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# **Curis Mission & Strategy**

Developing the New Generation of Targeted Cancer Drugs



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# **Evolution of Curis**



## Progressing through Clinical Studies on the Path to Potential Registration

2019	2020	2021
Initial Clinical Data	Expand Clinical Opportunities	Registrational Strategy
<ul> <li>Report initial Ph1 data for CA-4948 in NHL</li> <li>Evaluate new published research in IRAK4-L expression and the potential opportunity for CA-4948 in AML/MDS</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Report expanded Ph1 data for CA-4948 study in NHL and identify Recommended Phase 2 Dose (RP2D)</li> <li>Initiate a Ph1 study of CA-4948 in AML/MDS including patients expressing IRAK4-L and report initial Ph1 data</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Initiate Combination Study of CA-4948 and ibrutinib in NHL and evaluate potential paths for registration</li> <li>Report expanded Ph1 data for CA-4948 study in AML/MDS and identify Recommended Phase 2 Dose (RP2D)</li> </ul>
	Acquire exclusive option to license the leading VISTA monoclonal antibody program (CI-8993) and initiate a Ph1 study	<ul> <li>Initiate the clinical and non-clinical research collaboration with the NCI under the CRADA for CA-4948</li> <li>Report initial clinical data for CI-8993 Ph1 study</li> </ul>

## Pipeline

## All Curis programs are novel, first-in-class



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 ImmuNext
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 Genertech
 \*\*\* IP licensed to Genentech (Curis receives royalty income)



## IRAK4 Targeted Program in AML/MDS

CA-4948: In development for treatment of cancers driven by IRAK4-L



# CA-4948 Overview

## First-in-Class Inhibitor of IRAK4 in Oncology

	Profile	
Value Proposition	<ul> <li>First-in-class IRAK4 inhibitor in cancer</li> <li>Specific malignancies in Lymphoma are characterized by overactivity of NF-κB and the TLR/myddosome (which is dependent upon IRAK4)</li> <li>Specific malignancies in Leukemia are characterized by spliceosome mutations that cause an overexpression of IRAK4-L (the oncogenic isoform of IRAK4)</li> <li>Composition-of-matter IP extends into 2035</li> </ul>	
Target Patient Population	Lymphoma: 100% of patients treated w/ibrutinib (IRAK4i combination with BTKi) Leukemia: >50% of AML/MDS patients (population which overexpresses IRAK4-L)	
Product Candidate Description	<ul> <li>Potent and orally bioavailable inhibitor of IRAK4 for treatment of NF-κB driven lymphomas and IRAK4-L driven leukemia</li> </ul>	Cum (IRAK4 variante)



AML patients (ordered by ratio of IRAK4-L to IRAK4-S)

## IRAK4-L is a Novel Target in AML/MDS



specific genetic mutations (incl. U2AF1 and SF3B1) drive the expression of IRAK-L, the long isoform of IRAK4



Targeting IRAK-L Demonstrates Anti-Cancer Activity in Preclinical Models



CA-4948 treatment reduces <u>leukemic blasts</u> in patient-derived xenografts<sup>2</sup>

IRAK4-L inhibition with CA-4948 demonstrates anti-cancer activity consistent with knockout models<sup>2</sup>

IRAK4-L knockout models demonstrate genetic li to oncogenic immune signaling in AML/MDS<sup>1</sup> RIS



## Landscape of Disease Targets in AML/MDS

	% of Patient
Disease Driver	<b>Population</b>
IRAK4-L	> 50%1
FLT3	25-30% <sup>2</sup>
TET2	10-20% <sup>3</sup>
IDH2	9-13% <sup>4</sup>
IDH1	6-10% <sup>4</sup>
CEBPA	~10%3

- Non-targeted therapies administered in monotherapy have historically provided limited clinical benefit, especially in relapsed/refractory patients
- Targeted therapies (e.g., FLT3, IDH) have been limited by the size of their respective target patient populations
- IRAK4-L is a novel target in AML/MDS and has been shown to be preferentially expressed in >50% of the AML/MDS patient population

## Trial Design

	Data cut-off: 23Nov2020
Baseline Characteristics of Ph1 Patients	Overall (N=6)
Male (%)	5 (83%)
Female (%)	1 (17%)
Median Age (range)	72 (32-84)
Median Prior Therapies (range)	3 (1-4)
Histology	
Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML)	4 (67%)
Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS)	2 (33%)

#### **Study Objectives**

Primary: Maximum tolerated dose and recommended Phase 2 dose Secondary: Pharmacokinetic (PK) profile, preliminary anti-cancer activity

#### **Study Population**

- Relapsed/Refractory disease
- Histopathologically confirmed AML or High-Risk MDS
- Age  $\geq$  18 years
- ECOG performance Status of  $\leq 2$

#### Dosing

- Oral
- 28-day cycles
- 3+3 escalation design (200mg BID, 300mg BID, and 400mg BID)



## Monotherapy Anti-Cancer Activity Observed in Early Ph1 Data



- 1<sup>st</sup> patient dosed in Q3 2020
- Consistent reduction of Marrow Blasts across population (6 patients)
- 2 patients have achieved Marrow CR

		Blasts Baseline	Blasts Best Resp	<u>Change</u>	
AML	005-2003	32%	26%	-19%	
AML	005-2002	39%	25%	-36%	
AML	003-1002	24%	9%	-63%	
hrMDS	003-1003	4%	2%	-50%	
hrMDS	003-1001	11%	2%	-82%	Marrow Cl
AML	005-2001	23%	1%	-96%	Marrow Cl

Note: To achieve Marrow CR, a patient's blast count must be elevated at baseline (>5%) and, after treatment, decrease by  $\geq$  50% from baseline into the normal range ( $\leq$ 5%)



## **IRAK4** Targeted Program in NHL

CA-4948: In development for treatment of cancers driven by NF-KB and the TLR/Myddosome

## CA-4948



### Novel Mechanism of Action for Addressing NF-κB





### Trial Design

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Baseline Characteristics of Ph1 Patients	<b>Ov</b> (N	<b>/erall</b> I=31)
Male	26	(84%)
Female	5	(16%)
Median Age	6	9yrs
Histology		
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL)	14	(45%)
Transformed follicular lymphoma (t-FL/DLBCL)	6	(19%)
Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia (WM)	4	(13%)
Other Lymphoma*	7	(23%)
Prior Therapies		
Median prior lines of therapy	4 pri	ior lines
BTK inhibitor, n(%)	6	(19%)
CAR-T, n (%)	5	(16%)
ASCT , n (%)	7	(23%)
Other	13	(42%)
MYD88 Status		
Positive, n (%)	2	(6%)
Negative, n (%)	18	(58%)
Unknown, n (%)	11	(35%)

\*includes Lymphoplasmacytic (n=2), Mantle Cell (n=2), Marginal Zone (n=2), High Grade MYC-BCL<sub>6</sub> (n=1)

#### **Study Objectives**

Primary: Safety and tolerability

Secondary: Pharmacokinetic (PK) profile, preliminary anti-cancer activity

#### **Study Population**

- Relapsed/Refractory disease
- Histopathologically confirmed B-cell NHL, including WM/LPL
- Age ≥ 18 years
- ECOG performance status of  $\leq 1$

#### Dosing

- Oral, QD or BID continuous dosing
- 21-day cycles

#### Dose Levels, 3+3 Design

QD: 50, 100mg BID: 50, 100, 200, 300 or 400mg

## Two Potential Biomarkers Identified



1) IMBRUVICA Package Insert. Rev 08/2018
 2) Ngo et al. Nature. 2011 Feb 3;470(7332):115-9

## Early Biomarker Data from Phase 1 patients

# This clinical study is ongoing, more data are needed to confirm these

potential biomarkers

#### NF-кВ phospho-p50

NF-κB phospho-p50 protein expression at baseline (indicator of NF-κB activity) correlates with patient outcomes



Note: data included for all patients for whom pre/post samples were available as of Nov 23, 2020

#### p-p50 Biomarker May Support Patient Selection

- Patients whose tumors do <u>not</u> exhibit NF-κB activity may <u>not</u> be amenable to NF-κB downregulation
   7 of 7 patients testing negative at baseline experienced disease progression
   2 of these patients were dosed at 200mg BID
- Patients whose tumors do exhibit NF-κB activity may be amenable to NF-κB downregulation
   6 of 7 patients testing positive for p-p50 at baseline achieved stable disease or tumor shrinkage
   1 of these patients (012-5007) was dosed at 300mg BID

#### **MYD88 Biomarker May Support Patient Enrichment**

- Both patients whose tumor tested positive for MYD88 mutation saw tumor reduction
- Observed tumor reduction is consistent with our thesis that patients with MYD88-mutated tumors should benefit from IRAK4 inhibition

Phospho-p50 Expression in Pre/Post Tumor Biopsies Also Provides Evidence that CA-4948 is Hitting the Target (IRAK4) and Downregulating NF-κB Activity

After treating the patient with CA-4948, their tumor no longer expresses NF-κB phospho-p50



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### Anti-Cancer Activity and Dose Response in a Patient with Waldenströms Macroglobulinemia (WM)





### In Updated Ph1 Data, 300mg BID (RP2D) Offered Best Balance of Tolerability and Anti-Cancer Activity



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**Anti-Cancer Activity** 



### 2021 Plan: Initiate Clinical Study in Combination Therapy (CA-4948 + ibrutinib)



#### **Mechanism of Action Supports Combination**

• CA-4948 potentially offers a novel mechanism for reducing NF-kB activity by targeting the TLR/myddosome (a parallel/complementary pathway to the BCR/BTK pathway)

#### **Clear Single Agent Anti-Cancer Activity**

 Monotherapy anti-cancer activity demonstrated in both preclinical models and initial Ph1 data

#### **Clear Synergy with ibrutinib**

- CA-4948 and ibrutinib show clear synergy in preclinical models
- Next Step: initiate clinical study of CA-4948 and ibrutinib

# CA-4948 in Lymphoma (planned combination study)



### Trial Design

#### **Study Objectives**

Primary: Safety and tolerability of CA-4948 in combination with ibrutinib Secondary: Pharmacokinetic (PK) profile, preliminary anti-cancer activity

### **Study Population**

- Relapsed/Refractory disease
- Histopathologically confirmed B-cell NHL, including WM/LPL
- Age ≥ 18 years
- ECOG performance Status of  $\leq 1$

#### Dosing

- CA-4948 Oral twice daily
- ibrutinib Oral daily at labeled dose
- 21-day cycles
- 3+3 escalation design for CA-4948 (1<sup>st</sup> cohort will be 200mg BID)

### Additional Patient Cohorts to be Studied in Planned Expansion

- BTK-naïve, Marginal Zone Lymphoma (MZL)
- BTK-naïve, ABC-DLBCL
- BTK-naïve, Primary CNS Lymphoma (PCNSL)
- Patients with adaptive resistance to ibrutinib



## VISTA Targeted Program in Solid Tumors

CI-8993: In development for treatment of cancers driven by VISTA-mediated Immune Suppression

# CI-8993 Overview



## In Development for VISTA Expressing and Infiltrated Cancers

Profile		
Value Proposition	<ul> <li>First-in-class monoclonal antibody antagonist of VISTA</li> <li>Composition-of-matter IP extends into 2034</li> </ul>	
Target Patient Population	<ul> <li>Patients with VISTA-expressing cancers (incl. Mesothelioma, NSCLC, and TNBC)</li> <li>Patients receiving PD1/PDL1 or CTLA4 antibody therapy (or those who have already received it and have developed resistance to it)</li> </ul>	
Product Description	<ul> <li>Monoclonal antibody developed by ImmuNext/Janssen in partnership with Randy Noelle's lab at Dartmouth (the co-discoverer of VISTA)</li> </ul>	

# **CI-8993 Target Background**

VISTA is an Important Checkpoint Regulator

#### **RESEARCH ARTICLE SUMMARY**

#### T CELLS

# VISTA is a checkpoint regulator for naïve T cell quiescence and peripheral tolerance

Mohamed A. ElTanbouly\*, Yanding Zhao\*, Elizabeth Nowak, Jiannan Li, Evelien Schaafsma, Isabelle Le Mercier, Sabrina Ceeraz, J. Louise Lines, Changwei Peng, Catherine Carriere, Xin Huang, Maria Day, Brent Koehn, Sam W. Lee, Milagros Silva Morales, Kristin A. Hogquist, Stephen C. Jameson, Daniel Mueller, Jay Rothstein, Bruce R. Blazar, Chao Cheng†, Randolph J. Noelle†

- CTLA-4, PD-1, and VISTA are the three main players in controlling checkpoint blockade
- VISTA controls early T cell activation events
- Blockade of VISTA will allow for an expanded T cell response against tumors

Eltanbouly et al. Science. 2020

#### Integration of VISTA with other wellestablished negative checkpoint regulators of T cell activation



## **CI-8993 Target Background**

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## Role of VISTA in Immune Suppression in the Tumor Microenvironment (TME)



# **CI-8993 Preclinical Data**



Preclinical anti-cancer activity demonstrated in both monotherapy & combination therapy

### Monotherapy

Anti-VISTA inhibited tumor growth



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Le Mercier et al. Cancer Res. 2014 Apr 1

#### **Combination Therapy**



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> J. Lines, IEBMC Conference 2019

# **CI-8993 Clinical Plan**

## Phase 1 dose escalation study design

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#### **Prior clinical development of CI-8993:**

#### CI-8993 was originally developed by Janssen (JNJ-61610588)

- JNJ licensed VISTA IP from ImmuNext in 2012 and initiated a Ph1 study in 2016
- 12 patients were enrolled; initial dose level was 0.005mg/kg
- Low-grade transient Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS) seen at 0.15mg/kg and above

#### JNJ halted study after 1 DLT at sub-therapeutic dose level

- The only patient treated at 0.3mg/kg experienced grade 3 CRS-associated encephalopathy after 36hrs on treatment
- Patient was initially treated w/antibiotics; symptoms resolved after treatment with tocilizumab
- JNJ opted to halt the study and return IP to  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{ImmuNext}}$

#### Target range for expected anti-cancer activity (0.5 – 2.0mg/kg) was never reached

#### **Patient Population**

• Patients with advanced refractory solid tumors (includes mesothelioma, melanoma, NSCLC, TNBC)

#### Treatment

- Bi-weekly dosing
- Mitigate potential toxicities by desensitization, premedication, dosing interval and duration

#### Objective

- Safety, PK/PD, tolerability during dose escalation
- Anti-cancer activity during expansion

#### Curis Design for Ph1 Study Design Incorporates Key Learnings from Janssen Ph1 Study

- CRS is likely an on-target toxicity; indicates drug is hitting the target and inducing inflammatory response
- Oncology community is now familiar with managing CRS; NCCN guidelines were issued in 2018
- FDA cleared the study IND which outlined our plan for managing CRS and enabling escalation to therapeutic dose levels

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Investment Thesis	Curis seeks to develop novel, first-in-class, cancer therapeutics that we believe have significant potential in areas of unmet patient need
Robust Pipeline	<ul> <li>CA-4948: first-in-class inhibitor of IRAK4 in oncology There are no drugs currently approved for IRAK4 inhibition in oncology</li> <li>CI-8993: first-in-class antagonist of VISTA There are no drugs currently approved for VISTA inhibition</li> </ul>
Potential Catalysts	<ul> <li>1H 2021: Initiate combination study of CA-4948 and ibrutinib in NHL patients</li> <li>2H 2021: Report expanded data in CA-4948 Ph1 study in AML/MDS patients</li> <li>2H 2021: Report initial data in CI-8993 dose escalation Ph1 study</li> </ul>

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