patients in dose level 4 (100mg/m2)



2020 Anticipated Catalysts

| | 1H: | Initiate trial in AML patients |
|----------|-------|--|
| CG-806 | 2H: | Seek clinical activity in AML patients |
| CG-000 | 2H: | Seek clinical activity in B-cell cancer patients |
| | 1-2H: | Presentation of clinical data during EHA and ASH |
| | 1H: | Continue dose escalation in AML/MDS patients |
| APTO-253 | 2H: | Explore additional cancer indications |
| | 2H: I | Presentation of clinical data during ASH |

KOL Symposium on CG-806 FLT3 / BTK Inhibitor for Acute Myeloid Leukemia

Hosted by Aptose Biosciences Inc. (Nasdaq: APTO)

The luncheon symposium with Key Opinion Leaders in hematology/oncology will review the treatment landscape and the evolution of kinase inhibitors as anticancer drugs in myeloid leukemias, and highlight the potential for the mutation-agnostic FLT3/BTK inhibitor CG-806 to address unmet medical needs in these patient populations.

Additionally, the Aptose management team will provide an overview of the rationale and strategy for the development of CG-806 in myeloid malignancies. CG-806 is currently in an ongoing Phase 1a/b clinical trial for the treatment of patients with relapsed / refractory B-cell malignancies, including CLL and NHL, and in 1H / 2020 is planned to enter a separate clinical trial in patients with relapsed / refractory AML and high-risk MDS.

Additional information will be provided closer to the date of the event.

Wednesday, February 5th, 2020 Lotte New York Palace Noon - 1:30 PM EST

455 Madison Ave

Thank You!

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