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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**  
**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)**  
**of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) February 20, 2020**

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**CABALETTA BIO, INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-39103**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**82-1685768**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**2929 Arch Street, Suite 600,**  
**Philadelphia, PA**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**19104**  
(Zip Code)

**(267) 759-3100**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**  
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| Title of Each Class                         | Trading<br>Symbol(s) | Name of Each Exchange on Which<br>Registered |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.00001 per share | CABA                 | The Nasdaq Global Select Market              |

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**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.****(d) Exhibits**

99.1 [Cabaletta Bio, Inc. Corporate Presentation, dated February 20, 2020.](#)

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

**CABALETTA BIO, INC.**

Date: February 20, 2020

By: /s/ Steven Nichtberger  
Steven Nichtberger, M.D.  
President and Chief Executive Officer

# Cabaleta Bio<sup>TM</sup>

## Selective B cell ablation for autoimmune disease

February 2020

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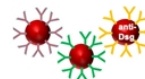
**Develop and launch the first curative  
targeted cellular therapies for patients  
with autoimmune diseases**

# Key messages

## Leveraging CAR T experience to specifically target B cell-mediated autoimmune diseases

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- Developing CAAR T products (Chimeric AutoAntibody Receptor T)
  - where there is a biologic opportunity for cure (over two dozen potential targets identified)
  - by designing CAARs to selectively eliminate ONLY pathogenic B cells displaying targeted antibody
  - while leveraging CART19 design and manufacturing experience from Penn
- DesCAARTes Phase 1 trial – DSG3-CAART in mucosal pemphigus vulgaris (PV) patients
  - progressing to support expected timelines
  - Orphan Drug Designation granted by the FDA in January 2020 for the treatment of PV
  - CABA Labs leading evaluation and development of risk mitigating approaches
- Expanding product pipeline with our CABA platform (Cabaletta Approach for selective B cell Ablation)
  - preclinical data published on PV, myasthenia gravis, and hemophilia A inhibitor
  - robust IP portfolio emerging with first US patent issued on lead program
- Planned catalysts in 2020
  - **DesCAARTes trial** – Report clinical acute tolerability (8 day) data from initial cohort
  - **MuSK-CAART** – Confirm *in vivo* target engagement and initiate IND-enabling studies
  - **Manufacturing independence** – Initiate validation of manufacturing for clinical trials with CMO<sup>1</sup>



1. Contract Manufacturing Organization

# Leadership

Diversified with long-standing history of professional collaborations among team and with co-founders

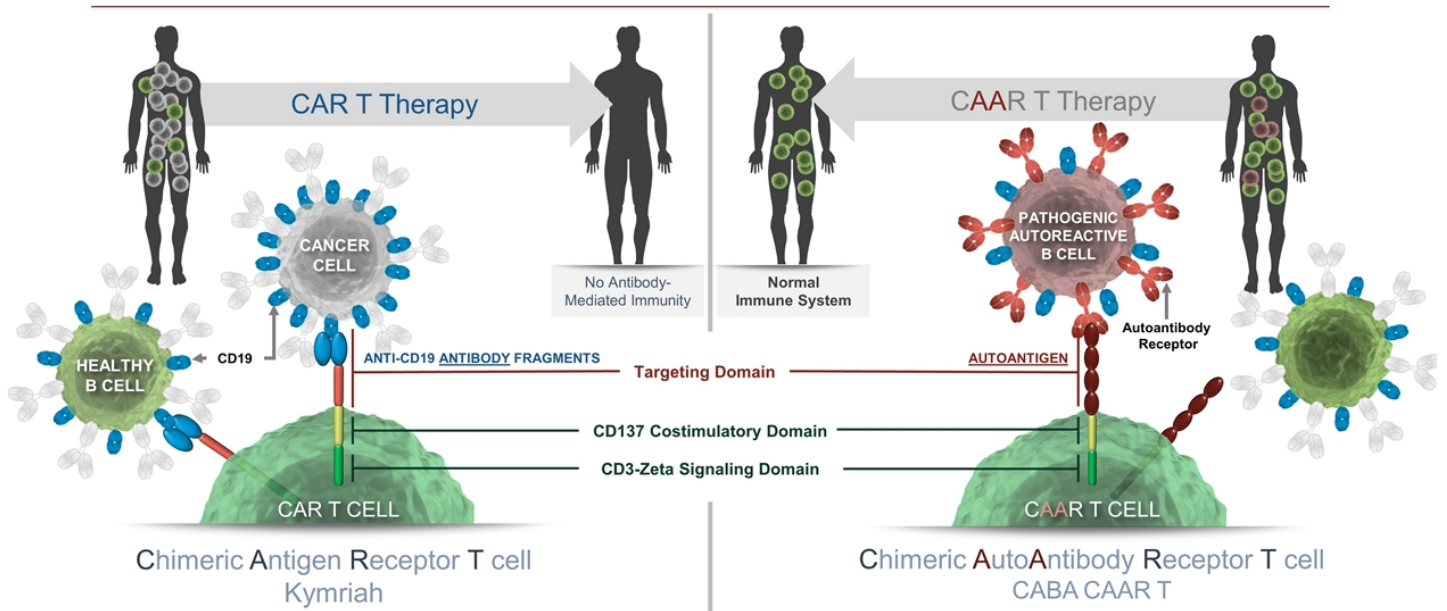
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## Scientific platform and strategy



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# Our CABA (Cabaletta Approach for Selective B cell Ablation) Platform

Proven ability to identify multiple product candidates



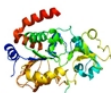
Scientific, clinical and commercial assessment to inform product candidate development



Epitope mapping to determine regions targeted by autoantibodies



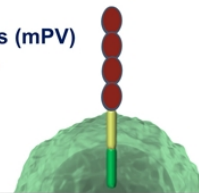
Optimizing CAAR construct / design with the goal of selectively ablating reactive B cells



Preclinical *in vitro* and *in vivo* testing to evaluate efficacy and safety



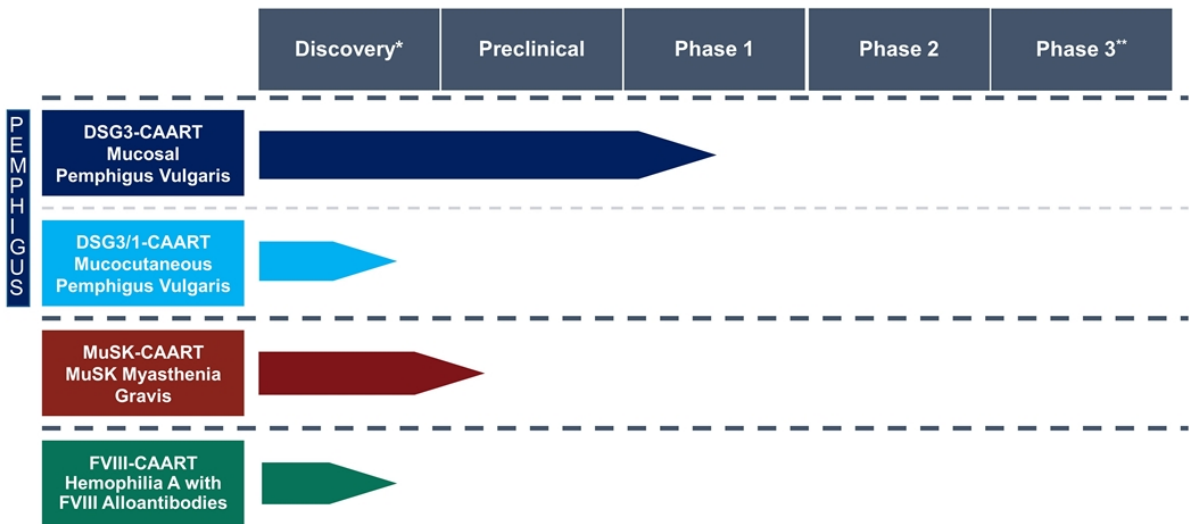
- Mucosal pemphigus vulgaris (mPV)
- Multiple product candidates



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# Cabaletta Pipeline

Multiple disease targets with preclinical evidence of selective and specific target engagement

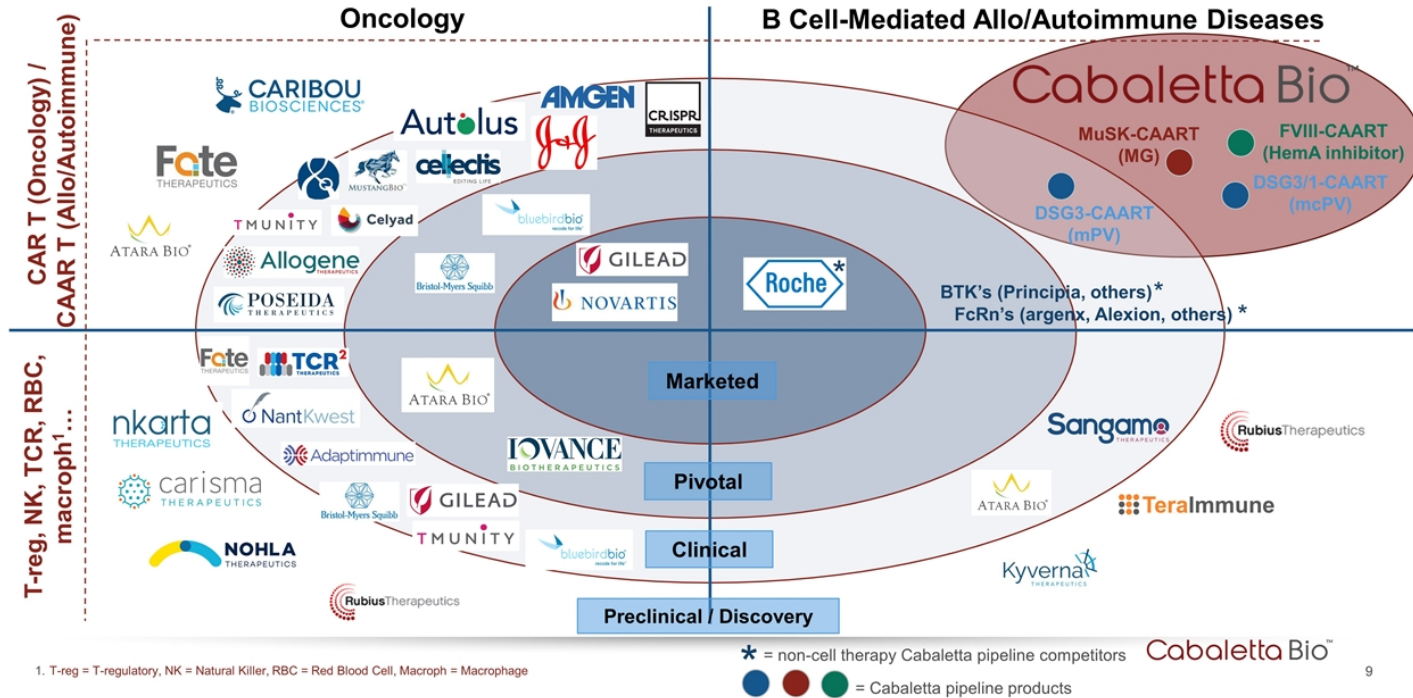


\* In our discovery stage, we perform epitope mapping and optimize CAAR construct and design.  
\*\* May not be required if Phase 2 is a registrational clinical trial.



# Cabaletta product candidates are filling an adjacent white space

CAR T therapy products are approved for B cell cancers

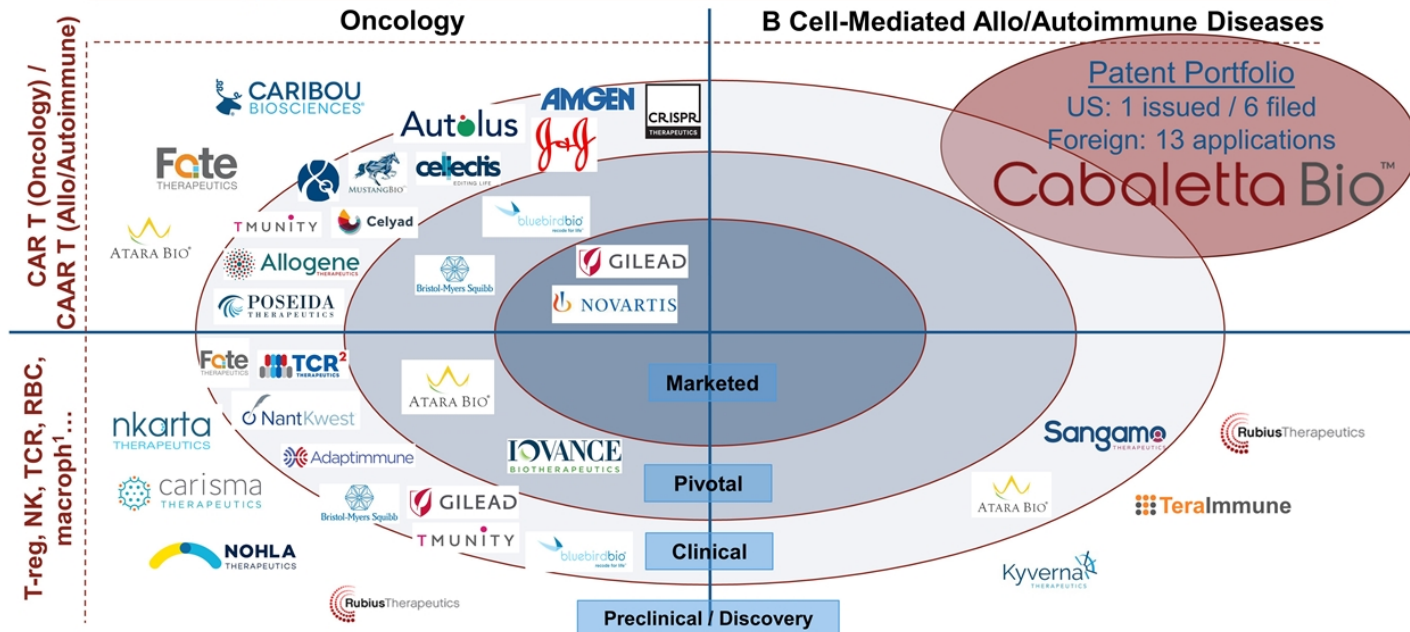


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# Overview of Intellectual Property Strategy

Distinct from CD19 directed CAR T patents, initial CAAR T patent covers entire human antigen

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- Patent rights pursued on a target by target basis
  - Pursuing multiple levels of protection for CAAR constructs
    - protein, nucleic acid, and engineered cells; and their use
  - Expiration Dates: 2035-2039 (without patent term extensions)
- First issued US patent for CAAR therapy in pemphigus
  - Exemplary Composition of Matter Claim
    - "A genetically modified cell comprising a CAAR comprising an extracellular domain **comprising DSG1, DSG3, or a fragment thereof that binds an autoantibody expressed on a B-cell**, a transmembrane domain, and an intracellular signaling domain, wherein the cell expresses the CAAR and binds the autoantibody expressed on the B cell or induces killing of the B cell expressing the autoantibody."
- Patent rights owned by the University of Pennsylvania (Penn) or co-owned by Penn and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and exclusively licensed globally to Cabaletta

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DSG3-CAART for mucosal pemphigus vulgaris patients

# Pemphigus Vulgaris CAAR T Preclinical Development (video)

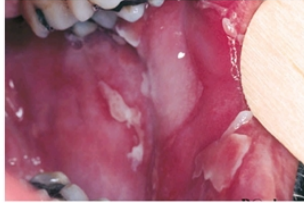
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# Pemphigus Vulgaris

## Epidemiology, clinical signs and treatment

| Mucosal PV:<br>25% of U.S. pemphigus vulgaris                                                                   | Mucocutaneous PV:<br>75% of U.S. pemphigus vulgaris                                                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                |                                        |
| <a href="http://www.dandermpdv.is.kkh.dk/atlas/3-157.html">http://www.dandermpdv.is.kkh.dk/atlas/3-157.html</a> | <a href="http://www.dermis.net/bilder/CD008/550px/img0042.jpg">http://www.dermis.net/bilder/CD008/550px/img0042.jpg</a> |

| Associated Antibody          | Anti-DSG3                                                                                  | Anti-DSG3 + Anti-DSG1         |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Clinical Signs               | Painful blisters of the orifices (mouth, nose, larynx, esophagus, eyes, genitalia, rectum) | Blisters on orifices and skin |
| Disease Incidence (US / EU)  | 350 / 600                                                                                  | 1,050 / 1,800                 |
| Disease Prevalence (US / EU) | 4,250 / 6,250                                                                              | 12,750 / 18,750               |

## Current Treatment

- **Broad immunosuppression** with steroids, methotrexate, mycophenolate and/or azathioprine is **modestly effective and/or poorly tolerated**. Similar challenges with intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG)
- B cell depletion with **rituximab**<sup>1,2,3</sup> offers **transient remission** (clinical & serologic) with **up to 90% of responders relapsing** without chronic therapy
- Chronic B cell depletion with rituximab: **5.4% annual risk of severe infection** and up to **1.9% lifetime risk of fatal infection**

Patients and physicians want safer and more effective treatment options

Image credit: D@nderm

1. Joly, Pascal, et al. "First-line rituximab combined with short-term prednisone versus prednisone alone for the treatment of pemphigus (Ritux 3): a prospective, multicentre, parallel-group, open-label randomised trial." *The Lancet* 389.10083 (2017): 2031-2040.

2. Kushner, Carolyn J., et al. "Factors Associated With Complete Remission After Rituximab Therapy for Pemphigus." *JAMA dermatology* (2019).

3. Jancin, Bruce. "Rituximab bests mycophenolate in pemphigus vulgaris," *Dermatology News*, Nov 2019, Vol. 50:11, p. 2.; Press Release, Roche, 14 Oct 2019.

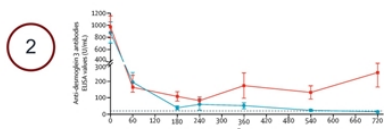
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# PV is an optimal lead indication for CAAR T therapy

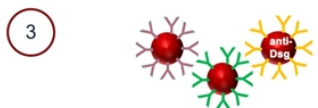
DSG3 antibodies are widely considered to be necessary and sufficient to cause PV<sup>1</sup>



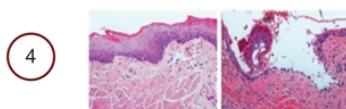
Serum anti-DSG3 **antibodies are 98 - 100% sensitive and specific**



**Depletion of B cells** by rituximab<sup>2</sup> or antibody by plasmapheresis **transiently improves clinical disease**



The B cell repertoire and **antigenic epitopes** on DSG1/3 **are well understood**, and formed the basis for DSG3 and DSG1 CAAR designs



The DSG3 CAAR has **published animal model** proof-of-concept validation

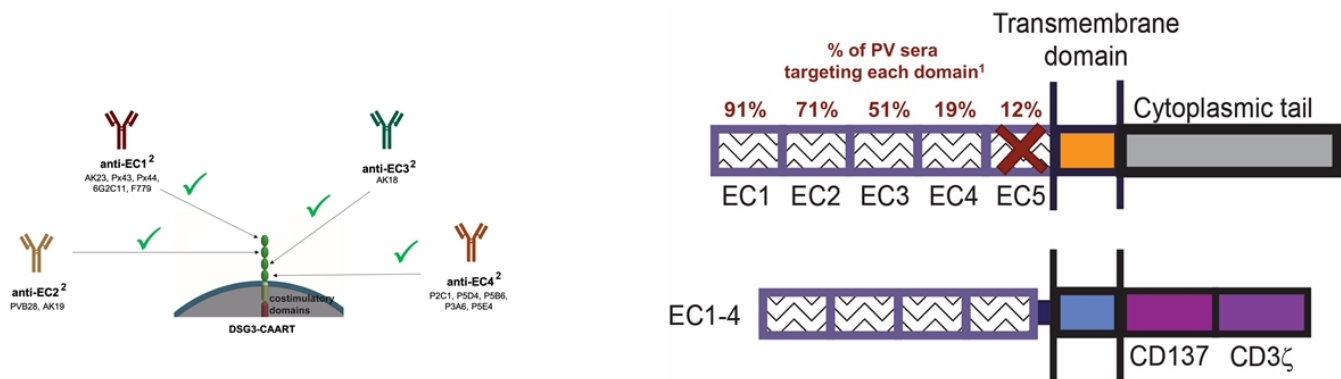
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# DSG3-CAART encompasses all known pathogenic epitopes

DSG3 EC1-4 CAAR is designed to target all known pathogenic B cells in mPV



**EC5 directed antibodies are not known to be pathogenic**

1. Ohshima, Bungo, et al. "Epitope spreading is rarely found in pemphigus vulgaris by large-scale longitudinal study using desmoglein 2-based swapped molecules." *Journal of investigative dermatology* 132.4 (2012): 1158-1168.

2. Antibodies that target the specific extracellular domain are shown below each extracellular domain.

# DSG3-CAART preclinical program summary of results

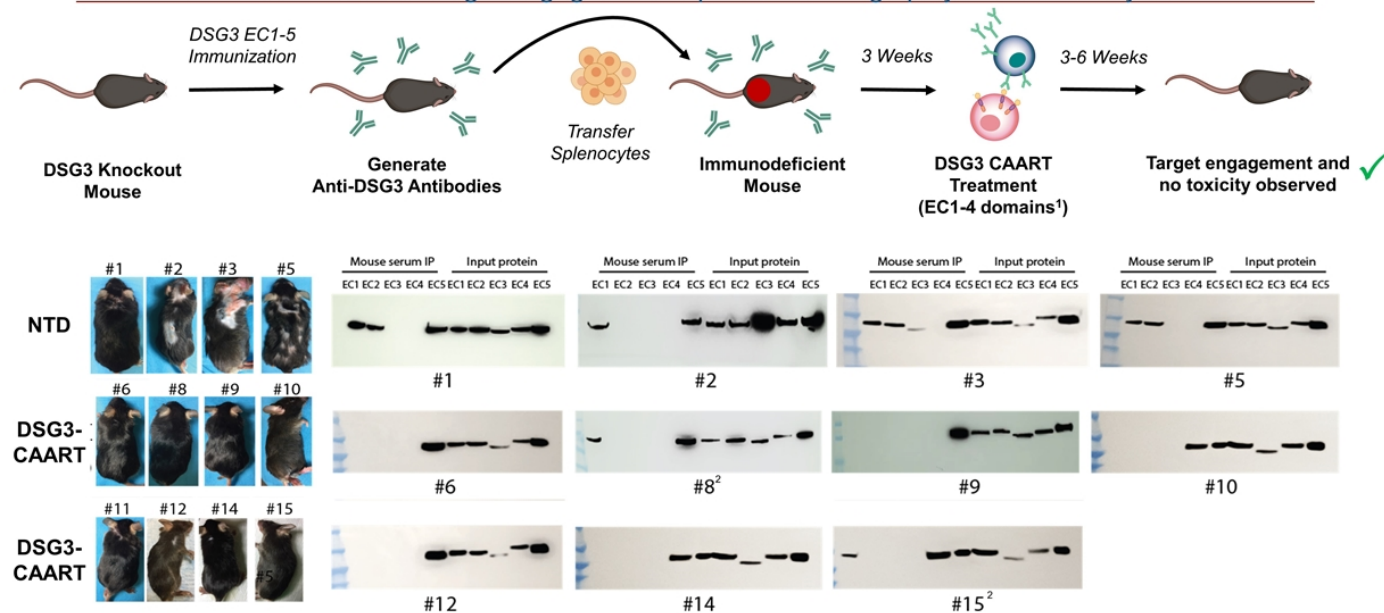
No evidence of toxicity at clinically relevant doses with selective and specific target engagement

| Indicator         |                                     | Final Preclinical Results                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tolerability      | <i>In vitro</i> off-target toxicity | <b>No specific cytotoxicity observed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>at clinically relevant cell numbers toward a panel of primary human &amp; FcγR-expressing cells</li> </ul> <b>No confirmed interactions with</b> human membrane proteins |
|                   | <i>In vivo</i> off-target toxicity  | <b>No detected off-target effects</b> at clinically relevant doses                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Target Engagement | Anti-DSG3 autoantibody titer        | Dose-dependent elimination of anti-DSG3 B cells and anti-DSG3 antibody reduction ( <b>serologic 'remission'</b> )                                                                                                                                        |
|                   | CAAR T cell engraftment             | Dose-dependent increase in CAAR-positive cells observed via flow cytometry                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                   | Tissue blistering                   | <b>No</b> blistering of oral mucosa ( <b>histologic 'remission'</b> )                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                   | Anti-DSG3 hybridoma outgrowth       | <b>Significantly delayed growth or reduction of anti-DSG3 hybridomas, even in the presence of soluble anti-DSG antibodies</b>                                                                                                                            |



# Active immune model: target engagement despite soluble antibody

DSG3-CAART demonstrates target engagement in presence of high polyclonal antibody titer



1. The DSG3 protein is made up of up of 5 extracellular (EC) domains, EC1-5. Antibodies against EC1-4 can be pathogenic, but antibodies against EC5 are not. Therefore, antibodies against EC5 are not targeted by the CAART by design.
2. In this model, the human DSG3-CAART product is rapidly rejected. In these two animals, an incomplete response against EC1 was observed, which correlated with loss of persistence.

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# DesCAARTes phase 1 clinical trial (IND reviewed and accepted within 30 days)

## Open-label study of DSG3-CAART in mucosal-dominant PV patients (mPV)

Open-label study to determine the maximum tolerated dose & fractionation of DSG3-CAART in 30 (up to 48) r/r mPV patients

### Major Inclusion Criteria

- Age:  $\geq 18$
- Inadequately managed by standard immunosuppressive therapies
- Confirmed diagnosis
- Active disease
- Anti-DSG3 antibody positive

### Major Exclusion Criteria

- Rituximab in last 6 months
- Prednisone  $> 0.25\text{mg/kg/day}$
- Other autoimmune disorder requiring immunosuppressive therapies
- Recent investigational treatment
- ALC  $< 1,000$  at screening

| Part                                                                                   | Cohort | # Subjects          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------|
| A – Dose Escalation<br>Fractionated infusion at increasing dose levels                 | A1-A4  | 3(+3)<br>per cohort |
| B – Dose Consolidation<br>Consolidating selected dose fractions into a single infusion | B1-B2  | 3(+3)<br>per cohort |
| C – Expansion <sup>1</sup><br>Expanded subject enrollment at final selected dose       | C      | ~12                 |
| Total                                                                                  |        | ~30(+18)            |



### Study Endpoint & Objectives

**Primary Endpoint:** Adverse Events, including Dose Limiting Toxicity

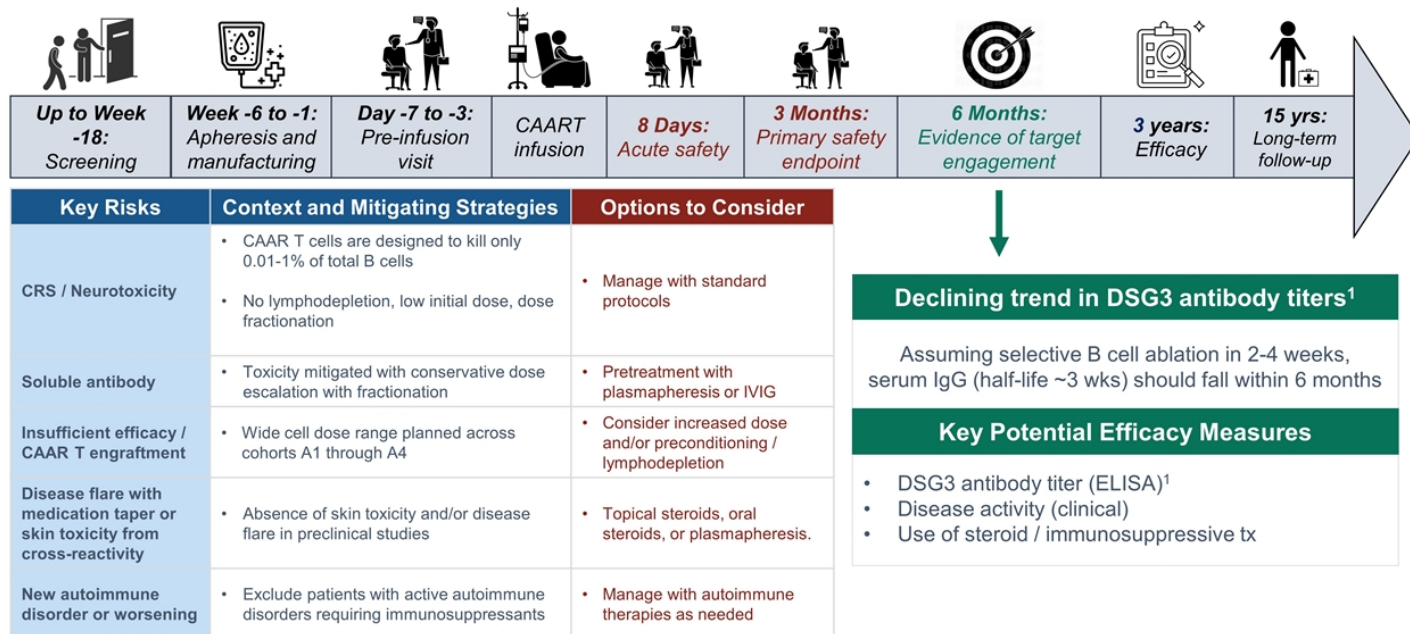
**Secondary Objectives:** DSG3 ELISA titer changes, rate of/time to/duration of remission, manufacturing success rate, CAAR T expansion/persistence

**Go: Identification of a dosing regimen with evidence of target engagement and an acceptable safety profile**

1. FDA has requested, and the Company has agreed, that we will share data from cohort A to inform a discussion on the optimal design of cohort C. According to FDA guidance, the submission of cohort A data is not gating to planned enrollment in cohort B.

# Clinical trial assessments and timeframes

Safety assessed acutely and at 3 months, with ability to measure CAART engagement by 6 months



1. Spindler, Volker, et al. "Mechanisms causing loss of keratinocyte cohesion in pemphigus." Journal of Investigative Dermatology 138.1 (2018): 32-37.

# Clinical trial communication plan

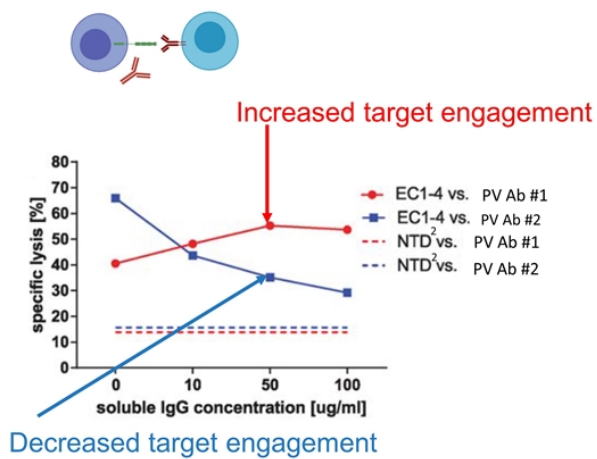
By dosing cohort except for serious adverse events that materially change timelines or protocol

- Enrollment
  - Patients dosed over 1-3 weeks for initial cohorts, then followed for at least 2-4 weeks before next patient
  - Timelines may be delayed due to non-material changes or challenges, including among others:
    - identifying appropriate patients for 1<sup>st</sup> trial of cell therapy in autoimmune disease
    - mitigating risks observed in earlier patients
    - manufacturing prioritization or outcomes
- Safety updates by dosing cohort – limited top-line updates
  - Acute – within 8 days of infusion
  - Primary endpoint safety measures – 3 months
- Target engagement updates by dosing cohort – possible but not expected in lowest dose
  - DSG3 antibody is **necessary and sufficient** to cause mPV (per consensus document<sup>1</sup>)
    - DSG3 antibody half-life ~3 weeks
      - Potential evidence of reduction of DSG3 antibody levels within six months
    - Clinical responses including mucosal lesion response and absence of recurrence may take longer

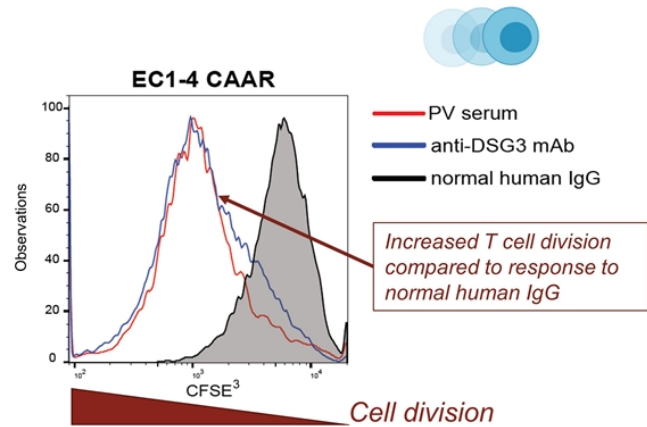
1. Spindler V, Eming R, Schmidt E, et al. Mechanisms Causing Loss of Keratinocyte Cohesion in Pemphigus. J Invest Dermatol 2018;138:32-7.

# Soluble antibodies may alter the dynamics of DSG3-CAART proliferation

They can partially activate or inhibit DSG3 CAAR T cells<sup>1</sup>



*Inhibitory antibodies reduce but do not fully prevent DSG3-CAART target engagement*



*Antibody induces T cell proliferation*

1. Eillebrecht, Christoph T., et al. "Reengineering chimeric antigen receptor T cells for targeted therapy of autoimmune disease." *Science* 353.6295 (2016): 179-184.

2. Non-transduced T cell.

3. CFSE (carboxyfluorescein diacetate succinimidyl ester) is a dye used in flow cytometric monitoring that reduces in intensity as it is distributed in actively dividing cells. Non-dividing cells will retain more CFSE dye.

## Preconditioning regimens in CAAR T cell therapy may not be required

Past successes in HIV and multiple myeloma without preconditioning plus differences in patient populations are relevant<sup>1,2</sup>

- Preconditioning may not be necessary to drive responses in the non-leukemia / lymphoma setting
  - not standard in this patient population and carries safety implications
- Potential activating effect of soluble antibody on engraftment and function is a key consideration
- Multiple infusions, higher dose, and cytokine support may offer safer approach for autoimmune patients
- Recent data in patients with multiple myeloma showed non-significant differences in objective response rate and rate of cytokine release syndrome in patients receiving CART-BCMA with and without lymphodepletion<sup>1</sup>

| Lymphodepletion Mechanism                              | Oncology | Autoimmunity |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Reduction of T cell growth cytokine sinks <sup>3</sup> | +        | +            |
| Depletion of suppressor cells <sup>4</sup>             | +        | -            |

+ Lymphodepletion mechanism likely to apply

- Lymphodepletion mechanism unlikely to apply

***The DesCAARTes trial will begin without a preconditioning regimen, but with a data-driven approach to potential incorporation as warranted***

1. Cohen, Adam D., et al. "B cell maturation antigen-specific CAR T cells are clinically active in multiple myeloma." *The Journal of clinical investigation* 129.6 (2019).

2. Scholler, John, et al. "Decade-long safety and function of retroviral-modified chimeric antigen receptor T cells." *Science translational medicine* 4.132 (2012): 132ra53-132ra53.

3. Gattinoni et al. "Removal of homeostatic cytokine sinks by lymphodepletion enhances the efficacy of adoptively transferred tumor-specific CD8+ T cells." *The Journal of Experimental Medicine* 202(7):907-912

4. Wang, Shu and Plautz "Host lymphodepletion augments T cell adoptive immunotherapy through enhanced intratumoral proliferation of effector cells: *Cancer Research* 65(20): 9547-54.



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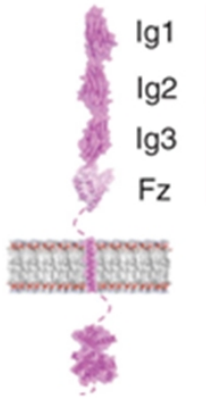
MuSK-CAART for myasthenia gravis patients



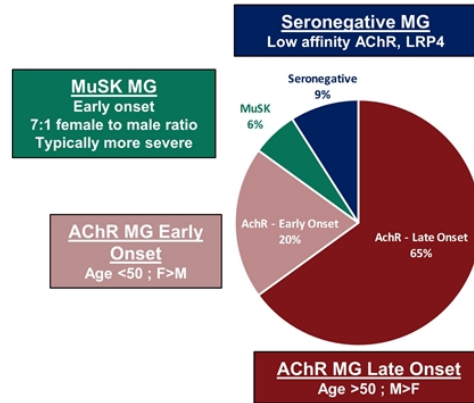
# MuSK MG is a highly feasible and valuable CAAR target

All known extracellular domains can be included in the CAAR design

- Clinically high unmet need with limited treatment options
- Like pemphigus, autoantibody titers drop after rituximab<sup>1,2</sup>, indicating the clinical potential of B cell depletion strategies in MuSK MG



MuSK has similar modular structure and size as Dsg3



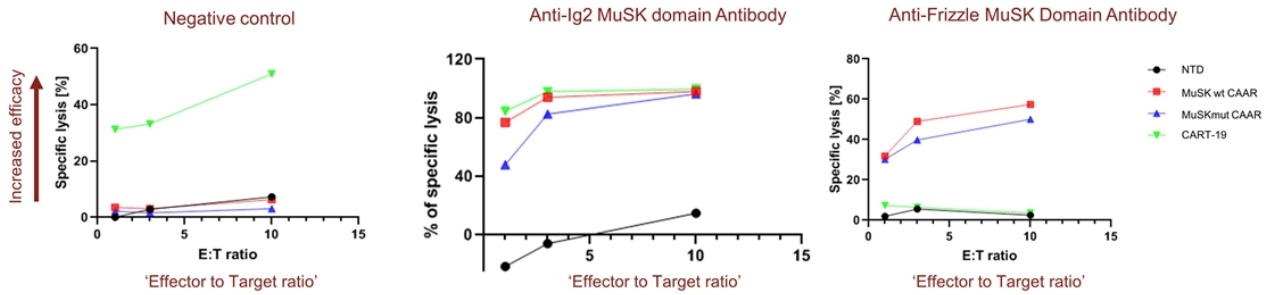
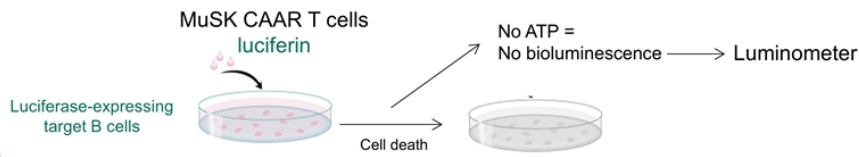
Prevalence: ~65,000 patients in the US

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# MuSK CAAR T cells specifically kill anti-MuSK target cells *in vitro*

## Luciferase Assay



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FVIII-CAART for Hemophilia A inhibitor patients

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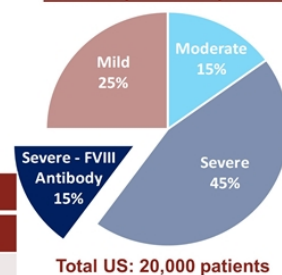
# Hemophilia A and neutralizing alloantibodies

## B cell-mediated inhibition of Factor VIII reduces efficacy of replacement therapy

- FVIII neutralizing alloantibodies can block protein or gene replacement therapy
  - Increased incidence in severe disease where native FVIII is not present
- Inhibitors persist in 70% of patients despite tolerance induction therapy<sup>3</sup>

|                                                  | Hemophilia A Population (US only) |                                                                         |                                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                  | Mild                              | Moderate                                                                | Severe                                                         |
| <b>FVIII levels</b>                              | 5-40%                             | 1-5%                                                                    | <1%                                                            |
| <b>% of cases</b>                                | 25% <sup>1</sup>                  | 15% <sup>1</sup>                                                        | 60% (~12,000 patients) <sup>1,2</sup>                          |
| <b>Consequence</b>                               | Bleeding after trauma or surgery  | Hemarthrosis, synovitis<br>muscle contracture<br>cerebral stroke, death | Debilitating hemarthrosis<br>muscle necrosis<br>strokes, death |
| <b>Risk of FVIII neutralizing alloantibodies</b> | Minimal                           | Moderate (~10%) <sup>3</sup>                                            | High (~25%) <sup>3</sup><br>~3,000 US patients                 |

US Hemophilia A Population



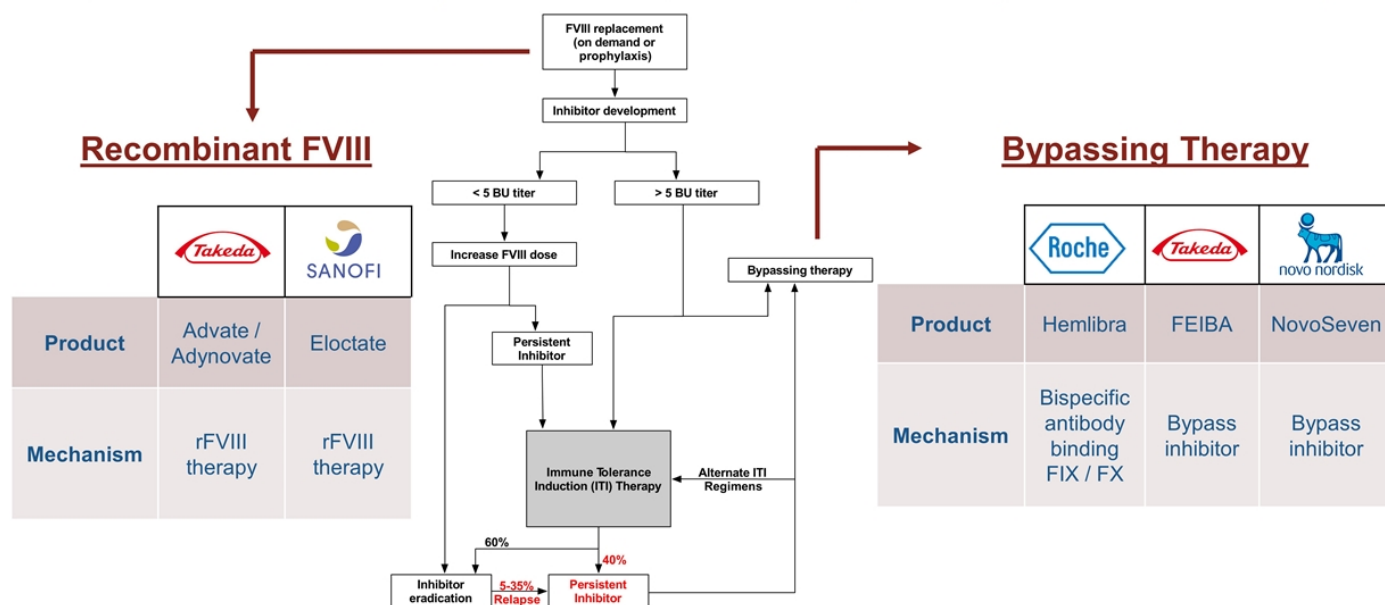
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# Current management of FVIII neutralizing alloantibodies

3-fold increased risk of hemophilia related death; overall 40% higher mortality

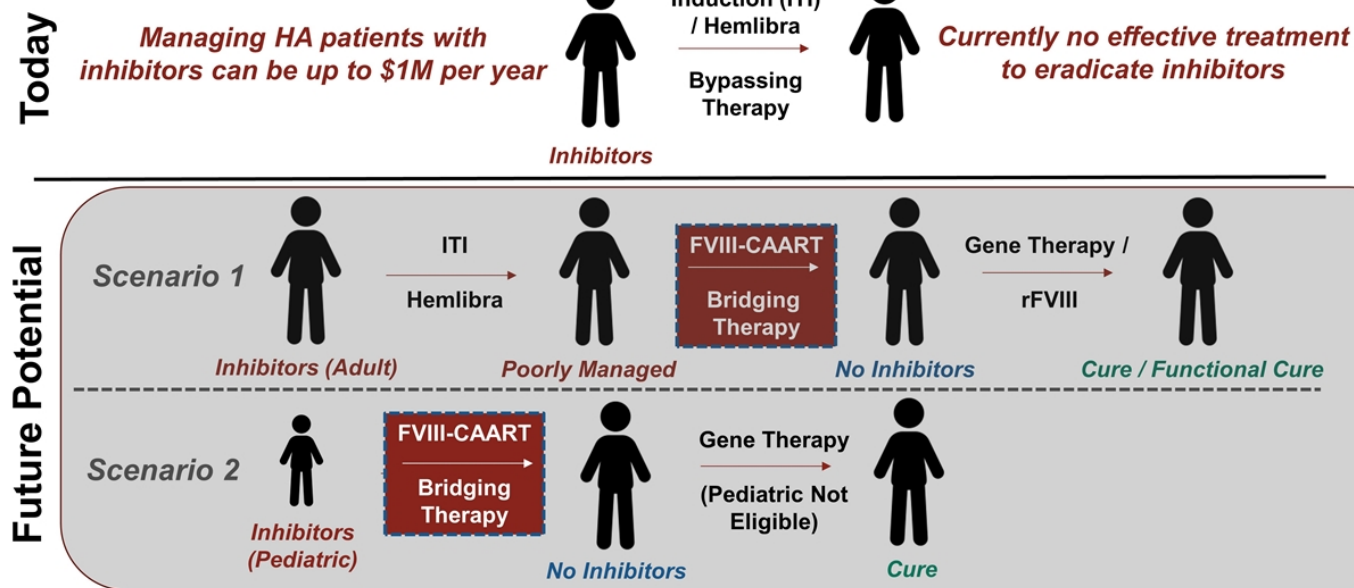


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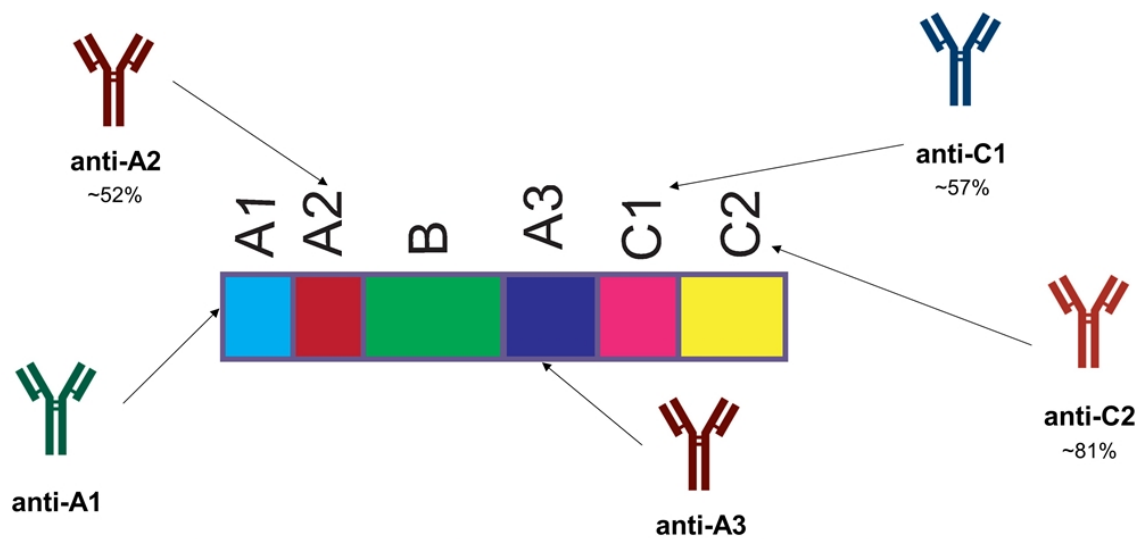
# FVIII-CAART value proposition is unique

Potentially complementary to gene therapy products in development



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## FVIII-CAART for hemophilia A patients with inhibitors

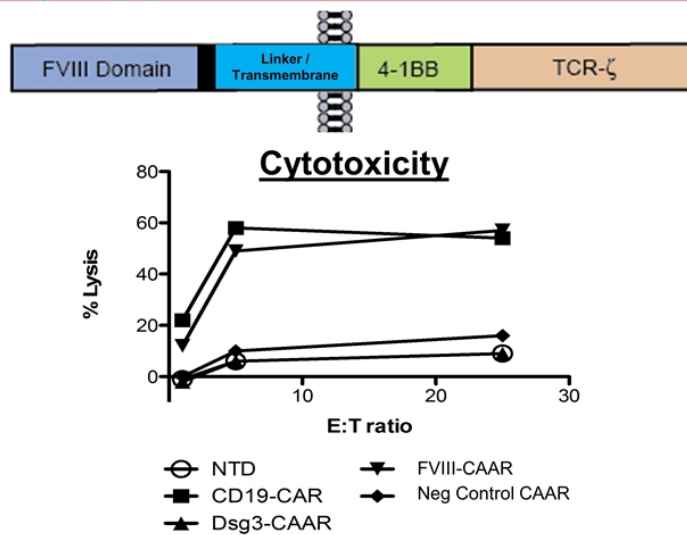


**Epitopes on several domains of FVIII may bind pathogenic alloantibodies (inhibitors) in patients with Hemophilia A**



## FVIII-CAART *in vitro* proof of concept data

Selective and specific target engagement



Cabaletta is developing optimized constructs designed to maximize the number of pathogenic domains and patients covered by the potential product candidate

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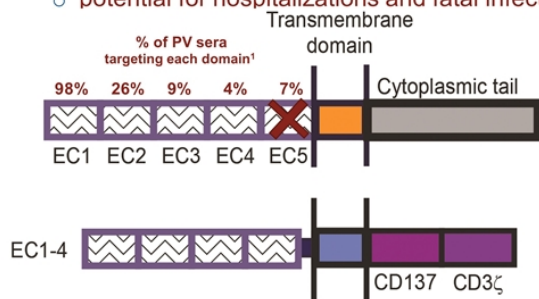
DSG3/1-CAART for mucocutaneous PV patients

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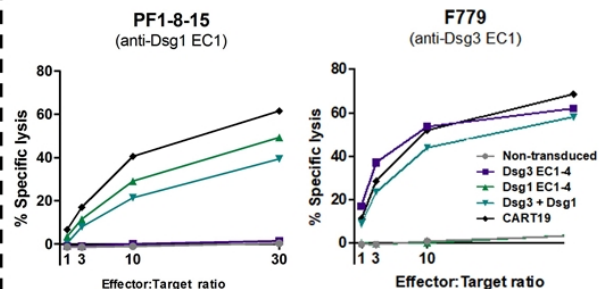
# DSG3/1-CAART for mucocutaneous PV (mcPV)

Designed to cover all known pathogenic epitopes

- DSG3/1 CAARs designed for mcPV
  - DSG3 and DSG1 autoantibodies
  - most severe and common form of PV (~75%)
  - mucosal blistering, plus skin erosion and blistering
  - managed with immune suppression, similar to mPV
    - high risk of relapse
    - potential for hospitalizations and fatal infections



- DSG1-CAART demonstrated specific cytotoxicity *in vitro* to anti-DSG1 B cells
- DSG1-CAART + DSG3-CAART together demonstrated cytotoxicity toward both anti-DSG3 and anti-DSG1 B cells

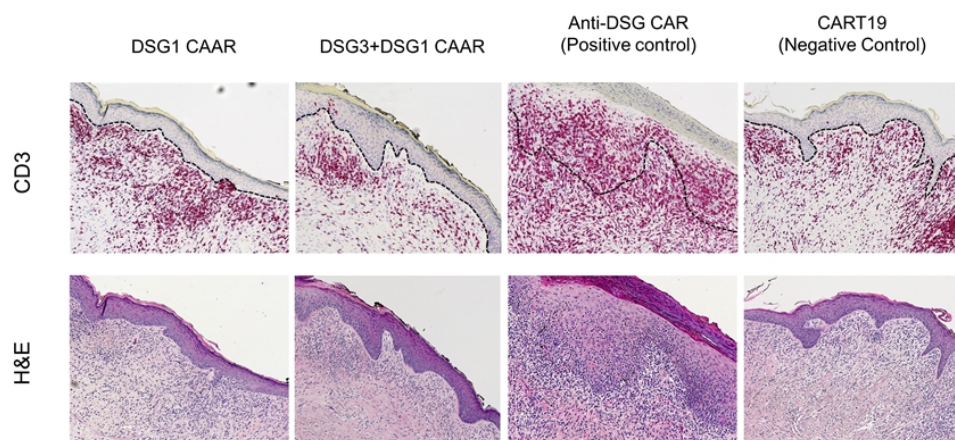


**DSG1 EC1- 4 CAAR showed robust & specific *in vitro* cytotoxicity towards all known pathogenic epitopes**

1. Ohshima, Bungo, et al. "Epitope spreading is rarely found in pemphigus vulgaris by large-scale longitudinal study using desmoglein 2-based swapped molecules." *Journal of investigative dermatology* 132.4 (2012): 1158-1168.

# No detected *in vivo* skin toxicity induced by DSG3/1-CAART

DSG1 CAAR T cells and DSG1 + DSG3 CAAR T



## Designing optimal construct with both antigens in a single CAAR

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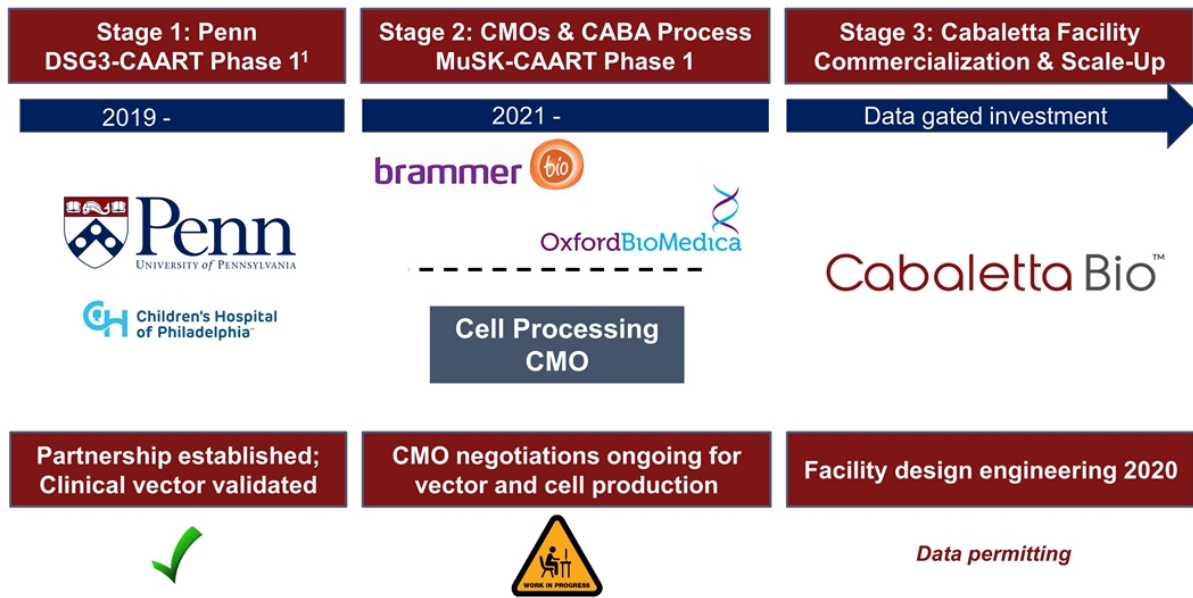
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Manufacturing



# Manufacturing strategy: three stages

Risk mitigating, capital efficient, milestone gated progression proceeding as planned

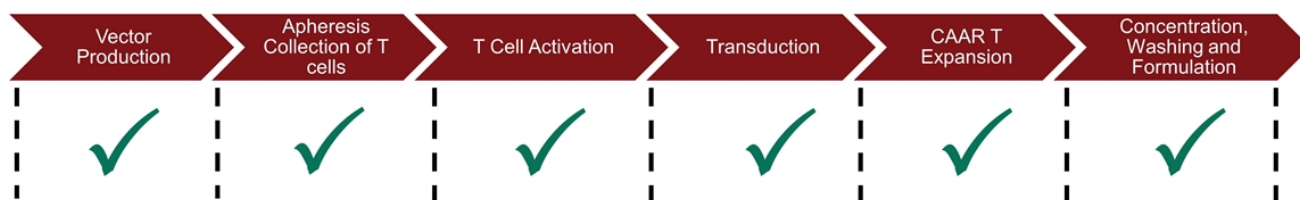


1. Penn-sponsored CD19 CAR IND CMC data has been cross-referenced in DSG3-CAART IND to provide additional data reflecting alignment.



# CAR T vs CAAR T manufacturing process<sup>1</sup>

Vector production and cell processing are key risks mitigated by strategy, partnership, process, and people



- Conserving the clinically validated CD19 CAR cell manufacturing process minimizes confounding risks
  - Supported Kymriah BLA approval; sufficient for commercial use
  - Penn process, not Novartis process; avoids Kymriah release challenges<sup>2</sup>
- Cross referenced the Penn IND to minimize operational risk
  - DSG3-CAART IND accepted within routine 30 day window following submission using Penn standard operating procedures
  - Clinical scale engineering runs have delivered successful DSG3-CAART product
  - Development work has demonstrated efficient manufacture of T cells from PV patients<sup>3</sup>
- Capacity of up to 3 runs a month has been contractually secured with Penn
- DSG3 vector supply secured for next 2-3 years

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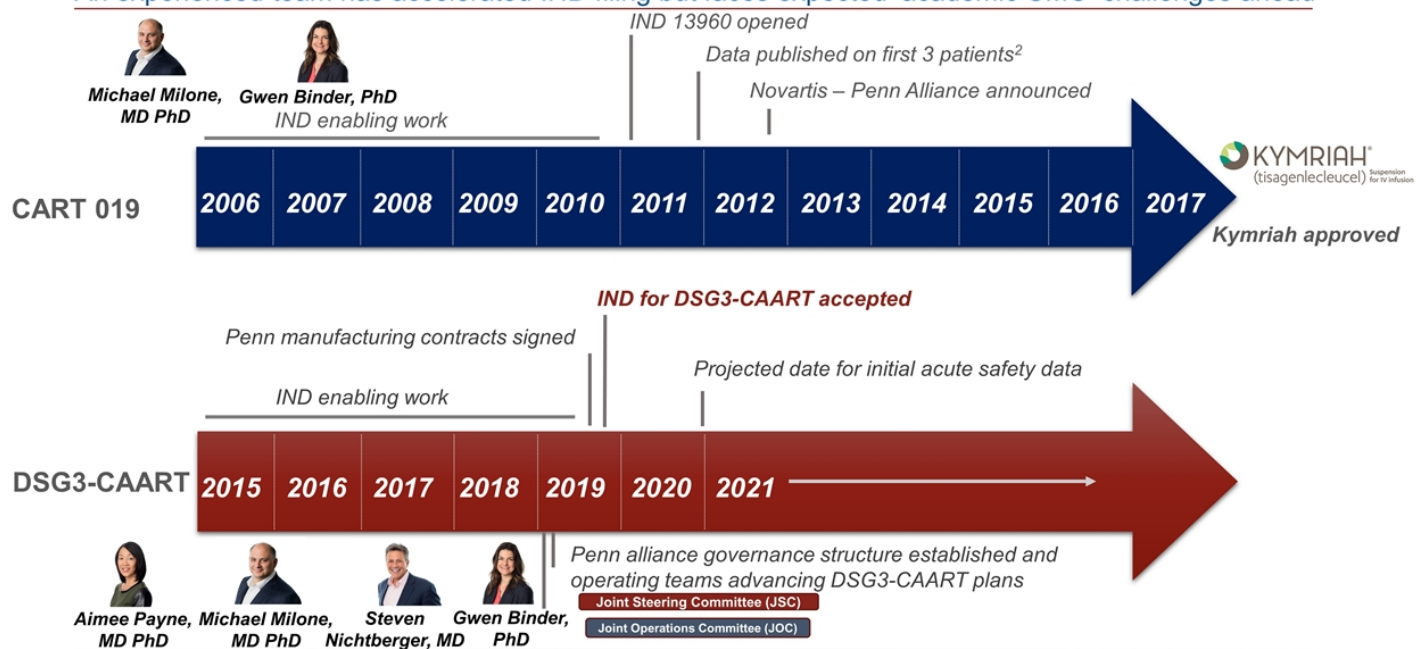
2. Manufacturing challenges were due to release specifications: <https://www.biopharmadive.com/news/novartis-hits-car-t-manufacturing-snap-as-kymriah-sales-disappoint/528202/>

3. T cells isolated from patients with a range of treatment regimens of low to high intensity were tested; the highest intensity regimen and patients with ALC<1000 cells/uL expanded less well and will be excluded from the trial design.



# The Penn-Cabaletta<sup>1</sup> Alliance

An experienced team has accelerated IND filing but faces expected 'academic CMO' challenges ahead



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1. In addition to the cofounders, Steven Nichtberger, MD is a professor at Penn, and Gwendolyn Binder PhD is a former employee at Penn.

2. Porter, David L., et al. "Chimeric antigen receptor–modified T cells in chronic lymphoid leukemia." *New England Journal of Medicine* 365.8 (2011): 725-733.

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Financial Update



## Key financial highlights and funding history

| Financial Highlights      |                           |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                           | 9 months ended 09/30/2019 | Proforma 09/30/2019      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$71.0mn                  | \$142.1mn <sup>1</sup>   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Operating Expenses        | \$12.8mn                  | \$12.8mn                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Cash Runway               | -                         | At least through 1Q 2022 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Funding History           |                           |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Round                     | Date                      | Amount (\$mn)            | New Investors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Convertible Notes         | May 2018                  | \$12.5                   |  Baker Brothers Advisors LLC                                                                      |
| Series A                  | October 2018              | \$25.3                   |                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Series B                  | January 2019              | \$50.0                   |   Redmile Group  |
| IPO                       | October 2019              | \$80.0 <sup>2</sup>      | All prior financial investors plus new investors                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

1. Includes \$71mn in net proceeds from IPO.

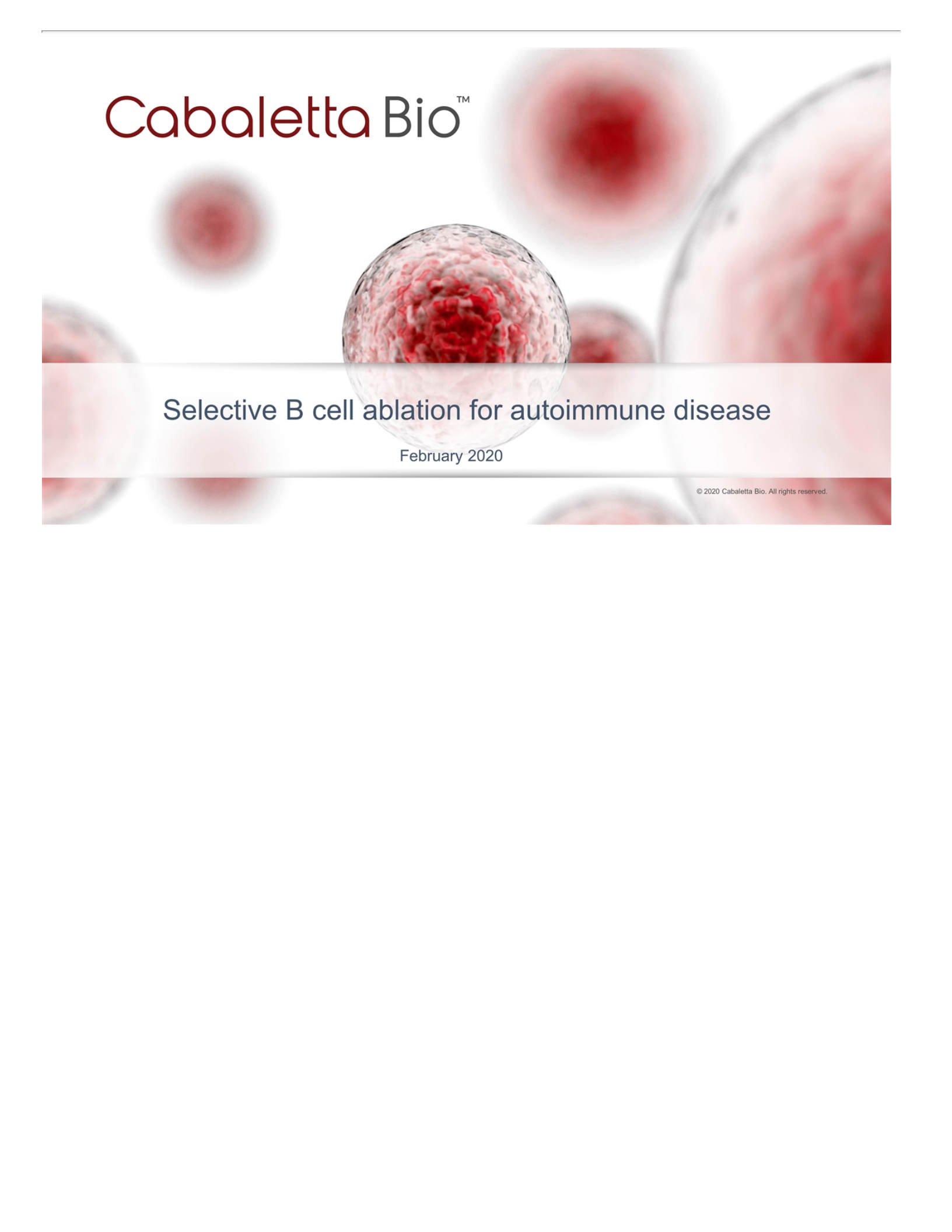
2. Includes partial exercise of the option to purchase additional shares in November 2019.

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## Recent and anticipated catalysts

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- 2019
  - ✓ Recruited uniquely qualified leadership team with longstanding connections
  - ✓ Established broad alliance with Penn to accelerate DSG3-CAART clinical development
  - ✓ Secured first issued US product patent and expanded portfolio
  - ✓ Expanded Penn license to include filed patents for one additional target
  - ✓ Manufactured and qualified vector for clinical trial, completed manufacturing engineering runs
  - ✓ IND accepted for DSG3-CAART, IRB process being initiated
  - ✓ *In vitro* MuSK-CAART data presented at scientific meeting
- 2020
  - DesCAARTes clinical trial
    - Initiate trial and generate acute tolerability (8 day) data from initial patient cohort
  - MuSK-CAART
    - Present *in vivo* target engagement data and initiate IND-enabling studies
  - Initiate validation of manufacturing with CMO for clinical program
    - Incorporate advanced technologies as warranted



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## Selective B cell ablation for autoimmune disease

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