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# **Corporate Overview**



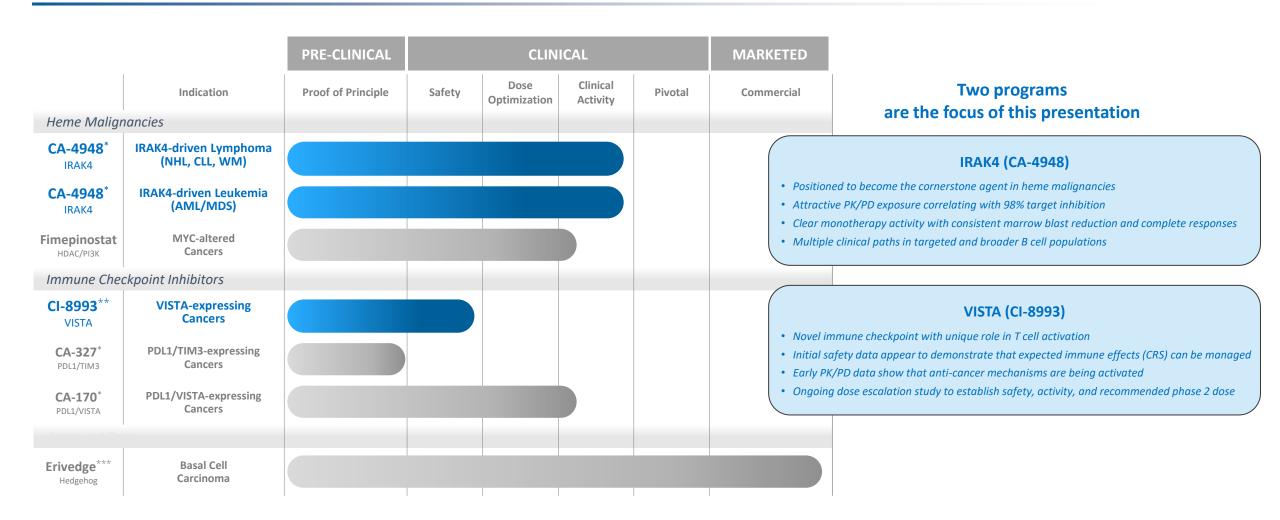
# Summary

Investment Thesis	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 \$150M as of September 30, 2021; cash runway into 2024
Robust Pipeline	CA-4948: first-in-class inhibitor of IRAK4 in oncology  There are no drugs currently approved for IRAK4 inhibition in oncology  CI-8993: first-in-class antagonist of VISTA  There are no drugs currently approved for VISTA inhibition
2022 Upcoming Milestones	1H 2022: Discuss potential for rapid approval path for CA-4948 with FDA  1H 2022: Report initial data for CA-4948 in combination with ibrutinib in NHL  2022: Report updated data for CA-4948 in AML/MDS monotherapy  2H 2022: Report initial efficacy data for CI-8993 (VISTA)  2H 2022: Report initial data for CA-4948 in combination with aza or ven in AML/MDS

# **Pipeline**



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







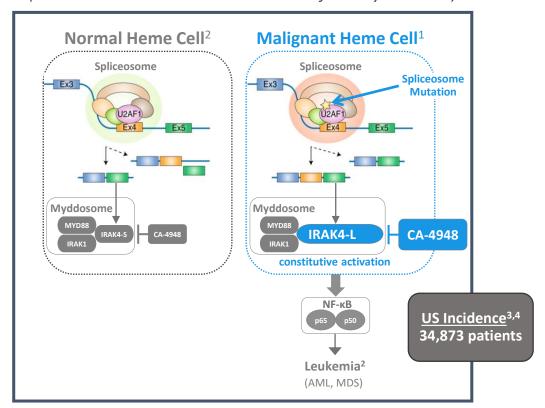
# IRAK4 Biology and CA-4948



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

#### **IRAK4** in AML/MDS

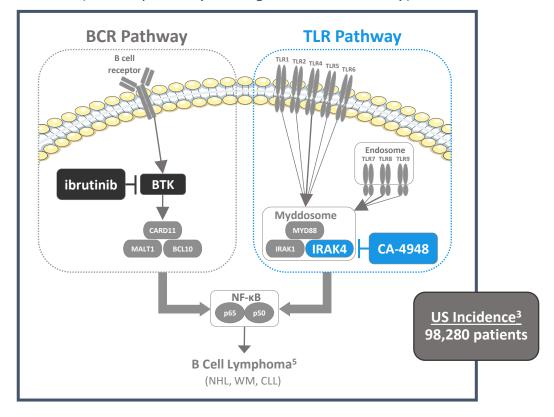
Spliceosome mutation drives overexpression of IRAK4-L (which causes constitutive activation of the myddosome)



- 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

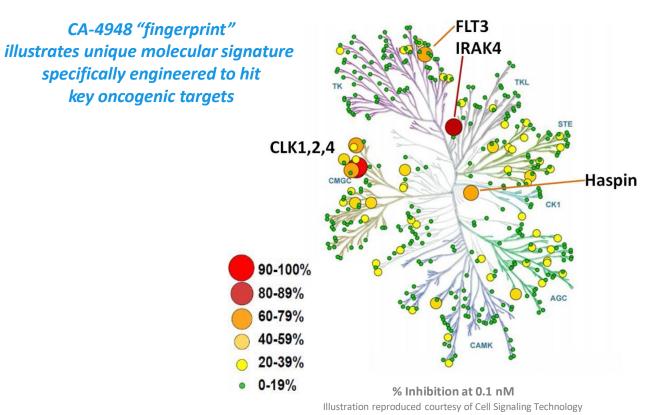
TLR Pathway is dependent upon IRAK4 for function (the 2<sup>nd</sup> pathway driving NF-кВ overactivity)



# CA-4948 is the Leading IRAK4 Inhibitor in Development for Cancer

Targeted design offers added potential benefit of also hitting FLT3





Target	K <sub>d</sub> nM	
IRAK1	12,000	
IRAK2	>20,000	
IRAK3	8,500	
IRAK4	23	
DYRK1A	25	
FLT3 wt	31	
FLT3 (D835H)	5	
FLT3 (D835V)	44	
FLT3 (D835Y)	3	
FLT3 (ITD)	8	
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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 binds specifically and with high affinity to IRAK4

Dual targeting of IRAK4 and FLT3 confers a potential efficacy advantage vs. other IRAK4 inhibitors and expands potential to additional genetic populations

## CA-4948 PK/PD



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

Trough

**Exposure** 

2.5µM

4.1µM

Dose

200mg

300mg

Inhibition

97% **98%** 

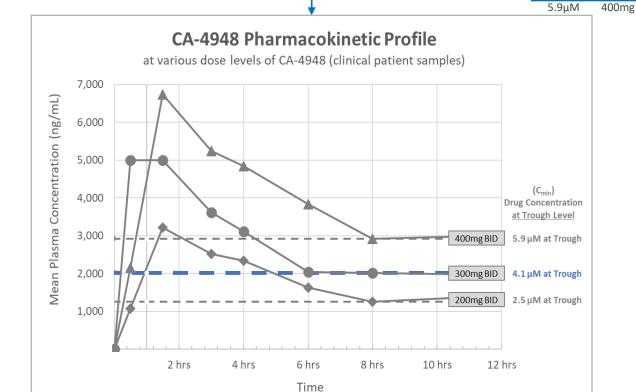
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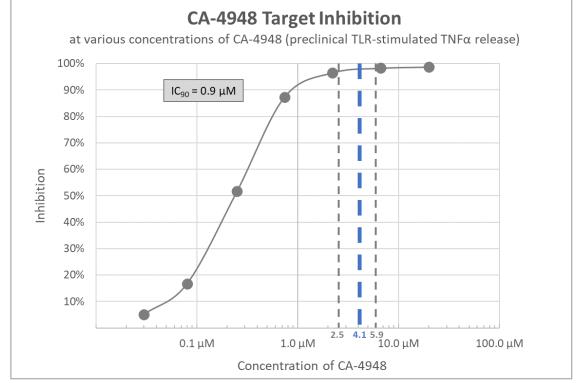
#### **Attractive PK Profile**

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

### **High Target Suppression**

Exposure at RP2D correlates with 98% inhibition





Data from CA-4948 lymphoma clinical study

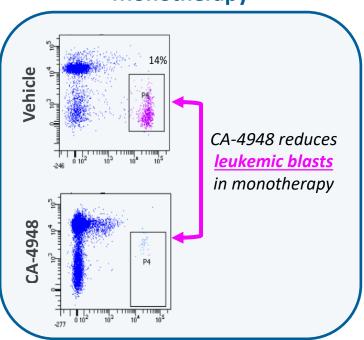
Data from preclinical study of target inhibition

# CA-4948 Preclinical Data



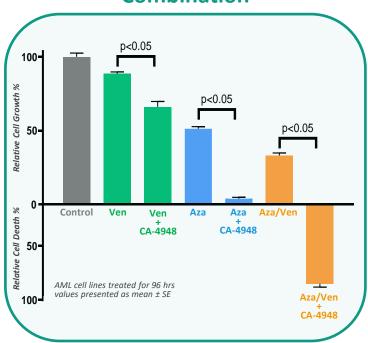
### Clear anti-cancer activity suggests broad potential across heme malignancies

### AML/MDS Monotherapy



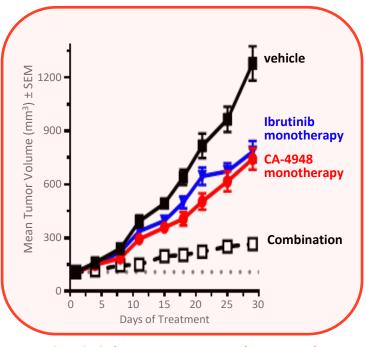
CA-4948 demonstrates monotherapy activity in patient-derived xenografts<sup>1</sup>

# AML/MDS Combination



CA-4948 demonstrates synergy with both azacitidine and venetoclax in THP-1 model<sup>2</sup>

# B Cell Cancers Monotherapy & Combination



CA-4948 demonstrates monotherapy and combination activity in OCI-Ly10 model<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1)</sup> Choudhary et al. AACR 2017

<sup>2)</sup> Curis AML MDS poster, EHA 2021

<sup>3)</sup> Booher et al. Waldenström Roadmap Symposium 2019

### CA-4948 Clinical Plan



### Planned clinical studies for AML/MDS and B cell cancers

### AML/MDS Monotherapy

#### **Specific Subpopulations**

- 1) Patients with spliceosome mutation
- 2) Patients with FLT3 mutation

#### Supports rapid regulatory path

- Spliceosome mutation is a leading cause of IRAK4-L overexpression<sup>1</sup>
- Signaling through IRAK4 is an adaptive response mechanism for FLT3 patients treated with a FLT3 inhibitor<sup>2</sup>

# AML/MDS Combination

#### **Broader Population**

- 1) R/R patients, HMA-naïve
- 2) R/R patients, venetoclax-naïve

*R/R patients who do <u>not</u> have a spliceosome/FLT3* mutation and are ineligible for intensive chemotherapy

#### Supports use in broad population

- Clinical data show CA-4948 reduces tumor burden in the significant majority of evaluable patients
- Preclinical data demonstrate synergy with azacitidine and venetoclax

# B Cell Cancers Monotherapy & Combination

#### Monotherapy

No monotherapy studies planned

#### **Combination**

- 1) BTKi naïve, Marginal Zone Lymphoma (MZL)
- 2) BTKi naïve, Primary CNS Lymphoma (PCNSL)
- 3) BTKi naïve, ABC-DLBCL
- 4) Patients w/ adaptive resistance to ibrutinib

#### Maximizes speed and probability of success

- MZL, PCNSL, and ABC-DLBCL are aggressive indications which are associated with TLR Pathway activity
- If patients R/R to ibrutinib can be brought back into control, it would likely be because CA-4948 was added

<sup>2)</sup> Rabik et al. Ann Transl Med 2020



CA-4948 in AML/MDS

# CA-4948 in AML/MDS



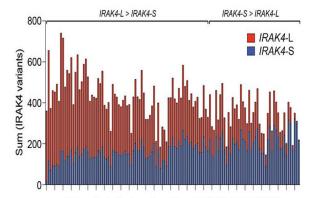
### Clinical studies designed to leverage the role of IRAK4/FLT3 in AML/MDS

# % of Patient <u>Disease Driver</u> <u>Population</u>

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

### **Rationale for Monotherapy**

- IRAK4 / FLT3 is the largest targeted market in AML/MDS<sup>1,2</sup>
- Spliceosome mutation is a leading cause of IRAK4-L overexpression<sup>1</sup>
- 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<sup>1</sup>
- Clinical data show CA-4948 reduces tumor burden in the significant majority of evaluable patients
- Preclinical data demonstrate clear synergy with azacitidine and venetoclax
  - O 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

- 1) Smith et al. Nat Cell Biol 2019
- 2) Saygin, et al. J Hematol Oncol. 2017 Apr 18
- 3) DiNardo, Cortes. Hematology Am Soc Hematol Educ Program. 2016

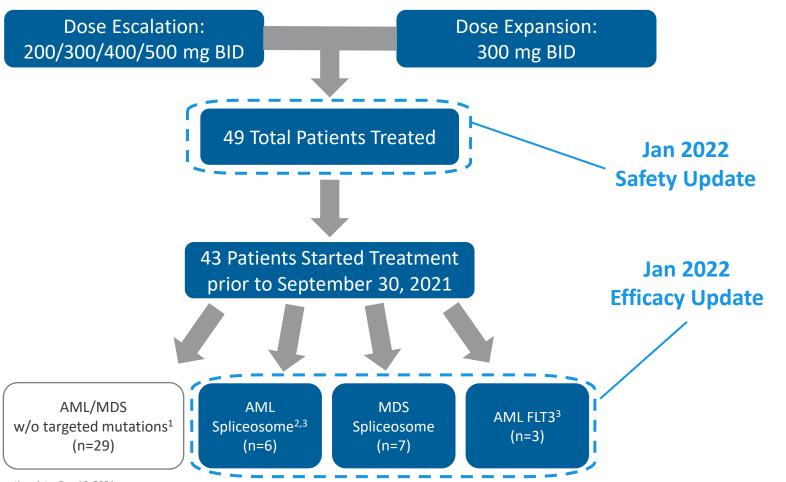
AML patients (ordered by ratio of IRAK4-L to IRAK4-S)

- 4) DiNardo et al. N Engl J Med 2018
- 5) Rabik et al. Ann Transl Med 2020

### CA-4948 in AML and MDS



Open-label, single arm, Phase 1/2 dose escalation and expansion study



#### **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 ≤ 2
- Age ≥ 18 years

#### **Dosing**

- Oral, Twice Daily (BID) Dosing
- 28-day cycles

Data extraction date: Dec 16, 2021

<sup>1.</sup> These are non-targeted patients, due to lack of Spliceosome or FLT3 mutation, this population will be addressed in the combination therapy study; 2. One patient was not response evaluable because of discontinuation due to patient decision;

<sup>3.</sup> Two AML patients have both a spliceosome and FLT3 mutation and are included in both populations (there are 13 total evaluable patients with Spliceosome or FLT3 mutation)

# Well-Tolerated and Manageable AE Profile for CA-4948 in AML/MDS with No Cumulative Toxicities Observed



No Grade 4 or 5 TRAEs reported; all AEs were manageable

# Recommended Phase 2 Dose

Grade 3+ Treatment-Related Adverse Event		0 mg BID (N = 3)	300 mg BID (N = 26)		400 mg BID (N = 17)		500 mg BID (N = 3)	
		n (%)		n (%)		n (%)		n (%)
Number of patients having grade 3+ treatment-related AEs	1	(33.3)	6	(23.1)	6	(35.3)	2	(66.7)
Alanine aminotransferase increased	1	(33.3)	0		0		0	
Blood creatine phosphokinase increased	0		1	(3.8)	0		0	
Dizziness	1	(33.3)	0		0		0	
Dyspnoea	0		0		1	(5.9)	0	
Enterobacter infection	0		0		1	(5.9)	0	
Fatigue	0		0		1	(5.9)	0	
Gastrointestinal haemorrhage	0		1	(3.8)	0		0	
Hypophosphataemia	0		1	(3.8)	0		0	
Hypotension	0		1	(3.8)	0		0	
Lipase increased	0		2	(7.7)	0		0	
Platelet count decreased	0		1	(3.8)	0		0	
Presyncope	0		0		1	(5.9)	0	
Rhabdomyolysis	0		1	(3.8)	2	(11.8)	1	(33.3)
Syncope	0		0	,	0		1	(33.3)
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Well-tolerated and manageable AE profile with no cumulative toxicities reported

Data extraction date: Dec 16, 2021

No dose-limiting myelosuppression reported, which is a life-threatening problem characteristic of many cancer treatments, making CA-4948 favorable for combinations

<sup>1.</sup> Data for the two patients that have escalated from 300 mg BID to 400 mg BID were included in the 400 mg BID dose group

# Encouraging Clinical Activity in R/R AML/MDS Patient Populations



CA-4948 shows activity as a monotherapy in patients with Spliceosome and FLT3 mutations

Best Response	Efficacy
Population #1: AML Spliceosome Patients <sup>1</sup>	
CR/CRh Rate	2/5 (40%)
CR	1/5 (20%)
CRh	1/5 (20%)
Population #2: MDS Spliceosome Patients	
Objective Response Rate (ORR)	4/7 (57%)
CR	0/7 (0%)
mCR	4/7 (57%)
Population #3: AML FLT3 Patients <sup>1</sup>	
CR/CRh Rate	1/3 (33%)
CR	1/3 (33%)
CRh	0/3 (0%)

The CR and CRh patients are both MRD-negative

1 mCR patient went to Stem Cell Transplant (SCT)

FLT3 mutation eradicated in 2 out of 3 patients

Data extraction date: Dec 16, 2021.

1. Two AML patients have both a spliceosome and FLT3 mutation and are included in both populations (there are 13 total evaluable patients with Spliceosome or FLT3 mutation).

Response criteria per 2017 ELN Criteria for AML and Modified IWG Criteria for MDS:

CR = Complete Remission

CRh = CR with partial hematologic recovery

mCR = marrow CR





Clinical Data: R/R AML Patients with Spliceosome Mutation

Patient Population #1

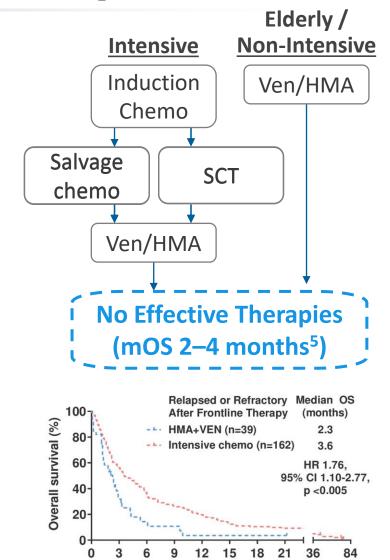
# Unmet Need for R/R AML Patients with Spliceosome Mutation



No approved targeted therapies and no unified standard of care for these patients

- Spliceosome mutations occur in ~10% of AML patients<sup>1</sup>
  - These mutations create a chronic inflammatory marrow microenvironment<sup>2</sup>, which impairs hematologic recovery<sup>3</sup>
  - Ability to achieve CR is impaired in patients with U2AF1/SF3B1 mutation<sup>4</sup>
- There are no effective therapies for patients R/R to Ven/HMA:
   no unified standard of care

# Opportunity to meaningfully improve outcomes in R/R AML patients with spliceosome mutations



Months

<sup>1.</sup> DiNardo et al, Hematology Am Soc 2016; 2. Smith et al. Nat Cell Biol 2019; 3. Trowbridge JEM 2021. Ochi Cancers 2021. Hou, Oncotarget 2016; 4. Hou, Oncotarget 2016; 5. Maiti et al. Haemtologica 2021

# Initial CA-4948 Data Compare Favorably to Existing Therapies



Potential to meaningfully improve outcomes in R/R AML patients with spliceosome mutation

### Most Commonly Used in R/R AML with Wild Type FLT3/IDH<sup>1</sup>

CA-4948	Decitabine <sup>2,3</sup>	Azacitidine <sup>2,4</sup>	LoDAC <sup>5</sup>	Gemtuzumab Ozogamicin <sup>2,6</sup>
IRAK4 Inhibitor	НМА	НМА	Chemotherapy	Monoclonal Anti-CD33 Antibody (ADC)
<ul><li>40% CR/CRh rate (2 of 5 patients)</li><li>No dose-limiting</li></ul>	<ul><li>~16% CR rate</li><li>Myelosuppressive</li></ul>	<ul><li>17% CR/CRi rate</li><li>Myelosuppressive</li></ul>	<ul><li>~13% ORR</li><li>Myelosuppressive and</li></ul>	<ul><li>~26% CR</li><li>Myelosuppressive and</li></ul>
myelosuppression     Oral Administration	IV Administration	IV or SC Administration	Black Box Warning     IV Administration	Black Box Warning     IV Administration

>6 months on CA-4948 for patients with CR/CRh

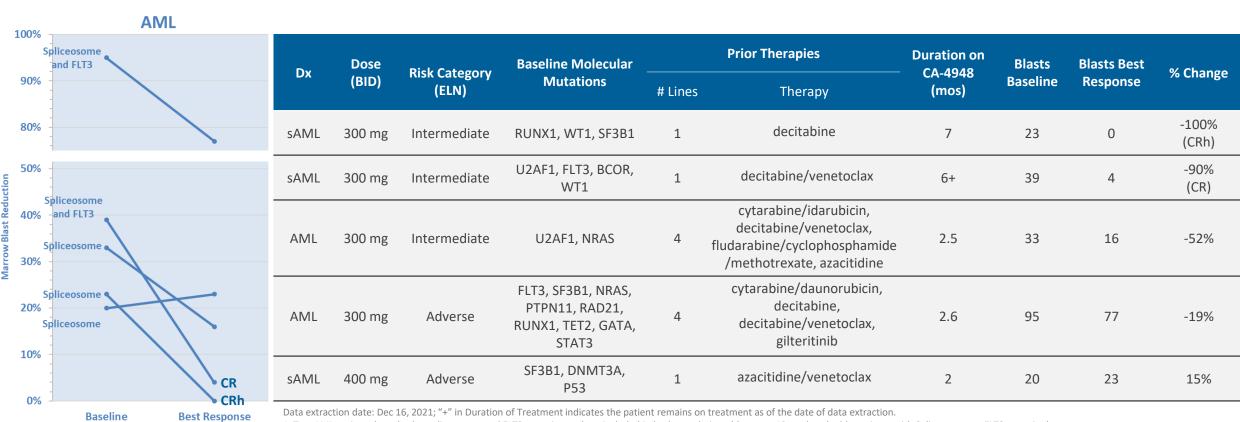
Initial CA-4948 data compare favorably vs. historical responses with mainstay treatments for R/R AML patients with wild type FLT3/IDH

<sup>1.</sup> CancerMPact Treatment Architecture U.S. AML, Cerner Enviza, www.cancermpact.com, accessed January 3, 2022. Excludes Investigational Therapies; 2. Product Package Insert; 3. Ritchie et al, Leuk Lymphoma 2013; 4. Itzykson et al, Leuk Res 2014; 5. Frikha et al, Bulletin du Cancer 1996; 6. Gemtuzumab ozogamicin is only approved for patients with newly-diagnosed CD33-positive AML or R/R CD33-positive AML

# Encouraging Clinical Activity in R/R AML Patients with Spliceosome Mutation



Achieved 40% CR/CRh rate, with treatment duration >6 months to date in responding patients



<sup>1.</sup> Two AML patients have both a spliceosome and FLT3 mutation and are included in both populations (there are 13 total evaluable patients with Spliceosome or FLT3 mutation).

CA-4948 achieved CR/CRh responses, despite transformed AML being historically highly resistant to treatment





Clinical Data: R/R MDS Patients with Spliceosome Mutation

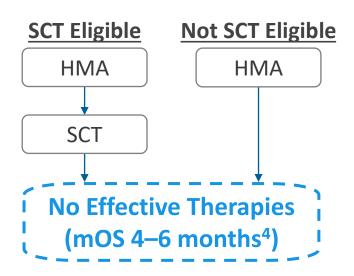
Patient Population #2

# Spliceosome Mutations Common in MDS



Large unmet need for R/R MDS patients with spliceosome mutation

- Spliceosome mutations (U2AF1/SF3B1) are the most prominent mutations in MDS, accounting for ~30% of all MDS patients<sup>1</sup>
  - These mutations create a chronic inflammatory marrow microenvironment<sup>2</sup>, which impairs hematologic recovery<sup>3</sup>
- There are no effective therapies for patients R/R to HMA: chemotherapy is standard of care



Current standard of care offers limited therapeutic benefit to patients

# Clear Unmet Need in Relapsed/Refractory MDS



Current standard of care offers little therapeutic benefit to patients

### Most Commonly Used Therapies in R/R MDS<sup>1</sup>

CA-4948	Chemotherapy <sup>2</sup>	Decitabine <sup>3</sup>	Azacitidine <sup>3</sup>
IRAK4 Inhibitor	Chemotherapy	НМА	НМА
• 57% mCR rate (4 of 7 patients, incl. 1 that went to SCT)	• ~8% ORR	2 <sup>nd</sup> line response data unavailable	• 2 <sup>nd</sup> line response data unavailable
No dose-limiting myelosuppression	Myelosuppressive and     Black Box Warning	Myelosuppressive	Myelosuppressive
Oral Administration	IV Administration	IV Administration	IV or SC Administration

In MDS post-HMA mOS is 4–6 months<sup>4</sup>; clear unmet need for these patients

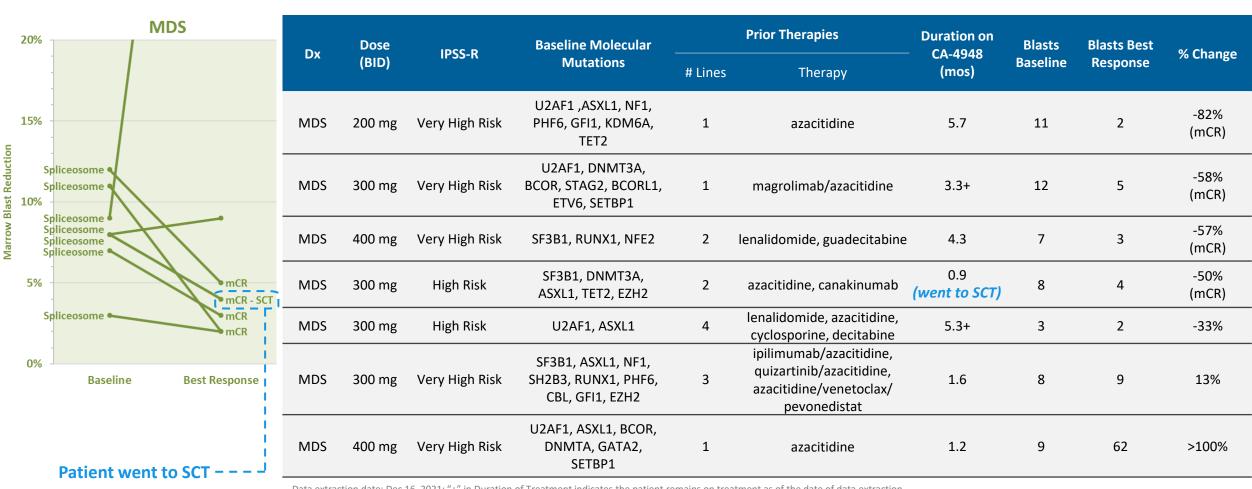
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# Encouraging Clinical Activity in R/R MDS Patients with Spliceosome Mutation CLRIS



*Marrow blast reduction achieved in 5 of 7 patients, including 4 marrow CRs* 



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Consistent tumor burden reduction in targeted population with limited options





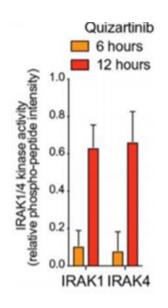
# Clinical Data: R/R AML Patients with FLT3 Mutation

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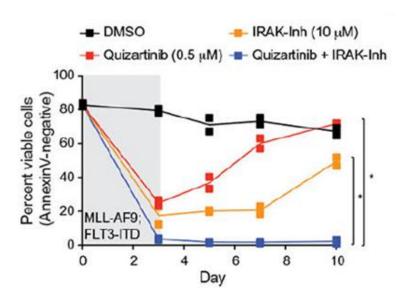
# IRAK4 Signaling Drives Resistance to FLT3 Inhibitors



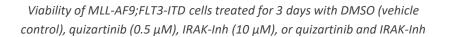
IRAK4 inhibition is synergistic with, and prevents adaptive resistance to, FLT3 inhibition

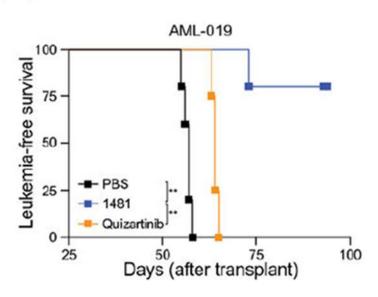


- IRAK4 activity increases after quizartinib treatment of MLL-AF9 FLT3-ITD cells
- IRAK4 activity also shown to increase in patients during gilteritinib treatment



IRAK and FLT3 inhibition is synergistically cytotoxic





Mice die if treated with quizartinib, but survive if treated with IRAK/FLT3 inhibitor (1481)

Leukemia-free survival of NRGS mice xenografted with AML-019

# CA-4948 May Address Unmet Need in R/R AML Patients with FLT3 Mutation



No approved therapies for patients R/R to FLT3 inhibitors

### Most Commonly Used Therapies in R/R AML Patients with FLT3 Mutation<sup>1</sup>

CA-4948	Gilteritinib <sup>2,3</sup>	Azacitidine <sup>2</sup>	Decitabine <sup>2</sup>	Gemtuzumab Ozogamicin <sup>2,4</sup>
IRAK4 Inhibitor	FLT3 Inhibitor	НМА	НМА	Monoclonal Anti-CD33 Antibody (ADC)
<ul><li>33% CR (1 of 3 patients)</li><li>No dose-limiting</li></ul>	<ul><li>~12% CR</li><li>No dose-limiting</li></ul>	<ul> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> line response data unavailable</li> <li>Myelosuppressive</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> line response data unavailable</li> <li>Myelosuppressive</li> </ul>	<ul><li>~26% CR</li><li>Myelosuppressive and</li></ul>
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~30% of AML patients have FLT3 mutation<sup>5</sup>

Dual inhibition of IRAK4 and FLT3 may lead to increased efficacy, as signaling through IRAK4 drives resistance to FLT3 inhibitors<sup>6</sup>

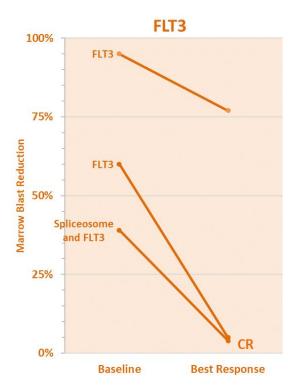
# IRAK4/FLT3 inhibition may improve efficacy in R/R AML patients with FLT3 mutation<sup>5</sup>

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# Encouraging Clinical Activity in R/R AML Patients with FLT3 Mutation



Achieving disease modification in heavily pretreated patients with CA-4948 monotherapy



Dir	Dose	Risk	Baseline Molecular	Prior Therapies  # Lines Therapy		Duration on	Blasts	Blasts Best	0/ Change
Dx	(BID)	Category (ELN)	Mutations			CA-4948 (mos)	Baseline	Response	% Change
AML	400 mg	Adverse	FLT3 (eradicated at C3D1), ASXL1, BCOR, CEBPA (eradicated at C3D1), CSF3R, EZH2, NRAS, RUNX1 (X3), STAG2, TET2(X2,1) (eradicated at C3D1)	2	decitabine/venetoclax, gilteritinib (refractory to gilteritinib)	5.1	60	5	-92%
sAML	300 mg	Intermediate	FLT3 (eradicated at C4D1), BCOR (eradicated at C4D1), U2AF1 (decreased to 1.3 VAF at C4D1), WT1 (eradicated at C4D1)	1	decitabine/venetoclax	6.2+	39	4	-90% (CR)
AML	300 mg	Adverse	FLT3, SF3B1, NRAS, PTPN11, RAD21, RUNX1, TET2, GATA, STAT3	4	cytarabine/daunorubicin, decitabine/PCM-075, decitabine/venetoclax, gilteritinib		95	77	-19%

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Significant marrow blast reduction and FLT3 mutation eradicated in 2 out of 3 patients

<sup>1.</sup> Two AML patients have both a spliceosome and FLT3 mutation and are included in both populations (there are 13 total evaluable patients with Spliceosome or FLT3 mutation).

### CA-4948 Has Potential to Address Clear Unmet Need in AML and MDS



### First-in-class IRAK4 inhibitor targets specific genetic populations in AML and MDS

CA-4948 addresses a novel target (IRAK4) and:

- (1) demonstrates clear anti-cancer activity as an oral single agent
- (2) is active in genetically-defined populations that can be identified and enrolled
- (3) has the added potential benefit of also hitting FLT3
- Well-tolerated and manageable safety profile may provide advantage to existing standard of care therapies as a single agent, and also suggests CA-4948 may be a favorable candidate for addition to combination therapy regimens
- Dual targeting of IRAK4 and FLT3 may prevent adaptive resistance to current FLT3 inhibitors<sup>1</sup>
- AML/MDS patients who do not have a spliceosome or FLT3 mutation will be addressed in our combination therapy study

### **Next Steps in Expansion**

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

Plan to discuss potential for a rapid registrational path with FDA in 1H 2022



CA-4948 in B Cell Cancers



## Monotherapy Phase 1/2 study design and patient characteristics

#### Heavily pre-treated population

### **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 ≤ 1
- Age ≥ 18 years

#### Dosing

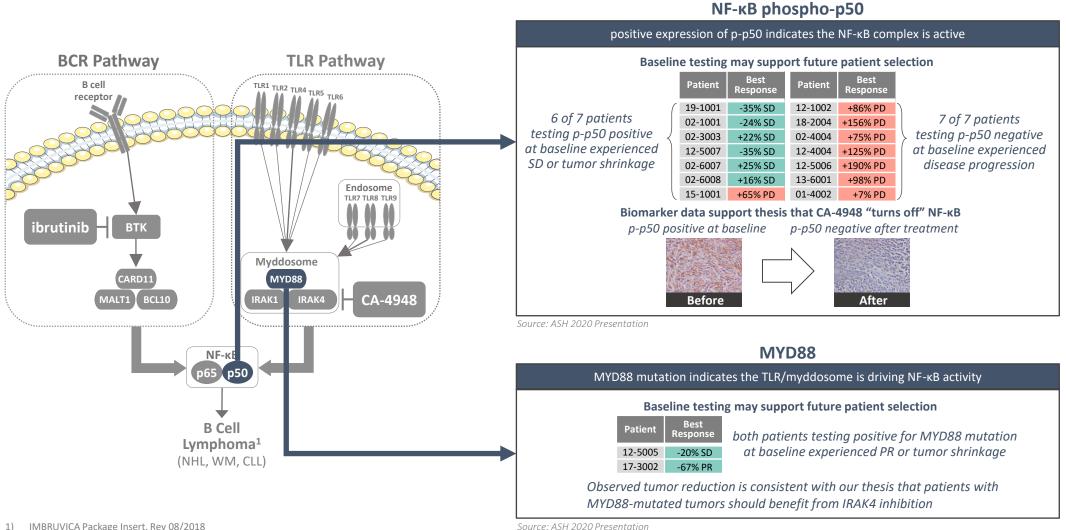
- Oral, Once Daily (QD) and Twice Daily (BID) Dosing
- 21-day cycles
- 3+3 escalation (50mg  $\rightarrow$  100mg  $\rightarrow$  200mg  $\rightarrow$  300mg  $\rightarrow$  400mg BID)

Basel	ine Patient Characteristics	Patients (n=31)		
Female n (%) : Male n (%)		26 (84) : 5 (16)		
Median Age (range)		69 yrs		
	DLBCL	14 (45)		
Diagnosis n (%)	Transformed Follicular	6 (19)		
	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)		
NAVDOO	Positive	2 (6)		
MYD88 Status	Negative	18 (58)		
Status	Unknown	11 (35)		

Source: ASH 2020 Presentation



### Two potential biomarkers may increase probability of success



IMBRUVICA Package Insert, Rev 08/2018

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# Promising preliminary safety data

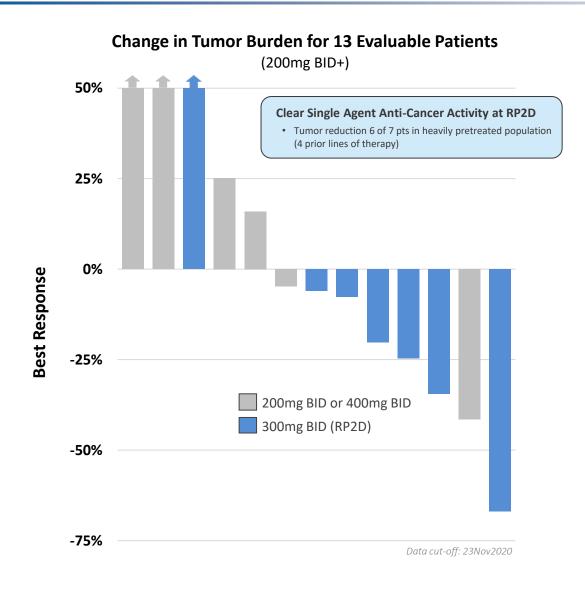
### **Predictable and manageable safety profile**

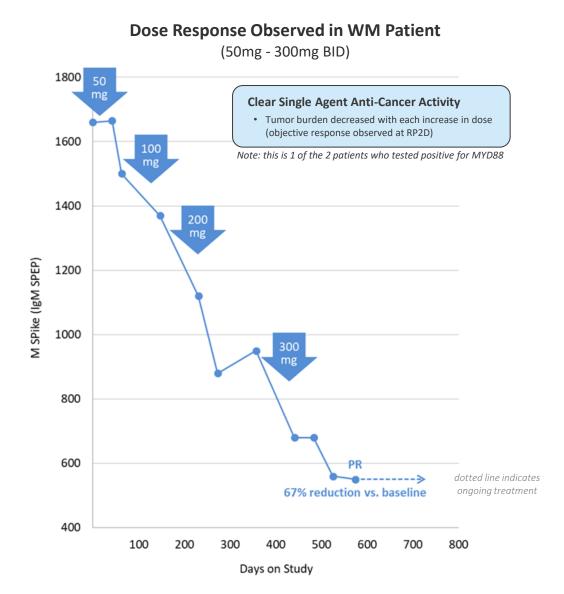
- MTD not exceeded until 400mg BID
- No overlap in dose-limiting toxicity with ibrutinib, which is planned for combination with CA-4948
- Dose-limiting side effect at higher doses consists of uncomplicated rhabdomyolysis (elevated CPK and muscle soreness), was manageable, quickly and easily detected, readily reversible, and did not limit further treatment at a reduced dose level

	Adverse Reaction	<b>200</b> m (n=5	ng BID ); (%)		ng BID ); (%)		ng BID ); (%)	<b>All</b> (n=30); (%)
		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 disorders	Nausea	20	0	17	0	38	0	27
Gastrointestinal 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 disorders	Dizziness	0	0	0	0	25	0	20
Nervous system 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 disorders	Myalgia	40	0	0	0	38	0	17
Musculoskeletal 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



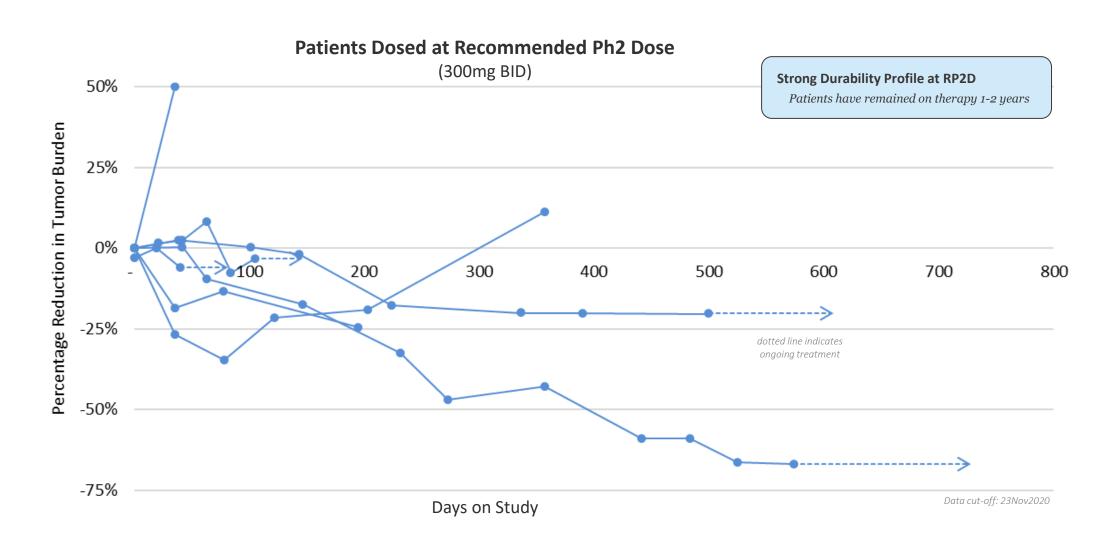
### Preliminary clinical data: clear reduction in tumor burden







Preliminary clinical data: strong durability profile





CA-4948 is the ideal candidate to combine with BTKi to maximize downregulation of NF-κB

- Patients are treated with BTKi because downregulating
   NF-κB activity provides benefit in B Cell Cancers
- Two pathways drive NF-κB:
  - BCR Pathway: addressed with BTKi
  - TLR Pathway: addressed with IRAK4i
- Preliminary clinical data demonstrate clear reduction in tumor burden, even in heavily pretreated patients

### **Next Steps in Expansion**

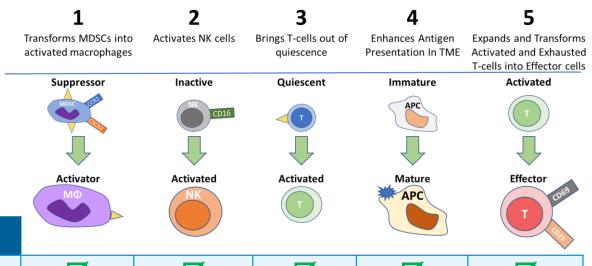
- BTKi naïve, Marginal Zone Lymphoma (MZL)
- BTKi naïve, Primary CNS Lymphoma (PCNSL)
- BTKi naïve, ABC-DLBCL
- Patients with adaptive resistance to ibrutinib



## Anti-cancer Mechanisms of Checkpoint Inhibitors



Role of VISTA may go beyond other checkpoint inhibitors



We believe VISTA inhibition has potential for broad application in many tumor types in monotherapy and in combination with existing checkpoint inhibitors

#### <u>Checkpoint Inhibitors Approved in Multiple Malignancies:</u>

- Melanoma
- Lung Carcinoma
- Renal Cell Carcinoma
- Head & Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma
- Lymphoma
- Hepatocellular Carcinoma
- Merkel Cell Carcinoma
- Gastric/Gastroesophageal Adenocarcinoma
- Cervical Carcinoma
- Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma
- Breast Carcinoma
- Esophageal Carcinoma
- Uterine Carcinoma
- Urothelial Carcinoma
- Genomic Alterations (e.g., MSI-high)

<u>Target</u>					cos.
VISTA (CI-8993)	V	V	V	$\overline{\checkmark}$	V
PD-1 (Pembro, Nivo, etc.)	V	×	×	×	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$
PD-L1 (Atezo, Durva, etc.)	X	×	×	×	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$
CTLA-4 (Ipi)	X	×	×	×	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$
TIM3	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$	×	×	×	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$
LAG3	X	×	×	×	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$
OX40	X	×	×	×	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$
TIGIT	×	<b>X</b>	×	33	$\overline{\checkmark}$

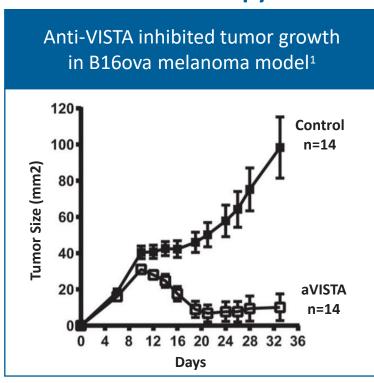
Sources: Curis & ImmuNext internal data, Curis 2021 VISTA Symposium.

### CI-8993 Preclinical Data



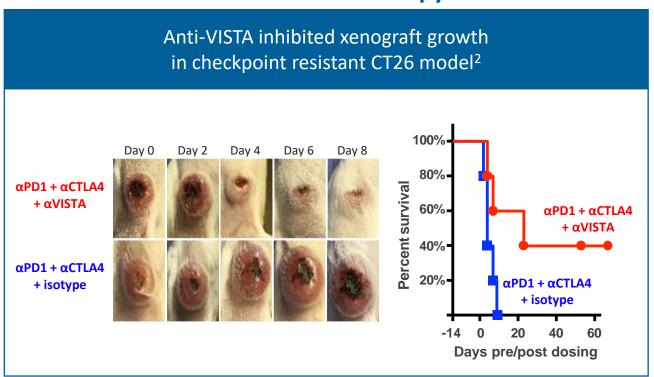
Clear anti-cancer activity suggest potential transformation of immune-oncology treatment

#### **Monotherapy**



#### <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

## Incorporated Learnings from CI-8993 Prior Clinical Study



Pharmacodynamic activity (cytokine release) observed in initial clinical study

CI-8993 is the first anti-VISTA monoclonal antibody (IgG1k) to be studied in clinical trials

- Janssen initiated a Ph1 study in 2016 and enrolled 12 patients<sup>1</sup>
  - Transient Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS) observed in several patients at 0.15mg/kg
  - Transient grade 3 CRS-associated encephalopathy observed at 0.3mg/kg, after which Janssen halted the study

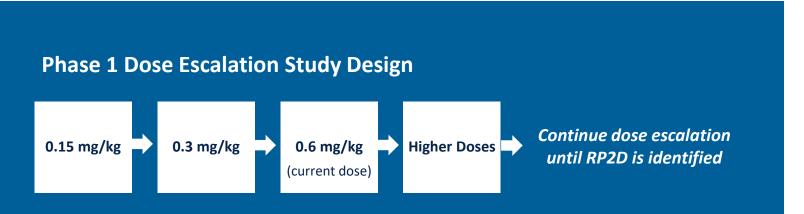
#### **CI-8993 Protocol Designed to Manage Expected CRS**

- CRS is likely an on-target effect; indicates drug is hitting the target and inducing immune response
- NCCN guidelines were issued in 2018; oncology community now familiar with managing CRS
- Desensitizing step-dose of CI-8993, and pre/post-infusion medication, administered to mitigate CRS

## CI-8993 Clinical Plan: Phase 1 Dose Escalation Study



On-going clinical study to determine safety



#### **Patient Population**

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

#### **Treatment**

- Bi-weekly dosing
- Plan to mitigate potential toxicities by co-medication and step dosing (desensitization)

#### **Objectives**

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

## CI-8993 Has Demonstrated Favorable Safety Profile



Successfully managed expected CRS at all levels dosed to date

All Grades Treatment-Related Adverse Events Occurring in 2+ Patients		0.15 mg/kg (N = 7) n (%)		0.3 mg/kg (N = 5) n (%)	
Headache	3	(42.9)	1	(20.0)	
Chills	2	(28.6)	1	(20.0)	
Alanine aminotransferase increased	1	(14.3)	1	(20.0)	
Fatigue	2	(28.6)	0		
Hypotension	0		2	(40.0)	

Grade 3+ Treatment-Related Adverse Events		ng/kg = 7)	0.3 mg/kg (N = 5)	
		%)	n (%)	
Number of patients having grade 3+ treatment-related AEs			1	(20.0)
Leukopenia	0		1	(20.0)

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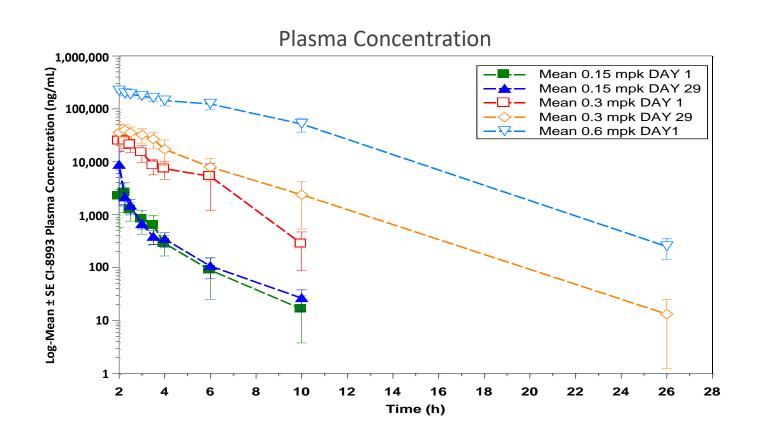
One additional patient experienced grade 2 treatment-related AE after receiving step dose and chose not to proceed to full dose.

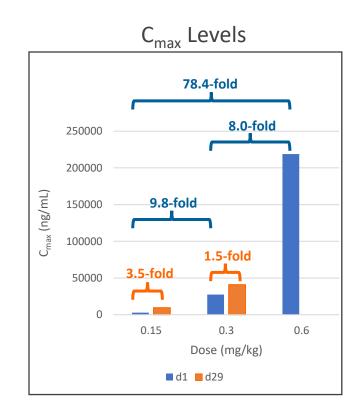
CI-8993 has successfully cleared dose level where Janssen observed DLT

### CI-8993 Has Demonstrated Favorable PK Profile



CI-8993 mean plasma concentration vs. time profile following IV administration at full dose



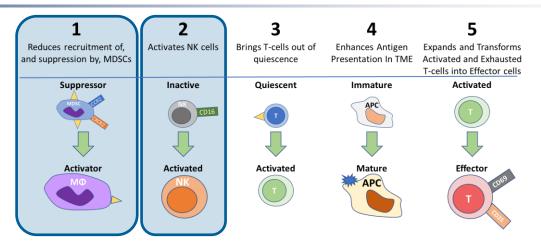


Saturation kinetics in C<sub>max</sub> data ("sink effect") suggest potential for broad bioavailability at higher dose levels

## Pharmacodynamic Effects of CI-8993 in Patients

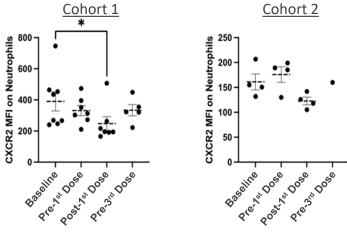


CI-8993 affects multiple anticancer mechanisms supporting VISTA potential



**Decreased recruitment of MDSCs** Decreased CXCR2 on granulocytes

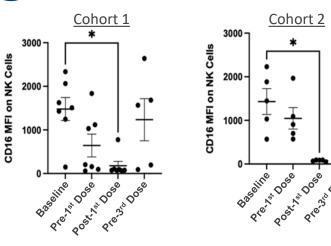
CI-8993 reduces MDSCs  $(\downarrow CXCR2 \text{ and } \downarrow CCR2);$ MDSCs suppress antitumor immunity and impair efficacy of other checkpoint inhibitors



Similar finding for CCR2 on monocytes

#### **NK Cell Activation** Decreased CD16 on NK cells

Cohort 2

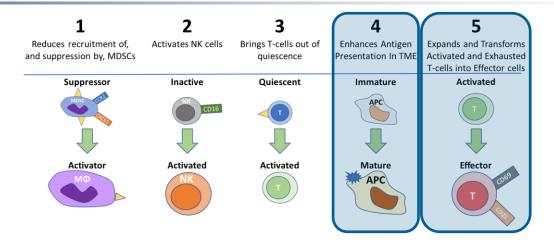


CI-8993 activates NK cells  $(\downarrow CD16 \text{ signifies NK})$ activation); activated NK cells exert an important anti-tumor function via the *innate immune system* 

## Pharmacodynamic Effects of CI-8993 in Patients



CI-8993 affects multiple anticancer mechanisms supporting VISTA potential

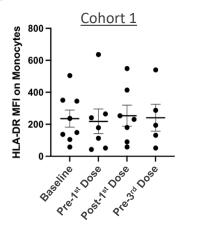


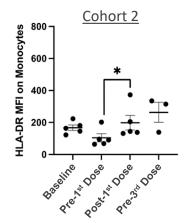
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### **Enhanced Antigen Presentation**

*Increased HLA-DR on Monocytes* 

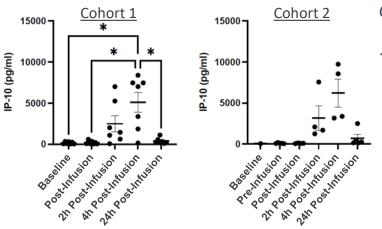
CI-8993 enhances antigen presentation (↑HLA-DR); antigen presentation allows the immune system to recognize the tumor and attack it





## Release of T-Cell Activating Factors

Increased Secretion of IP10



CI-8993 increases T-cell factors (↑IP10 and ↑MIP1α); these stimulate T-cell expansion and transformation into effector T-cells

Similar finding for MIP1lpha

## CI-8993 Cleared Initial Safety Hurdle



First-in-class CI-8993 has potential for broad applicability in immune checkpoint therapy

- Encouraging initial safety data appears to demonstrate effectiveness of procedures implemented to manage expected CRS
- Pharmacokinetic profile of CI-8993 exhibits saturation kinetics, suggesting potential to overcome "sink effect"
- Pharmacodynamic effects of CI-8993 in patients suggest multiple anti-cancer mechanisms may be activated

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

 Continue dose-escalation for signs of anti-cancer activity and determination of RP2D

# **Corporate Overview**



### Summary

Investment Thesis	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 \$150M as of September 30, 2021; cash runway into 2024
Robust Pipeline	CA-4948: first-in-class inhibitor of IRAK4 in oncology  There are no drugs currently approved for IRAK4 inhibition in oncology  CI-8993: first-in-class antagonist of VISTA  There are no drugs currently approved for VISTA inhibition
2022 Upcoming Milestones	1H 2022: Discuss potential for rapid approval path for CA-4948 with FDA  1H 2022: Report initial data for CA-4948 in combination with ibrutinib in NHL  2022: Report updated data for CA-4948 in AML/MDS monotherapy  2H 2022: Report initial efficacy data for CI-8993 (VISTA)  2H 2022: Report initial data for CA-4948 in combination with aza or ven in AML/MDS

## Curis



### Committed, Experienced Leadership Team





















## **End of Corporate Presentation**

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