# PROGRESS IN FOCUS AREA APPROACH

R&D Meeting - December 10, 2020



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# AGENDA

### Introduction

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### Primary Focus (PF) & PF Candidates

- **D** PF Genetic Regulation
- □ PF Blindness and Regeneration
- □ PF Immuno-oncology
- D PF Candidate Cancer Genomic Alteration
- PF Mitochondria Biology
- PF Candidate Immune Homeostasis

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Innovative Technology Platforms for Drug Discovery & Research to Support Focus Area Approach Kenji Yasukawa, Ph.D.



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# PRIMARY FOCUS & PRIMARY FOCUS CANDIDATE



# Primary Focus: Genetic Regulation

Developing potentially curative gene therapy treatments to transform the lives of people with genetic diseases

**Ulf Tollemar** Primary Focus Lead, Genetic Regulation





### SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR SERIOUS LIFE-LIMITING AND POTENTIALLY FATAL GENETIC DISEASES

Our mission is to **identify**, **develop** and **deliver transformative gene-based therapies** for patients with genetic diseases



Often present from birth and affecting young children, nearly 7,000 human diseases are caused by mutations or deficiencies in genetic code <sup>1</sup>

- A single intervention could replace missing genes or regulate genes that are behaving abnormally, to significantly improve outcomes for serious, life-limiting diseases
- Alongside our world-renowned collaborators, we are building a Center of Excellence with competitive capabilities across the value chain for leadership in genetic regulation medicines
- We aim to develop life-changing medicines for diseases where no, or few, treatment options exist



1: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. Rare Diseases FAQ, Version 11/30/2017.

# AUDENTES THERAPEUTICS

Audentes Therapeutics, which became an Astellas company in January 2020, is developing genetic medicines with the potential to deliver transformative value for patients.

Based on their innovative scientific approach and industry-leading internal manufacturing capability and expertise, the company has become an Astellas Center of Excellence. Audentes is exploring several AAV-based gene therapy technologies to regulate genes; gene replacement, exon skipping gene therapy and vectorized RNA knockdown, with plans to expand focus and geographic reach under Astellas.



# STRATEGIC APPROACH - BUILDING A NEW MULTIDISCIPLINARY FRANCHISE

Astellas is the global leader in Genetic Regulation medicines with Audentes as its Center of Excellence (CoE)



### **AAV Manufacturing**

Continued global industry leadership in AAV manufacturing

### Integrated R&D Pipeline

Pipeline of transformative therapies, starting with rare disease with aspirations toward more common diseases

### Robust Research Capability

Focused on next-generation genetic regulation technologies

### Strong CoE infrastructure for sustained growth



# AAV MANUFACTURING AT COE - A KEY STRATEGIC CAPABILITY ACROSS ASTELLAS

### South San Francisco, California

- Internal AAV manufacturing capability provides self sufficiency from research to commercial
  - Capabilities to expand to support future AAV manufacturing and supply chain needs

### AAV Drug Substance Manufacturing

- Suspension bioreactor systems at 1,000 L (2x500 L) scale
- AAV production supports clinical-stage GMP material with preparations in place for AT132 commercial launch
- Over 4 years of production experience
- Adding new Pilot Plant (2021) to expand development and IND-enabling material generation capacity, support tech transfer and new technology / innovation initiatives

AAV Drug Product (DP) Manufacturing

- All AAV DP batches filled in-house (no CMO reliance)
- Current semi-automated process will be augmented by new state-of-the-art automated fill line (2021)
- Capacity to support all CoE programs in the future

### **Plasmid Manufacturing**

- Added internal plasmid manufacturing capability to supply research grade through GMP grade plasmid
- Move CoE toward controlling the supply chain of this critical raw material



### Sanford, North Carolina



- This fully approved capital project is currently under construction
  - Scheduled to be operational and GMP ready by mid 2022
- First phase provides 4,000 L of bioreactor capacity
- Two future phases can bring the total bioreactor capacity to 20,000 L
- Plant can supply all CoE late stage clinical and commercial demand well into the future
- The building and site are expandable to support additional future demand

CoE: Center of Excellence, AAV: Adeno-associated virus, L: Liter, GMP: Good Manufacturing Practice, IND: Investigationall New Drug application, CMO: Contract manufacturing organization

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# RESEARCH CAPABILITY AT COE - ACCESS TO AND USE OF TECHNOLOGIES

Our innovative use of technologies has the potential to transform outcomes for patients with rare, neuromuscular diseases

AGENT		DELIVERY		MECHANISM		DISEASE TARGETS
Gene —→ Protein	>		>	Gene Replacement Delivery of new functional gene copy to <b>replace</b> missing protein	>	XLMTM Pompe disease
snRNA		<ul> <li>AAV-based medicines</li> <li>Safe and efficient tissue transduction</li> </ul>	>	<b>Gene Regulation (Exon Skipping)</b> <i>In situ</i> production of a snRNA to induce exon skipping to <b>correct</b> translation to a functional protein	$\rangle$	DMD Myotonic dystrophy
miRNA	>	<ul> <li>Tailored biodistribution leading to durable specific expression</li> </ul>	>	<b>Gene Regulation (RNA Knockdown)</b> In situ production of a miRNA to <b>eliminate</b> an unwanted toxic RNA or protein	>	Myotonic dystrophy

Access to new novel technologies will expand our potential to transform outcomes for patients with rare as well as more common diseases

**X**astellas

CoE: Center of Excellence, RNA: Ribonucleic acids, snRNA: Small nuclear RNA, miRNA: Micro RNA, AAV: Adeno-associated virus, XLMTM: X-linked myotubular myopathy, DMD: Duchenne muscular dystrophy

# **R&D PIPELINE** - CURRENT FOCUS ON MUSCLE DISEASES

Compound	Mechanism	Target indication	Current phase	Origin/Partner
AT132	MTM1 gene replacement	X-linked myotubular myopathy	Phase 2 - Pivotal (Clinical hold due to serious adverse events)	AUDENTES 🗡
AT845	GAA gene replacement	Pompe disease	Phase 1 (Enrolling patients)	AUDENTES 🗡
AT753	Vectorized exon 53 skipping	Duchenne muscular dystrophy	Preclinical (To enter into clinical phase in FY2021)	AUDENTES 🗡
AT702	Vectorized exon 2, 1-5 skipping	Duchenne muscular dystrophy	Discovery	AUDENTES 🗡
AT751	Vectorized exon 51 skipping	Duchenne muscular dystrophy	Discovery	AUDENTES 🗡
AT466	Vectorized exon skipping / vectorized RNA knockdown for DMPK	Myotonic dystrophy	Discovery	AUDENTES 🗡
GT0001X	ADAR2 gene expression	Sporadic amyotrophic lateral sclerosis	Preclinical	** Gene Therapy Research Institution
MDL-201	(Not disclosed)	Muscle disease	Preclinical	MODALIS
MDL-202	(Not disclosed)	Muscle disease	Preclinical	MODALIS



\* Acquired (current programs classified as 'in house'), \*\* Option agreement R&D: Research and development, MTM: Myotubularin, GAA: Acid alpha-glucosidase, RNA: Ribonucleic acid, DMPK: Myotonic dystrophy protein kinase, ADR2: Adenosine deaminase acting on RNA2

### AT845: DISEASE MODIFYING GENE REPLACEMENT THERAPY RESTORES THE KEY ENZYME IN POMPE DISEASE

#### DISEASE



- In Pompe disease, a deficient GAA enzyme causes glycogen build-up leading to tissue and organ damage predominantly in skeletal muscle, cardiac muscle and the nervous system
- Infantile-onset Pompe disease is a severe condition with a high and early fatality rate, while the late-onset form of Pompe disease has less severe symptoms and a slower rate of progression
- Current treatment is enzyme replacement therapy (ERT) which is limited by immunogenicity and its inability to penetrate key tissues affected by the disease

### MODALITY

 AAV is a non-pathogenic virus that has been engineered to carry and deliver functional genes into the nucleus of target cells

### BIOLOGY

- Gene replacement is achieved by AAV delivering a functional GAA gene to produce the missing GAA enzyme which breaks down glycogen into glucose in the lysosome
- AT845 has the potential to generate GAA directly in the muscle to restore function in affected organs and reduce the need for chronic ERT treatment

### CURRENT STATUS AND NEXT STEPS

 Phase 1/2 open label, ascending dose "FORTIS" study in late-onset Pompe Disease is actively enrolling



GAA: Acid alpha-glucosidase, AAV: Adeno-associated virus, DNA: Deoxyribonucleic acid, mRNA: Messenger ribonucleic acid

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### DMD FRANCHISE (AT702, AT751, AT753): VECTORIZED EXON SKIPPING, GENERATING FUNCTIONAL DYSTROPHIN TO TREAT DUCHENNE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY (DMD)

#### DISEASE



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- Dystrophin is one of the largest proteins in humans, consisting of 79 exons, and is needed for muscle strength
- In DMD, multiple genetic mutations on the dystrophin gene prevent functional dystrophin production causing deterioration and death of skeletal and cardiac muscle cells
- Over time DMD causes muscle weakness and heart problems leading to disability and early death
- There are limited treatments available, other than physical therapy. Many gene therapy studies are ongoing, mostly targeting the delivery of a truncated version of dystrophin

### MODALITY

 AAV is a non-pathogenic virus that has been engineered to carry and deliver a gene generating snRNA with antisense sequences into the nucleus of target cells

### BIOLOGY

- snRNAs are capable of regulating gene expression through exon skipping, bypassing faults in the dystrophin gene to enable cells to generate functional dystrophin protein
- Increased functional dystrophin reduces deterioration of skeletal and cardiac muscle cells and may restore muscle strength and heart function
- Range of mutations covered by the three lead assets affect up to 25% of the DMD population

### CURRENT STATUS AND NEXT STEPS

- Collaborative study with NCH ongoing, AT753 is on track to start a clinical study in FY2021
- An efficient 'umbrella' clinical study protocol is being planned





# Primary Focus: Blindness and Regeneration

Developing revolutionary therapies to free patients from the fear of deteriorating vision and regain lost sight

Jotaro Suzuki, Ph.D. Primary Focus Lead, Blindness and Regeneration





# OFFERING POTENTIAL TO PROTECT AGAINST DECLINING VISION AND EVEN RESTORE LOST SIGHT IN PATIENTS WITH RETINAL DISEASES

Our mission is to **identify**, **develop** and **deliver next generation treatments** to restore sight for patients with retinal diseases



Vision loss caused by diseases of the eye affects over 160 million people globally <sup>1,2</sup> and can have a devastating longterm impact on quality of life

- Many diseases causing vision loss have few, or no, effective treatment options
- Utilizing our in-house ophthalmology expertise and rapidly expanding regenerative medicine capabilities, we are targeting transformational changes in the management of multiple devastating eye diseases
- Through revolutionary cell and gene therapies, we aim to restore and preserve the critical vision-supporting cells in the eye



Data from the WHO Blindness and Visual Impairment fact sheet. Version 8 Oct 2019.
 Data from the Foundation Fighting Blindness 2019 Annual Report.

# STRATEGIC APPROACH

We are combining truly innovative cell and gene modalities with a deep understanding of the biology of retinal diseases to establish a robust platform of regenerative medicine

FOCUS	Delivery of novel therapeutic
	options for patients suffering from
	retinal diseases

- Leveraging cell and gene therapies with our ophthalmology R&D and manufacturing capabilities to target key cells central to the pathophysiology of retinal diseases
  - Building a broad, differentiated pipeline of potentially transformative treatments

• Continually searching for next-generation cell/gene therapies and entirely new modalities, collaborating with our external partners to deliver value for patients

# Our differentiated platform technologies include:



A strong foundation in pluripotent stem cell (PSC)-derived cell therapies in all aspects of the value chain, including development, manufacturing and access capabilities

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Expertise in AAV-based gene delivery technology

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Ophthalmology research and development capability for a variety of modalities

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# PIPELINE (1/2)

We are exploring innovative modalities to protect and/or restore degenerating cells important to visual function

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# PIPELINE (2/2)

Compound	Modality/Mechanism	Indication	Current phase	Origin/Partner
ASP7317	RPE cell	Dry AMD, Other macular degeneration	Phase 1b/2 (Protocol to be amended to decouple PoC part)	CATA * THERAPEUTICS (AIRM)
ASP1361	Gene therapy (AAV-mVChR1)	Retinitis pigmentosa	Preclinical (IND planned in 2021)	Clinical Innovation
(Not disclosed)	Gene therapy (AAV)	Glaucoma	Preclinical (IND planned in 2023)	Quethera*
(Not disclosed)	Photoreceptor rescue cell	Retinitis pigmentosa	Discovery	CACACA * THERAPEUTICS (AIRM)
(Not disclosed)	Ganglion rescue cell	Glaucoma, Optic neuropathy	Discovery	CACATA * THERAPEUTICS (AIRM)
(Not disclosed)	Corneal endothelial cell	Corneal dystrophy	Discovery	CATA * THERAPEUTICS (AIRM)
(Not disclosed)	Universal donor cell (UDC) RPE	Dry AMD, Other macular degeneration	Discovery	Universal * Cells
(Not disclosed)	Gene therapy (AAV)	Dry AMD, Other macular degeneration	Discovery	University of Pittsburgh

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\* Acquired (current programs classified as 'in-house')

RPE: Retinal pigment epithelial, AIRM: Astellas Institute for Regenerative Medicine, AMD: Aged-related macular degeneration, AAV: Adeno-associated virus, mVChR1: Modified Volvox channelrhodopsin-1, IND: Investigational New Drug application

### ASP1361: GENE THERAPY WITH THE POTENTIAL TO REVERSE VISION LOSS IN RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA

#### DISEASE

- Retinitis pigmentosa is a group of eye diseases caused by numerous gene mutations that cause photoreceptor cells in the retina to degenerate, leading to severe and permanent vision loss
- Significant unmet needs exist for effective treatment options in ultra-low vision patients with retinitis pigmentosa due to lack of standard-of-care

### MODALITY

- AAV is a non-pathogenic virus that can be engineered to deliver functional genes to target cells
- A mutation-independent gene therapy is a desirable approach

### BIOLOGY

- AAV2-mVChR1 can introduce the channel rhodopsin-1 gene (mVChR1) to retinal ganglion cells, rather than to the retinal photoreceptors that have been damaged as a result of gene mutations
- This results in the expression of photosensitive ion channels in the retinal ganglion cells, restoring light sensitivity and visual function

#### CURRENT STATUS AND NEXT STEPS

 IND submission planned in 2021 to start a clinical study in patients

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AAV: Adeno-associated virus, mVChR1: Modified Volvox channelrhodopsin-1, IND: Investigational New Drug application

### ASP7317: PLURIPOTENT STEM CELL-DERIVED ALLOGENIC CELL THERAPY TO REPLACE RETINAL PIGMENT EPITHELIUM TO RESTORE LOST SIGHT

- Completion of 1st cohort in Phase 1b/2 study
- Phase 1b/2 study amendment aimed to optimize the overall development program has been submitted for FDA's review (announced at the Q2/FY2020 earnings)
- Agreement by PMDA that new DS raw materials are acceptable for use in future clinical studies in Japan
- Completion of GMP DS manufacturing to support the future PoC supply
- Established cell manufacturing process to cover early commercial supply
- BLA is planned after completion of PoC study

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FDA: Food and Drug Administration, PMDA: Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency, DS: Drug substance, GMP: Good Manufacturing Practice, PoC: Proof of concept, BLA: Biologics License Application

# EVOLUTION OF CELL THERAPY CAPABILITY

### Enhancement of PSC lines and evolution of cell differentiation protocols

- Multiple clinical grade PSC lines with safety and quality assurance
- Develop the cells of interest by using the best PSC lines. Multiple INDs planned in 5 years from 2021
- Hundreds-fold increase of productivity of RPE cells

### Achievement of rejection-free allogenic cell therapy

- Multiple UDC-based PSC lines and establishment of master cell bank
- UDC-RPE is the leading program and multiple follow-on programs
- Research collaboration with panCELLa for Immune-cloaking technology

### Development of technology and infrastructure for GMP-level production

- Completion of the new facility with GMP-level production n US
- Selection of regulatory compliant raw materials for development in US / EU / JP
- Completion of GMP production of ASP7317 for PoC study

### Efficient logistics system for cell therapy

- Development of original and new formulation technology has advanced
- Optimization for each product candidate

Steady progress since R&D meeting in 2018

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PSC: Pluripotent stem cell, IND: Investigational New Drug application, RPE: Retinal pigment epithelium, UDC: Universal donor cell, GMP: Good Manufacturing Practice, PoC: Proof of concept, R&D: Research and development

# ESTABLISH EFFICIENT LOGISTICS SYSTEM

	Current drug product	New drug product
Feature	Cryopreservation of DS. Formulation into DP at GMP facilities for administration	Cryopreservation of DP. Reconstitution at the hospital just before administration
GMP DP production facility (or CMO)	Required for each region/country to manufacture final DP	Not required
Shelf-life of DP	Hours to days	Years
Timing of DP release	Just before the treatment (hours to days before the surgery). Risk of transportation problems	Flexible regardless of the surgery schedule
DP manufacturing scale	Frequent productions of only required number of units	Batch production (> hundreds of vials)
Quality control of DP	Conduct at each DP GMP site for an individual DP	Conducted centrally at AIRM. Performed on batch- basis

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### CENTER OF CELL THERAPY MANUFACTURING ASTELLAS INSTITUTE OF REGENERATIVE MEDICINE (AIRM)

### **Overview of New Facility**

- A complex of research, CMC/manufacturing, and clinical development, optimized for the promotion of cell therapy
- CMC/GMP manufacturing occupy half of 24,000 m<sup>2</sup>
- Central role in the manufacture of MCBs, investigational drugs and early commercial products
- 7 GMP clean rooms complied with US/EU/JP regulations. Expandable for future demands
- Independent air controlling system for clean rooms, enabling production of different cell types in parallel
- Seamless and fast GMP manufacturing by integration of Research and CMC

### **Cell Drug Substance Manufacturing**

- 10 years' experiences of PSC-derived cell therapy and GMP manufacturing cultivated as a pioneer
- Accumulated regulatory know-how accumulated through interactions with regulatory authorities
- Now promoting GMP manufacturing with protocols optimized for each cell type
- Established large-scale culture using bioreactors for non-ophthalmic cell therapy

### **Cell Drug Product Manufacturing**

- Experience in supplying CTM to US and UK (total of over 40 doses)
- Plans to expand our capabilities as a center of future supply chain (DP shipping)

CMC: Chemistry, manufacturing and control, GMP: Good Manufacturing Practice, MCB: Master cell bank, PSC: Pluripotent stem cell, CTM: Clinical trial material, DP: Drug product

#### April 2020 in operation (Westborough, MA)

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# SNAPSHOT OF ASTELLAS CELL THERAPY - CENTERS OF INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE

### Dedicated members at four sites in US and JP for our cell therapy

- 2016 Ocata acquisition
- CSO: Dr. R. Lanza
- Center of Astellas regenerative medicine
- Stem cell science and technology
- GMP manufacturing

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# ORGANIC APPLICATION OF CELL THERAPY PLATFORM TO REALIZE MULTIPLE PF STRATEGY (1/2)<sup>25</sup>

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PF: Primary Focus, AIRM: Astellas institute for regenerative medicine, UDC: Universal donor cell, PSC: Pluripotent stem cell

### ORGANIC APPLICATION OF CELL THERAPY 26 PLATFORM TO REALIZE MULTIPLE PF STRATEGY (2/2)

Established cell differentiation protocols in multiple projects

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Yellow-highlighted: Cell differentiation protocols established

PF: Primary Focus, ESC: Embryonic stem cell, iPSC: Induced pluripotent stem cell, UDC: Universal donor cell, RPE: Retinal pigment epithelium. HMC: Hemangioblast-derived mesenchymal stem cell, VPC: Vascular progenitor cell, CAR: Chimeric antigen receptor, TCR: T-cell receptor, cCAR: convertibleCAR, NK: Natural killer

# Primary Focus: Immuno-oncology

Dedicating our collective strengths to find new ways to cure cancer globally

**Peter Sandor, M.D.** Primary Focus Lead - Immuno-oncology

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# OUR GOAL IS TO DELIVER CURATIVE TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR PATIENTS WITH CANCER

Currently only approximately 20% of cancers respond to existing immuno-oncology treatments<sup>1</sup> WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT TURNING 20% into 100%

EXPERTISE and EXPERIENCE in cancer biology and cancer drug development

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY capabilities to develop and improve novel modality platforms

PARTNERING with the best minds in immunooncology research and industry to create new ways to treat cancer INNOVATIVE PIPELINE to reinvigorate the immune system's ability to discover, disarm and destroy more cancers in more patients

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1. Ventola CL,. Cancer Immunotherapy, Part 3: Challenges and Future Trends. P&T. 2017;42(8):514-521.

# PF IMMUNO-ONCOLOGY: STRATEGIC APPROACH

We are allocating significant, sustained investment in understanding cancer biology and deploy this knowledge to establish multi-functional modality platforms and generate a broad, novel pipeline

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Deep understanding of immune compromised cancer

# Multi-functional Modality Platforms

Bispecific immune cell engager

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Oncolytic virus

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Artificial adjuvant vector cell (aAVC)

Allogenic cell therapy

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**Diseases** 

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Deliver a sustainable pipeline of novel, differentiated candidates in multiple cancers with high unmet needs

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# TRANSLATING BIOLOGY INTO A MODALITY TOOLBOX 30

Our early-stage platforms are built to trigger anti-tumor immune response by stimulating multiple immune functions at the same time

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Source for Cancer Immunity Cycle: Chen DS & Mellman I. Immunity. 2013;39(1):1-10 and Demalia O. et al. Nature. 2019;574(7776):45-56. aAVC: Artificial adjuvant vector cell, GITR : Glucocorticoid-induced TNFR-related protein, NRP1 : Neuropilin-1

# STRONG PROGRESS WITH THE IO PIPELINE SINCE Q3 FY19

MODALITY	COMPOUND	MECHANISM	DISCOVERY	PRE-CLIN	PHASE 1	PARTNER
Charlin sint	ASP1948	NRP1				1
Спескроіпі	ASP1951	GITR agonist				
Oncolytic	ASP9801	OV IL-7, IL-12				— 🌱 Tottori University
virus (OV)	VET2-L2	Systemic OV Leptin-IL2 fusion				
	ASP7517	WT1				<b>] A</b>
aAVC	ASP0739	NY-ESO-1				
Bispecific	(Not disclosed)	Bispecific antibody				— 💋 xencor
immune cell engager	(Not disclosed)	Probody <sup>®</sup> T cell engagers				<b>()</b> СутомХ
	(Not disclosed)	Bispecific immune cell engager				
Cell therapy	(Not disclosed)	CD20 convertibleCAR-T				
	(Not disclosed)	Mesothelin HiT TCR-T				— 🔆 Adaptimmune
	(Not disclosed)	convertibleCAR-NK				

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IO: Immuno-oncology, NRP1: Neuropilin-1, GITR: Glucocorticoid-induced TNFR-related protein, IL: Interleukin, aAVC: Artificial adjuvant vector cell, CAR: Chimeric antigen receptor, TCR: T-cell receptor, HiT: HLA (human leukocyte antigen)-independent TCR, NK: Natural killer

# IMMUNE CELL ENGAGERS: REDIRECTING IMMUNE CELLS TO KILL TUMOR CELLS

Strong progress building a differentiated bispecific immune cell engager pipeline targeting solid tumors

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# COMBINING UNIVERSAL CELLS' AND XYPHOS' TECHNOLOGIES CREATES A DIFFERENTIATED CELL THERAPY **PRODUCT CONCEPT**

### Universal Cells iPSC Platform

Scalable cell supply

Adaptive patient management

XYPHOS *convertible*CAR Platform

### PATIENT ACCESS

Potential to treat all eligible patients Truly off the shelf

### ECONOMY

Efficient and scalable manufacturing Lower cost processes

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### FLEXIBILITY

Dynamically modulate cells without additional engineering Directly address tumor heterogeneity within a patient and between patients

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### RELIABILITY

Standard product without variability Single cell source

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### GENERATION OF FUNCTIONAL NK CELLS FROM UNIVERSAL DONOR CELL AND OPTIMIZATION OF *convertible*CAR FOR NK CELLS

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Optimization of CAR costimulatory domain with enhanced cytotoxicity in a NK cell line

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NK: Natural killer, PBMC: Peripheral blood mononuclear cells

Generation of functional CD56+ NK cells from UDC

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Natural Cytotoxicity (K562 cells)

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# *convertible*CAR RESILIENCE ENHANCES TUMOR TARGETING

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- Provides a solution to directly address tumor heterogeneity within a patient and between patients
- Creates opportunities to dynamically modulate cells without additional engineering to affect expansion, persistence, and tumor access

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# TARGETING DIFFERENT ANTIGENS WITH THE SAME *convertible*CAR CELLS

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Disseminated Raji B cell leukemia; convertibleCAR treatment initiated after 3 days; Q2Dx5 MicAbody dosing

Side-by-side demonstration of differential antigen targeting function with the **same** convertibleCAR-T cells to treat Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma

• Sets the stage for multiplex targeting to reduce relapse due to antigen loss in patients

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# CANCER CELL THERAPY: ADDITIONAL FOCUS THROUGH NEW CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Center of Excellence will lead a holistic approach to developing novel allogeneic cancer cell therapy

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# EXPERIENCED TEAM TO DRIVE CELL THERAPY R&D AND MANUFACTURING WITH DIVERSE ACADEMIC AND INDUSTRY BACKGROUND

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### DAVID MARTIN MD

CSO of Cell Therapy CoE UCSF-HHMI, Genentech, Du-Pont Merck, Chiron, Xyphos

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- CARLOS YURASZECK
- Executive Director, GMP Operations, Astellas Institute for Regenerative Medicine Celgene, Pfizer, Pharmacia, and Merck

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CSO: Chief Scientific Officer, CoE: Center of Excellence, IO: Immuno-oncology, TA: Therapeutic area, GMP: Good Manufacturing Practice, (S)VP: (Senior) Vice President

# Introducing Primary Focus Candidate: Cancer Genomic Alteration

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# PRIMARY FOCUS CANDIDATE: EXTENDING RESEARCH TO CANCER GENOMIC ALTERATIONS

Established a Primary Focus Candidate to develop novel pipeline targeting Genomic Alterations to overcome resistance to standard cancer therapies

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Ub: Ubiquinone, E2: Ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme, E3: Ubiquitin ligase

# WHAT'S NEXT? KEY PF IO MILESTONES IN FY2021

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# Primary Focus: Mitochondria Biology

Targeting mitochondrial function as an innovative new way of addressing diseases with high unmet needs

**Itsuro Nagase, Ph.D.** Primary Focus Lead, Mitochondria Biology

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# OFFERING POTENTIAL TO CREATE AN ENTIRELY NEW WAY OF TREATING DISEASES WITH HIGH UNMET MEDICAL NEEDS BY TARGETING MITOCHONDRIA

Our mission is to become **the global leader** in **discovering**, **developing** and **bringing to market mitochondrial biology-based medicine** that provides clear value for patients, clinicians and healthcare systems

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Mitochondria are specialized structures in cells that have their own maternally inherited DNA (mtDNA)

- Mitochondria are present in almost all human cell types and play essential roles in energy production and in processes such as metabolism and cell signalling
- Mitochondrial dysfunction is associated with diseases of the kidneys, liver, muscles, central nervous system, eyes and ears <sup>1</sup>
- Many of these diseases have significant unmet medical needs and few treatment options

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# STRATEGIC APPROACH

Allocating significant, sustained investment to mitochondria biology-based therapy development

- FOCUS
- Mitochondrial biology, our unique and top-notch capability
- Diseases impacted by mitochondrial dysfunction
- ENRICH
  - Disease identification through deep understanding of the link between mitochondrial biology and disease pathophysiology
    - New leads and innovative target molecules identified through phenotypic screening platform
    - Faster understanding of molecules' potential through selection of scientifically relevant indications for PoC/PoP

# EXPAND: • Expansion into commercially viable indications after PoC

Addition of mitochondrial cell therapy to modality approaches

### Our early stage assets include candidates for:

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**Mitochondrial stress response** Mitochondrial stress signals are a key factor in cell damage and inflammation

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#### NAD+ enhancement and increased mitochondrial membrane potential Many clinical manifestations of mitochondrial diseases stem from the central role of bioenergetics in the cell

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# Gene regulation & mitochondrial biogenesis

Genetic regulatory factors are essential for mitochondrial biogenesis and function, playing a key role in cellular energy metabolism

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#### **Mitochondrial fusion and fission** Fusion and fission play a critical role in maintaining normal mitochondrial function

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# PIPELINE (1/2)

Build Primary Focus - Mitochondria Biology portfolio with various scientific approaches for multiple mitochondrial functions

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mtDNA: Mitochondrial deoxyribonucleic acid, ROS: Reactive oxygen species, ATP: Adenosine triphosphate, NAD+: Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide

# PIPELINE (2/2)

Steady progress toward obtaining PoC / entering into the pivotal phase in PPAR $\delta$  modulator programs

Compound	Modality	Mechanism	Target indication	Current phase	Origin	
ASP1128	Small molecule (i.v. form)	PPARō modulator	Cardiac surgery associated acute kidney injury	Phase 2 (Phase 2a PoC study FSFT in Nov 2019)	mitobridge	
4500267	Small		Primary mitochondrial myopathy	Phase 2 (To start Phase 2/3 study in 1Q 2021)	*	
ASP0367	(oral form)	modulator	Duchenne muscular dystrophy	Phase 1 (To start Phase 1b study in patients in early 2021)	Un millionoge	
(Not disclosed)	Small molecule	(Not disclosed)	(Not disclosed)	Discovery	mitobridge	
(Not disclosed)	Small molecule	(Not disclosed)	(Not disclosed)	Discovery	*	

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\* Acquired (current programs classified as 'in-house')

i.v.: Intravenous, PPARo: Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor delta, PoC: Proof of concept, FSFT: First subject first treatment

# NANNA THERAPEUTICS

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New approach to identify lead compounds / innovative target molecules that are directly associated with mitochondrial dysfunction

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Combining Astellas' unique capabilities and applying them to creating revolutionary mitochondrial cell therapy

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# Primary Focus Candidate: Immune Homeostasis

Developing potentially curative therapies for patients with immune-related diseases

### Shigetada Furukawa, Ph.D. Primary Focus Lead, Immune Homeostasis

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# COMPLETED PRIMARY FOCUS "ASIM BIOLOGY" AND SHIFT TO NEXT-GENERATION RESEARCH

- LAMP-vax, the key ASIM platform, has reached a stage of clinical validation, after completion of discovery research
  - ✓ ASP0892 for peanut allergy: Phase 1
  - ASP2390 for house dust mite-induced allergic rhinitis: Phase 1
- Exploration of next-generation immune modulation technologies led to identification of platforms with modalities distinct from ASIM
- To deliver innovative therapeutics, new in-house research (cell therapy) and research collaboration (Pandion Therapeutics) have been started

The next generation research has been designated as a PF Candidate "Immune Homeostasis"

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# SPECIFICALLY SUPPRESSING DISEASE-RELATED IMMUNE RESPONSE WITHOUT IMPACTING THE BODY'S OVERALL IMMUNE SYSTEM

Our mission is to **deliver safe and potentially curative therapies** for patients suffering from immune-related diseases

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Current treatments for autoimmune diseases include general immunosuppressants and do not specifically target autoreactive immune cells

- Broad immune suppression can lead to debilitating and sometimes life-threatening side effects and increase susceptibility to infection
- Immune homeostasis is the regulatory mechanism maintaining the balance between immunogenicity to pathogens and immune tolerance to self
- Our aim is to develop innovative therapeutics to restore immune system equilibrium in patients whose immune system has become dysregulated due to autoimmune disease

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# STRATEGIC APPROACH

We are establishing competitive and innovative modalities that can restore immune homeostasis by leveraging our Immunology R&D experience and cell therapy capabilities

FOCUS Focusing on the development of human hemangioblast-derived mesenchymal stem cells which have the potential to be recruited to the site of inflammation and stop the autoreactive inflammatory cascade

ENRICH Leveraging our regenerative medicine and gene-editing expertise at AIRM and Universal Cells to develop novel immunoregulatory cell therapies

EXPAND Engaging continually with the scientific community to expand our pipeline through partnering, collaboration and acquisition (e.g. collaboration with Pandion)

### Our versatile platform technologies include:

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Pluripotent stem cell derived immunoregulatory cell therapy for autoimmune diseases

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Gene editing technology to enhance the immunomodulatory activity and increase disease specificity

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Innovative technology that can induce endogenous immunoregulatory cells, e.g. tissue-specific immune regulation by targeted immunotherapy

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# MODALITY AND MECHANISM OF ACTION OF CURRENT PROGRAMS

We are exploring innovative technologies and modalities that can eliminate disease-specific immune response and induce immune tolerance

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# INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS FOR DRUG DISCOVERY & RESEARCH TO SUPPORT FOCUS AREA APPROACH

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Kenji Yasukawa, Ph.D. President and Chief Executive Officer

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Al: Artificial intelligence, PoC: Proof of concept

### Al / Big Data & Robotics

# IN SILICO SCREENING WITH AI AND MACHINE LEARNING

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### Hit identification from vast virtual library

Conventional method: 300k chemical library that has not cover various chemical spaces

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### AI / Big Data & Robotics

# PHYSIOLOGICALLY RELEVANT ASSAY WITH ROBOTICS

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### Maholo

Perform complicated /long-term processes exactly the same every time

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Images from more time points

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Obtain huge image data from vast amounts of samples

Conventional method:

Simple model that cannot evaluate complex cellular processes

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Hit identification considering complex mechanism

AI: Artificial intelligence

### Human-mimetics

# ORGANOID ALLOWS TO DETECT BIOLOGICAL INTERACTION BETWEEN HUMAN AND MEDICINES

Three dimensional organ-like structures derived from stem cells

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a:PLoS Biol. 2015 6;13(5):e1002149. b:Stem Cell Reports 2017 14;9(5):1441-1449. \* Modified from Int. J. Mol. Sci. 2020, 21, 2032

### Visualization / Simulation

# **QSP MODEL ENABLES US** TO PREDICT VARIOUS CLINICAL OUTCOMES

#### QSP **Prediction of** Virtual clinical trial (Quantitative Systems) biological response (Computer simulation) Pharmacology) and clinical outcome Mathematical model describing Generating virtual patients Drug A Drug B Control B→A with various background interaction between biological 1000 Tumor Volume 750 system and drug(s) 500 Systemic circulation Direct tumor cell kill: Biomarker 750 chemotherapies, radiation 500 argeted therapies TV 20 30 40 0 10 20 10 20 30 20 30 40 10 Day Day Day Day aCTLA4 OX40L SoC vs. B SoC vs. $B \rightarrow A$ AZAR IAR aCD73 Ag<sub>sys</sub> aCTLA4 STAT3 outcome Clinical PD-L1 CXCR2 αPD-(L)1 aCSF1-R aCCR4 Tumor tissue CPT Pharmacometrics Syst. Pharmacol. (2019) 8, 380-395 Can incorporate various Simulating of various Can predict outcomes in various mechanism of actions (MoA) combination therapies patient subpopulations and combination effect of drugs with / different regimens

Can describe biological inter ۲ individual differences in healthy/disease states

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### CREATING BREAKTHROUGHS IN DRUG DISCOVERY THROUGH SYNERGISTIC USE OF KEY METHODOLOGIES AND TECHNOLOGIES

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AI: Artificial intelligence, iPS: Induced pluripotent stem, QSP: Quantitative systems pharmacology, RNA: Ribonucleic acid, MPS: Micro physiological system, IHC: Immunohistochemistry

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