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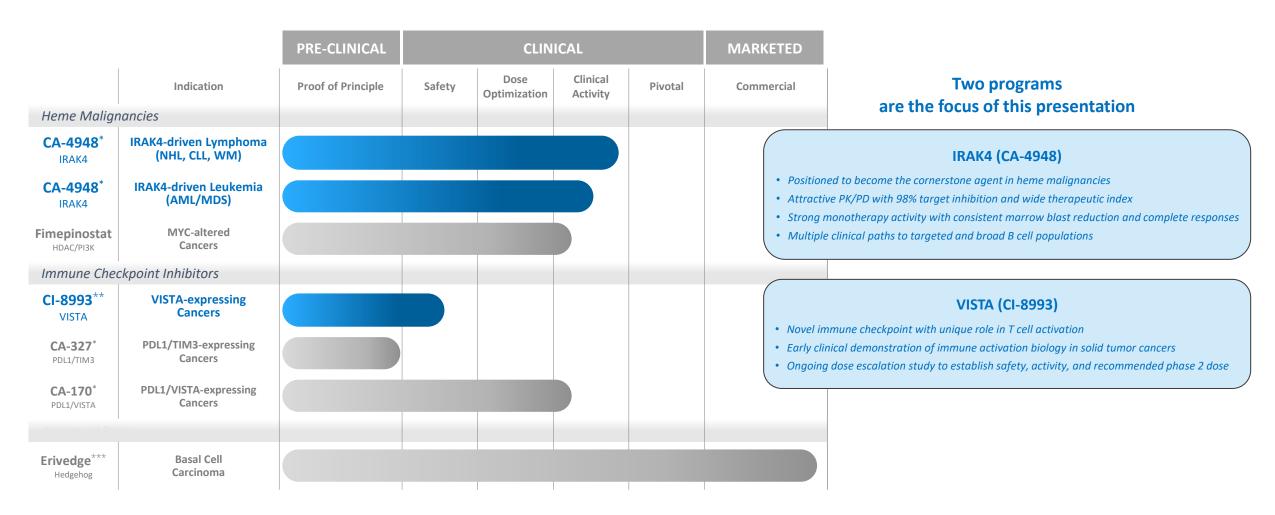
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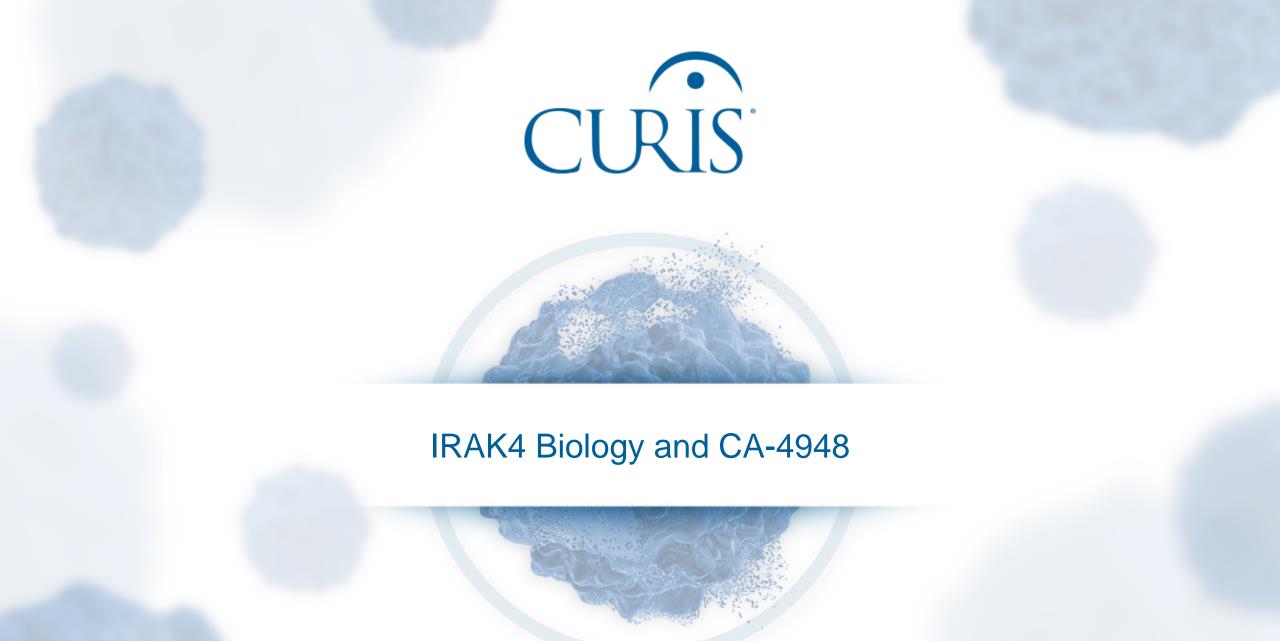
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### Pipeline



### Curis develops novel, first-in-class cancer drugs



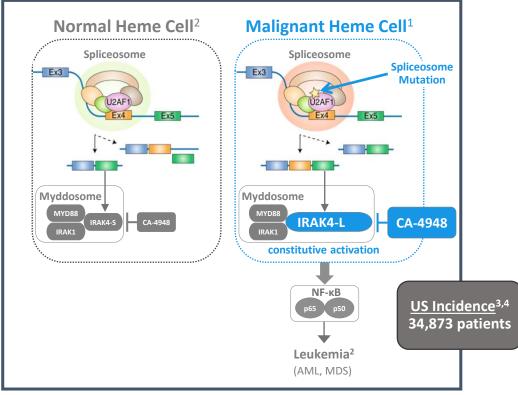


# **IRAK4 Biology and CA-4948**

*IRAK4* is a novel and important target across multiple heme malignancies

#### IRAK4 in AML/MDS

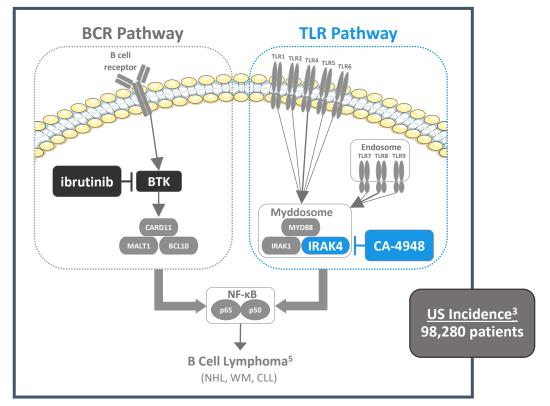
*Spliceosome mutation drives overexpression of IRAK4-L (which causes constitutive activation of the myddosome)* 



- 1) Guillamot et al. Nat Cell Biol 2019
- 2) Smith et al. Nat Cell Biol 2019
- 3) American Cancer Society, Cancer Facts & Figures 2020
- 4) Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Facts and Statistics Overview
- 5) IMBRUVICA Package Insert. Rev 08/2018

#### **IRAK4 in B Cell Cancers**

TLR Pathway is dependent upon IRAK4 for function (the 2<sup>nd</sup> pathway driving NF-кВ overactivity)



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### CA-4948 Targeted Design

CA-4948 is the most advanced IRAK4 inhibitor in clinical development for cancer

and several additional key oncogenic targets FLT3 **IRAK4** CLK1,2,4 -Haspin 90-100% 80-89% 60-79% 40-59% 20-39% • 0-19% % Inhibition at 0.1 nM Illustration reproduced courtesy of Cell Signaling Technology

CA-4948 inhibits IRAK4

CA-4948 has best-in-class target inhibition

	0	
Target	K <sub>d</sub> nM	
IRAK1	12,000	]
IRAK2	>20,000	
IRAK3	8,500	
IRAK4	23	
DYRK1A	25	
FLT3 (D835H)	5	
FLT3 (D835V)	44	
FLT3 (ITD)	8	
FLT3 (K663Q)	47	
FLT3 (N841I)	16	
Haspin (GSG2)	32	
CLK1	10	
CLK2	20	
CLK3	>20,000	
CLK4	14	
RET (V804L)	3,000	
TrkA	130	

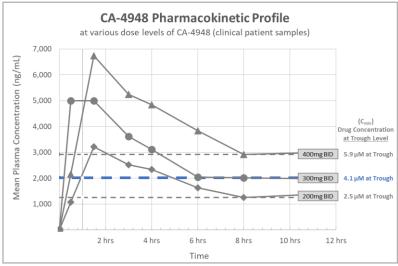
DiscoverX Kinase Panel

(378 kinases screened)

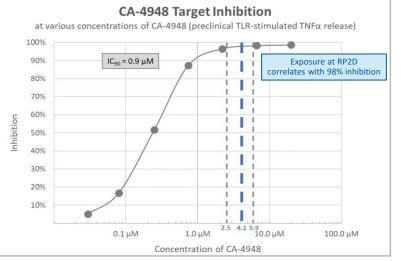
In Nov 2020, the NCI selected CA-4948, Curis's first-in-class IRAK4 inhibitor, and entered into an agreement ("CRADA") with Curis to conduct both clinical and non-clinical studies of CA-4948 in oncology

# CA-4948 PK/PD

### Attractive PK profile supports BID dosing and high target suppression



Data from CA-4948 lymphoma clinical study



#### **Attractive PK Profile**

- Half-life of ~6 hours
- Supports BID dosing regimen

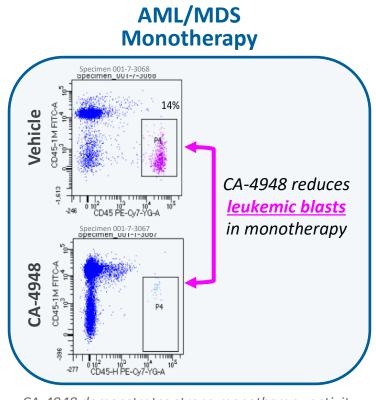
### Wide Therapeutic Window

- Best-in-Class target inhibition
- Exposure at all three dose levels correlates with  $\geq$  97% inhibition

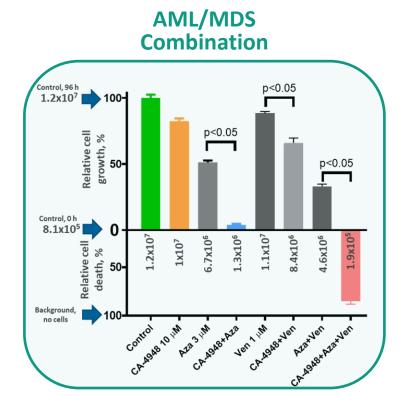
Data from preclinical study of target inhibition

# CA-4948 Preclinical Data

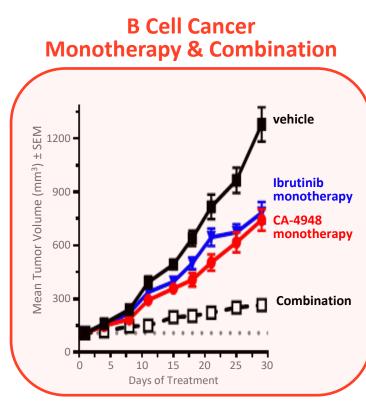
Strong anti-cancer activity suggests broad potential across heme malignancies



CA-4948 demonstrates strong monotherapy activity in patient-derived xenografts<sup>2</sup>



CA-4948 demonstrates strong synergy with both azacitidine and venetoclax in THP-1 model<sup>3</sup>



CA-4948 demonstrates strong monotherapy and combination activity in OCI-Ly10 model<sup>2</sup>

Booher et al. Waldenström Roadmap Symposium 2019
 Choudhary et al. AACR 2017
 Curis preclinical data

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# CA-4948 Clinical Plan



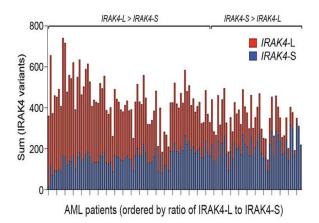
### Planned Clinical Studies for AML/MDS and B Cell Cancers

	AML/MDS	B Cell Cancers
Monotherapy	Selected Subpopulations <ol> <li>Patients with spliceosome mutation</li> <li>Patients with FLT3 mutation</li> <li>Patients with IrMDS, where supportive care is used</li> </ol>	No Monotherapy Studies Planned
Combination	<ul> <li><b>Unselected Population</b></li> <li>1) MDS patients, HMA naïve or previously treated with HMA</li> <li>2) AML patients, ineligible for intensive induction or transplant</li> <li><i>Nearly all patients express some level of IRAK4-L, but at lower levels than spliceosome patients</i></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Patients eligible for BTK inhibitors</li> <li>1) BTK inhibitor naïve, Marginal Zone Lymphoma (MZL)</li> <li>2) BTK inhibitor naïve, Primary CNS Lymphoma (PCNSL)</li> <li>3) BTK inhibitor naïve, ABC-DLBCL</li> <li>4) Patients with adaptive resistance to ibrutinib</li> </ul>



### Clinical studies designed to leverage the role of IRAK4/FLT3 in AML/MDS

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



Smith et al. Nat Cell Biol 2019
 Saygin, et al. J Hematol Oncol. 2017 Apr 18
 https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6142505/
 DiNardo et al. N Engl J Med 2018
 Rabik et al. Ann Transl Med 2020

#### **Rationale for Monotherapy**

- IRAK4 / FLT3 is the largest targeted market in AML/MDS
- Spliceosome mutation is a leading cause of IRAK4-L overexpression
- Signaling through IRAK4 is an adaptive response mechanism for FLT3 patients treated with a FLT3 inhibitor<sup>5</sup>

#### **Rationale for Combination**

- Nearly all patients express some level of IRAK4-L
- Clinical data show CA-4948 reduces tumor burden in the significant majority of unselected patients
- Preclinical data demonstrate clear synergy with azacitidine and venetoclax
  - IRAK4 stimulates NF-κB and ultimately an array of anti-apoptotic factors (beyond BCL2), which prevent the effectiveness of anti-leukemic drugs
  - Blocking this effect with CA-4948 synergistically enhances the anti-cancer efficacy of those agents in preclinical models

### Study Design and Patient Characteristics

### >90% of patients enrolled had intermediate or worse

#### cytogenetic risk

### **Study Objectives**

- 1°: Determine maximum tolerated dose Determine recommended Phase 2 dose
- 2°: Pharmacokinetic (PK) profile Preliminary anti-cancer activity

#### **Study Population**

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

### Dosing

- Oral, Twice Daily (BID) Dosing
- 28-day cycles
- 3+3 escalation  $(200 \text{mg} \rightarrow 300 \text{mg} \rightarrow 400 \text{mg} \rightarrow 500 \text{mg})$  $_{3 \text{ patients}}$   $_{6 \text{ patients}}$   $_{10 \text{ patients}}$   $_{3 \text{ patients}}$

Baseli	ine Patient Characteristics	Patients (n=22)		
Female n (%) : Male	e n (%)	5 (23) : 17 (77)		
Median Age		74 yrs		
ECOG: n 0/1/2		7 / 11 / 4		
Cytogenetic Risk <sup>3</sup>	AML (favorable, intermediate, adverse)	1 (10) , 2 (20) , 7 (70)		
n (%)	hrMDS (good, intermediate, poor, very poor)	1 (9) , 4 (36) , 3 (27) , 3 (27)		
Diagnosis	AML	11 (50)		
n (%)	AML	11 (50)		
Median platelets (	10 <sup>3</sup> /mm <sup>3</sup> ) (range)	33 (7, 275)		
Median ANC (	10 <sup>3</sup> /mm <sup>3</sup> ) (range)	1.2 (0.1, 14.8)		
Median lines of prio	or therapy (range)	2 (1-4)		
	Azacitidine	14 (64)		
Prior Therapy	Decitabine	7 (32)		
n (%)	Cytarabine	3 (14)		
	Venetoclax	10 (45)		
	FLT3	1		
Relevant Mutations	SF3B1	2		
matations	U2AF1	2		

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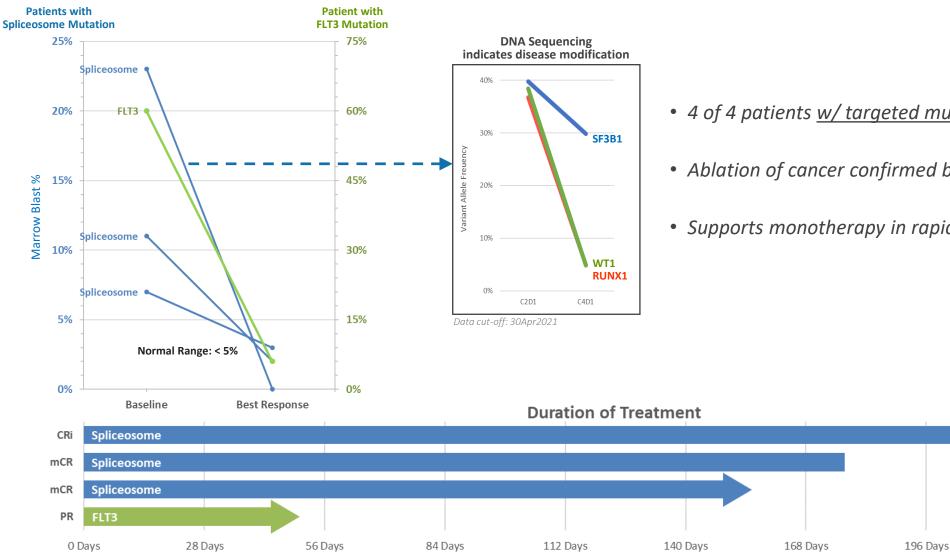
Preliminary Safety Data

#### Wide Therapeutic Window

- MTD not exceeded until 500mg BID
- No overlap in toxicity with standard anti-cancer therapies
- No significant myelosuppression (the dose-limiting toxicity seen with azacitidine and venetoclax)
- Dose-limiting side effect at higher doses consists elevated CPK and muscle soreness (rhabdomyolysis) which is quickly and easily detected early in the course of treatment, is readily reversible, and does not limit further treatment at reduced dose



### Preliminary Clinical Data: efficacy in <u>selected</u> population (target for monotherapy)



• 4 of 4 patients <u>w/targeted mutation</u> achieved obj response

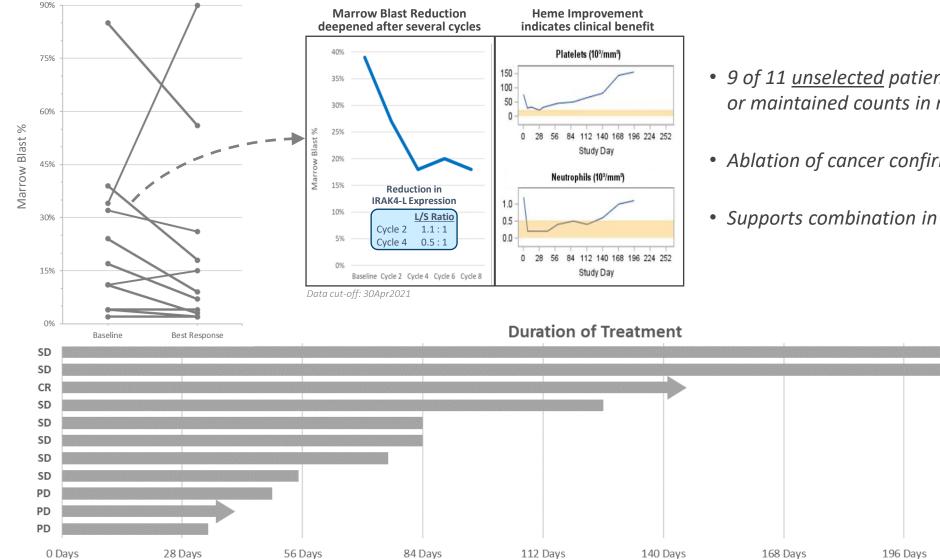
224 Days

- Ablation of cancer confirmed by genetic analysis
- Supports monotherapy in rapid regulatory path

252 Days

### Preliminary Clinical Data: efficacy in <u>unselected</u> population (target for combination)

#### **Unselected Patients**



- 9 of 11 <u>unselected</u> patients achieved tumor reduction or maintained counts in normal range
- Ablation of cancer confirmed by genetic analysis
- Supports combination in broad population

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252 Days

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### Summary

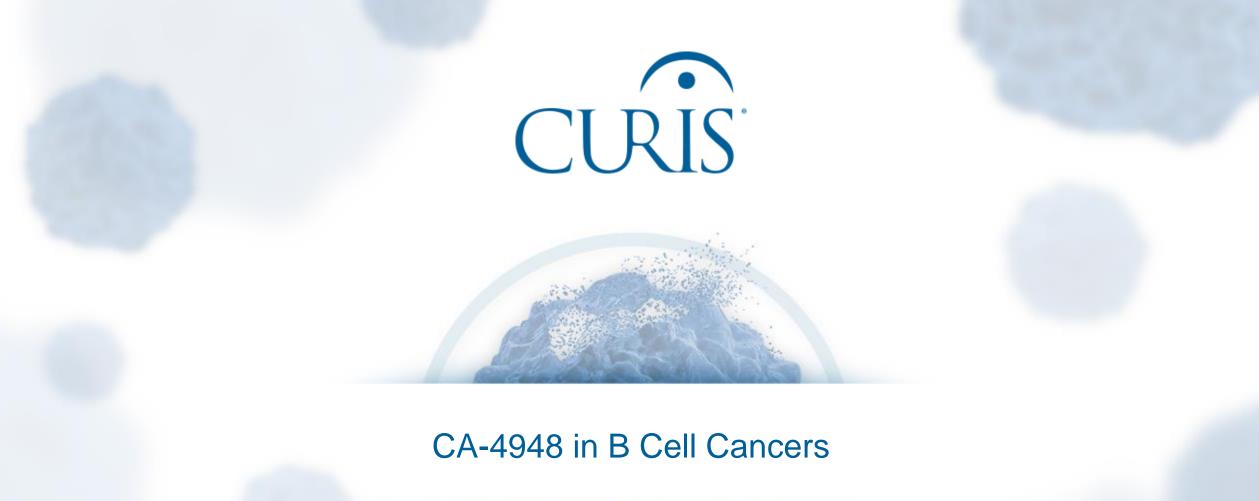
- Preliminary clinical data show profound biologic activity with deepening, durable responses
  - In population targeted for monotherapy,
     4 of 4 patients achieved clinical response
  - Ablation of cancer confirmed by genetic analysis
- Multiple paths to rapid regulatory approval in targeted subpopulations
- Clear anti-cancer activity in unselected population suggests broad commercial opportunity with combination therapy

### **Next Steps in Expansion**

- Monotherapy: Spliceosome mutation
- Monotherapy: FLT3 mutation
- Monotherapy: IrMDS
- Combination: CA-4948 + azacitidine
- Combination: CA-4948 + venetoclax

Plan to discuss potential for rapid approval path with FDA in 2022







### Monotherapy Study Design and Patient Characteristics

### **Study Objectives**

- 1°: Determine maximum tolerated dose Determine recommended Phase 2 dose
- 2°: Pharmacokinetic (PK) profile Preliminary anti-cancer activity

#### **Study Population**

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

### Dosing

- Oral, Once Daily (QD) and Twice Daily (BID) Dosing
- 21-day cycles
- 3+3 escalation

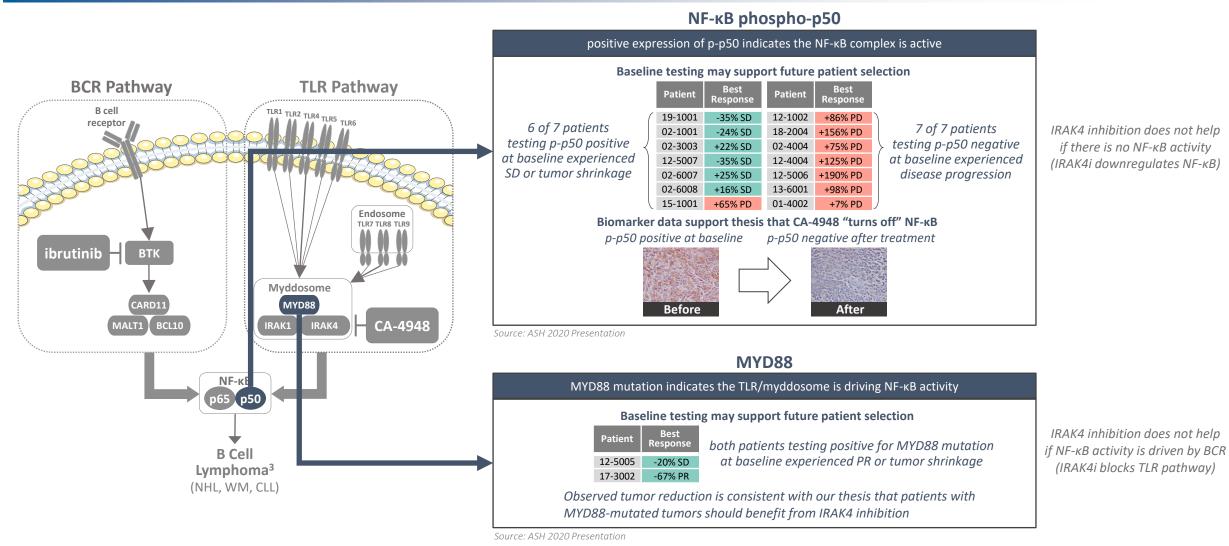
(50mg  $\rightarrow$  100mg  $\rightarrow$  200mg  $\rightarrow$  300mg  $\rightarrow$  400mg BID)

Basel	ine Patient Characteristics	Patients (n=31)		
Female n (%) : Male n (%)		26 (84) : 5 (16)		
Median Age (range)		69 yrs		
	DLBCL	14 (45)		
Diagnosis	Transformed Follicular	6 (19)		
n (%)	Waldenströms Macroglobulinemia	4 (13)		
	Other	7 (23)		
Median lines of prior therapy		4		
	BTK inhibitor	6 (19)		
Prior Therapy	CAR-T	5 (16)		
n (%)	ASCT	7 (23)		
	Other	13 (42)		
	Positive	2 (6)		
MYD88 Status	Negative	18 (58)		
Status	Unknown	11 (35)		

Source: ASH 2020 Presentation

#### Heavily pre-treated population

### Two Potential Biomarkers



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### Preliminary Safety Data

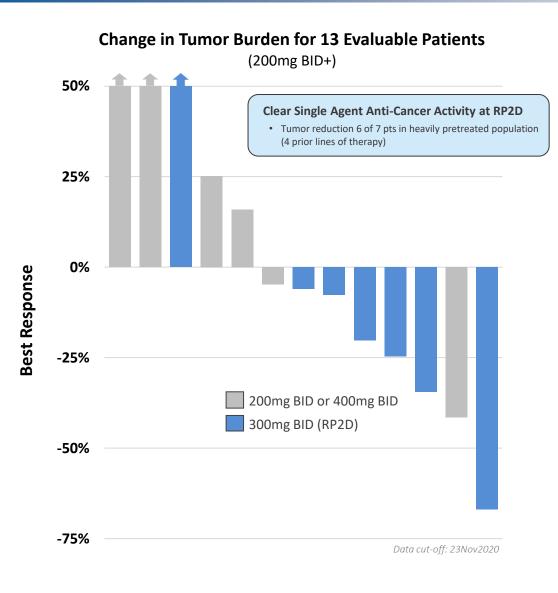
	Adverse Reaction		<b>200 mg BID</b> (n=5); (%)		<b>300 mg BID</b> (n=6); (%)		<b>400 mg BID</b> (n=8); (%)	
		All Grades	Grade 3 or 4	All Grades	Grade 3 or 4	All Grades	Grade 3 or 4	All Grades
	Diarrhea	20	0	33	0	25	0	20
Gastrointestinal	Nausea	20	0	17	0	38	0	27
disorders	Vomiting	20	0	17	17	25	0	20
	Constipation	20	0	0	0	13	0	20
	Upper respiratory infection	40	20	0	0	13	0	7
Respiratory	Dyspnoe	20	0	0	0	13	13	7
	Upper-airway cough	40	0	0	0	0	0	7
	Fatigue	40	0	0	0	50	0	37
General & Other	Oedema	20	0	0	0	0	0	10
	Dehydration	20	0	0	0	13	13	10
	Headache	20	0	0	0	13	0	10
Nervous system	Dizziness	0	0	0	0	25	0	20
disorders	Insomnia	20	0	0	0	13	0	7
	Peripheral sensory neuropathy	0	0	0	0	25	0	7
	Back pain	20	0	0	0	13	0	10
Musculoskeletal	Myalgia	40	0	0	0	38	0	17
disorders	Rhabdomyolysis	0	0	0	0	25	25	7
	Muscle weakness	20	20	0	0	13	0	7
	Neutropenia	40	40	17	17	25	0	7
Hematological	Anemia	20	0	33	0	13	13	20
	Thrombocytopenia	0	0	0	0	13	13	7

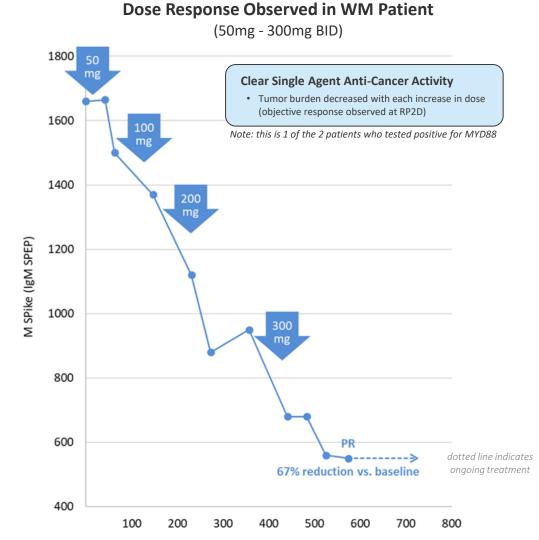
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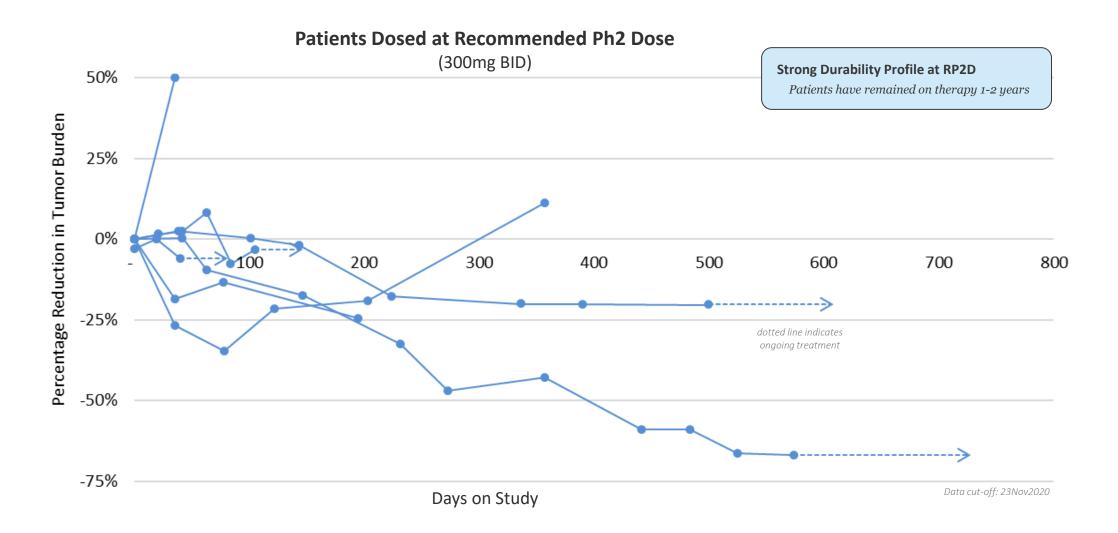
### Preliminary Clinical Data: reduction in tumor burden





Days on Study

### Preliminary Clinical Data: treatment duration



### Summary

- Patients are treated with BTKi because downregulating NF-κB activity provides benefit in B Cell Cancers
- Two pathways drive NF-κB:
  - $\circ~$  BCR Pathway: addressed with BTKi
  - $\circ~$  TLR Pathway: addressed with IRAK4i
- Preliminary clinical data demonstrate clear reduction in tumor burden, even in heavily pretreated patients
- CA-4948 is the ideal candidate to combine with BTKi to maximize downregulation of NF-κB

### Next Steps in Expansion

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





# **VISTA Biology**

### VISTA is an important checkpoint regulator target across multiple malignancies

#### **RESEARCH ARTICLE SUMMARY**

#### T CELLS

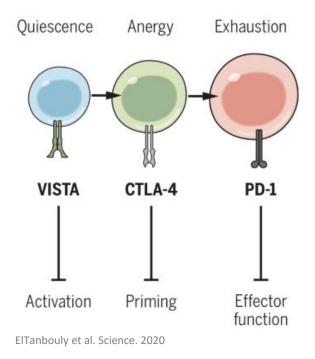
# VISTA is a checkpoint regulator for naïve T cell quiescence and peripheral tolerance

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

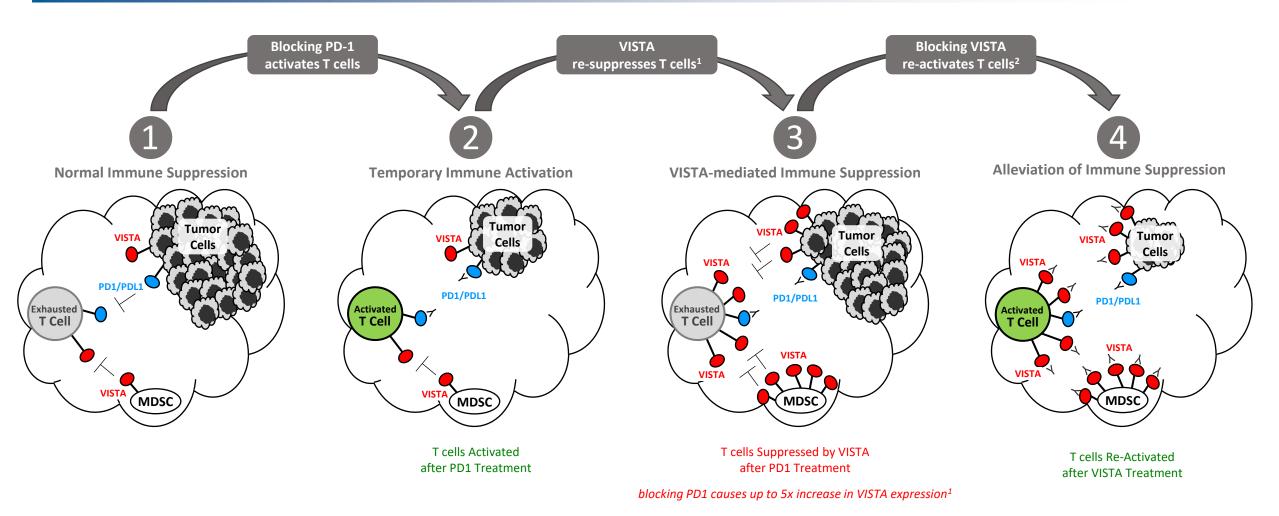
#### Integration of VISTA with other wellestablished negative checkpoint regulators of T cell activation



# **VISTA Biology**



### Role of VISTA in immune suppression in the tumor microenvironment (TME)



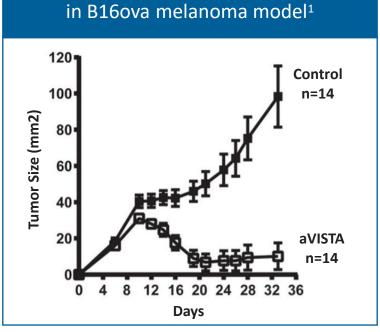
# **CI-8993 Preclinical Data**



Strong anti-cancer activity suggest potential transformation of immune-oncology treatment

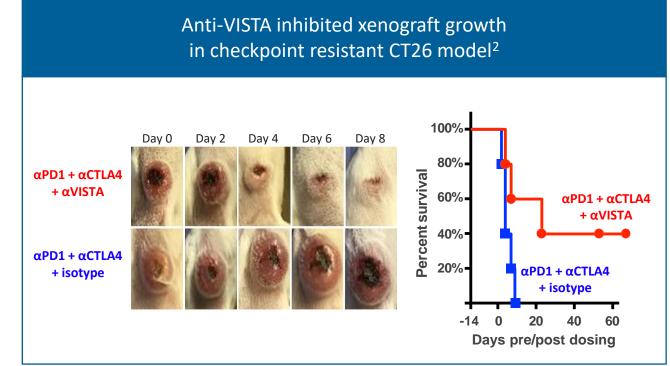
### Monotherapy

Anti-VISTA inhibited tumor growth



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

#### **Combination Therapy**

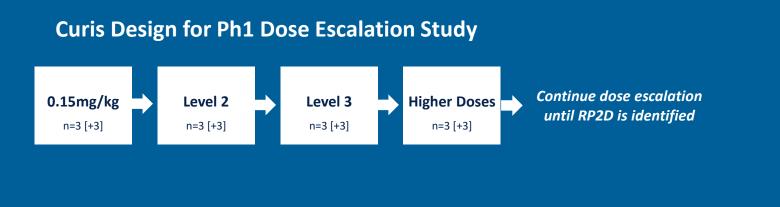


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> J. Lines, IEBMC Conference 2019

# **CI-8993 Clinical Plan**

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### Ongoing clinical study to determine safety



#### **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

#### CI-8993 is the first anti-VISTA monoclonal antibody to enter the clinic

- Janssen licensed VISTA IP from ImmuNext in 2012 and initiated a Ph1 study in 2016 (JNJ-61610588)
- 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

#### Janssen 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
- Janssen opted to halt the study and return IP to ImmuNext

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

#### **Curis 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

- VISTA's role in enforcing T cell quiescence limits the effectiveness of other immune checkpoint therapies
- Preclinical data demonstrate potential to transform treatment with CTLA4/PD1 checkpoint inhibitors
- CI-8993 is the leading anti-VISTA monoclonal antibody in clinical studies

### **Next Steps in Dose Escalation**

• Confirm that CI-8993 can be administered safely (that CRS can be managed) in dose escalation

# **Corporate Overview**

Investment Thesis	that we	Curis seeks to develop novel, first-in-class, cancer therapeutics that we believe have significant potential in areas of unmet patient need Cash and investments of approximately \$168M as of Mar 31, 2021; cash runway into 2024			
Robust Pipeline	CA-4948: CI-8993:	first-in-class inhibitor of IRAK4 in oncology There are no drugs currently approved for IRAK4 inhibition in oncology first-in-class antagonist of VISTA There are no drugs currently approved for VISTA inhibition			
Potential	YE 2021: YE 2021:	Report safety data in CI-8993 (VISTA) Report additional data in CA-4948 in AML/MDS (spliceosome population)			
Catalysts	2022:	Discuss potential for rapid approval path for CA-4948 with FDA			

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