### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

August 18, 2021 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

## CABALETTA BIO, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

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

001-39103 (Commission File Number) 82-1685768 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

19104 (Zip Code)

(267) 759-3100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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D Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

	Trading	Name of Each Exchange
Title of Each Class	Symbol(s)	on Which Registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.00001 per share	CABA	The Nasdaq Global Select Market

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Emerging growth company ⊠

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#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On August 18, 2021, Cabaletta Bio, Inc. (the "Company") posted to the "Investors & Media" section of the Company's website atwww.cabalettabio.com an updated corporate presentation providing a corporate overview and updated development plan (the "Corporate Presentation"). A copy of the Corporate Presentation is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information contained in Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form8-K is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section and shall not be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On August 18, 2021, the Company issued a press release announcing clinical data from the second dose cohort in its ongoing DesCAARTes<sup>M</sup> Phase 1 clinical trial of DSG3-CAART for the treatment of patients with mucosal-dominant pemphigus vulgaris. A copy of the full text of the press release referenced above is filed as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference into this Item 8.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

- 99.1 Cabaletta Bio, Inc. Corporate Presentation, dated August 18, 2021, furnished herewith.
- 99.2 Press Release issued by the registrant on August 18, 2021.
- 104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL Document).

#### 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: August 18, 2021

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

# Cabaletta Bio®



## **Corporate Presentation**

AUGUST 2021

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

### Cabaletta overview

#### Developing highly specific CAAR T products to treat B cell-mediated autoimmune diseases

- · Where there is a biologic opportunity for deep and durable, perhaps curative, responses
- · Leveraging a clinically validated CAR T product design and manufacturing process through Penn alliance

#### DesCAARTes™ trial enrolling patients with mucosal pemphigus vulgaris (mPV) at 500M cell dose

- No DLTs or clinically relevant AEs observed to date<sup>1</sup> in all 6 patients following completion of first 2 dose cohorts (20M & 100M cells)
- DSG3-CAART persistence observed via qPCR in all 6 patients within the first 2 dose cohorts during the first 28 days following infusion
   Without lymphodepletion and in presence of circulating anti-DSG3 antibodies
- Potential to report biologic activity data (20M & 100M) and safety data (500M cells) this year<sup>2</sup>

#### Preclinical pipeline led by MuSK-CAART for myasthenia gravis – IND filing planned in 2H21

- · PLA2R-CAART pre-IND interaction with FDA anticipated in 2H21 for PLA2R positive primary membranous nephropathy patients
- Product portfolio<sup>3</sup> currently targeting diseases that affect over 80,000 patients in the US

#### S Cash runway through at least 4Q22 with \$103M in cash and investments as of June 30, 2021

\* 20M, 100M & 500M refers to the number of DSG3-CAART cells infused for patients in dosing cohorts 1-3, in millions.

1. As of August 17, 2021.

Assumes no dose-limiting toxicities are observed during cohort and uninterrupted enrollment occurs in the trial.
 Includes five disclosed product candidates and two undisclosed pipeline disease targets in our pipeline.

## Our scientific platform leverages clinically validated CAR T technology

CAAR T product candidates are designed for selective and specific elimination of the pathogenic B cells



## Cabaletta: Advancing targeted cell therapy to autoimmunity

Foundational CAR T technology clinically validated in treating B cell-mediated cancers



### CABA platform may apply across a range of autoimmune diseases

Biologic opportunity for cure or treatment may be possible in dozens of B-cell mediated autoimmune diseases\*



Illustrative list of diseases where biologic opportunity for cure or treatment may be possible

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 Koneczny, Inga. "Update on IgG4-mediated autoimmune diseases: new insights and new family members," Autoimmunity Reviews (2020): 102646.
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 Suurmond, Jolien, and Betty Diamond. "Autoantibodies in systemic autoimmune diseases: specificity and pathogenicity." The Journal of clinical investigation 125.6 (2015): 2194-2202.
 Xiao, Ze Xiu, Joseph S. Miller, and Song Guo Zheng. "An updated advance of autoantibodies in autoimmune diseases." Autoimmunity Reviews (2020): 102743. Cabaletta Bio\* 7

## Modular platform with "plug-and-play" architecture

Technology foundation designed to enable a portfolio of programs targeting B cell-mediated diseases

### Swapping the extracellular domain, or autoantigen, creates new product candidates



Clinically validated engineered T cell platform is the foundational technology

## CABA (Cabaletta Approach for Selective B cell Ablation) platform



## Pipeline<sup>1</sup> includes multiple disease targets where cure is possible

Therapeutic Area	Indication	Program	Discovery <sup>2</sup>	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2/3
Dermatology Mucosal Pemphigus Vulgaris Mucocutaneous Pemphigus Vulgaris	Pemphigus	DSG3-CAART				
	DSG3/1-CAART					
Neurology	MuSK Myasthenia Gravis	MuSK-CAART				
Nephrology	PLA2R Membranous Nephropathy	PLA2R-CAART				
Hematology	Hemophilia A w/ FVIII Alloantibodies	FVIII-CAART				

1. Two additional undisclosed disease targets added to our pipeline portfolio through expansion of our Sponsored Research Agreement with the University of Pennsylvania are not shown. Cabaletta Bio<sup>o</sup> 10

## Data from the DesCAARTes<sup>™</sup> trial provides read-through to pipeline

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Manufacturing	<ul> <li>Strong operating partnership with Penn CVPF manufacturing organization</li> <li>Use of validated process from CAR T experience at Penn helps mitigate risk</li> <li>100% success rate for DesCAARTes<sup>™</sup> trial manufacturing to date<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>
Clinical data	<ul> <li>No DLTs or any clinically relevant toxicities observed to date<sup>1</sup> in all 6 patients</li> <li>DSG3-CAART persistence via qPCR in all patients during 28 days post infusion</li> <li>Without lymphodepletion, but in presence of circulating anti-DSG3 antibodies</li> <li>Potential to report biologic activity (20M &amp; 100M) and 28-day safety data (500M) in 4Q21</li> </ul>
Biologic Activity Indicators	<ul> <li>We are evaluating:</li> <li>Persistence of DSG3-CAART detected via qPCR</li> <li>Change in level of DSG3 antibodies (targeting persistent reduction)</li> <li>Reduced mPV therapy and absence of new systemic rescue therapy</li> <li>Change in disease activity based on clinically validated scales (e.g. PDAI, ODSS)</li> </ul>
1. As of August 17, 2021	

1. As of August 17, 2021. 2. Data expected within 6 months of completion for each cohort

# DSG3-CAART for patients with mucosal pemphigus vulgaris

### PV is an optimal lead indication for CAAR T therapy

DSG3 antibodies are widely considered to be necessary and sufficient to cause PV1



Serum anti-DSG3 antibodies are 98 - 100% sensitive and specific<sup>2</sup>



**Depletion of B cells** by rituximab<sup>3</sup> or antibody by plasmapheresis transiently improves clinical disease



**Incomplete B cell** depletion by rituximab leads to PV recurrences, with identical diseasecausing B cell clones<sup>4,5</sup>



The B cell repertoire and antigenic epitopes on DSG1/3 are well understood<sup>6</sup>. and formed the basis for DSG3 and DSG1 CAAR designs



The DSG3 CAAR has published animal model proof-of-concept validation7

- Spindler, Volker, et al. "Mechanisms causing loss of keratinocyte cohesion in pemphigus." Journal of Investigative Dermatology 138.1 (2018): 32-37.
   Schmidt, Enno, et al. "Novel ELISA systems for antibodies to desmoglein 1 and 3." Experimental dermatology 19.5 (2010): 458-463.
   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.
   Mouquet, Hugo, et al. "Persistence of anti-desmoglein 3 IgG+ B-cell clones in pemphigus patients over years." Journal of Investigative Dermatology 135.3 (2015): 742-749.
   Hammers, Christoph M., 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 136.3 (2017): 1158-1168.
- dermatology 132.4 (2012): 1158-1168. 7. Ellebrecht, Christoph T., et al. "Reengineering chimeric antigen receptor T cells for targeted therapy of autoimmune disease." Science 353.6295 (2016): 179-184.

### **Overview of Pemphigus Vulgaris**

Current treatments require broad immunosuppression associated with safety risks and transient efficacy



#### CROT = 8+ weeks without lesions while off systemic therapy

1. Image credit: D@nderm

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~1.9% lifetime risk of fatal infection<sup>7</sup>

### DSG3-CAART is designed to bind all known pathogenic autoantibodies

Inclusion of all disease-relevant epitopes enables a 'one-size-fits-all' approach for patients with mPV



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

## DSG3-CAART preclinical data<sup>1,2</sup>

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

	INDICATOR	RESULTS
Tolerability	<i>In vitr</i> o off-target toxicity	No specific cytotoxicity at clinically relevant cell numbers vs $Fc\gamma R$ -expressing cells No confirmed interactions with human membrane proteins
Tol	<i>In vivo o</i> ff-target toxicity	No off-target effects detected at clinically relevant doses
ent	Anti-DSG3 autoantibody titer	Serologic 'remission' – dose-dependent elimination of anti-DSG3 B cells and antibodies
Engagement	CAAR T cell engraftment Dose-dependent increase in CAAR-positive cells observed via flow cyto	
et Eng	Tissue blistering	Histologic 'remission' – no blistering of oral mucosa
Target	Anti-DSG3 hybridoma outgrowth	Significantly delayed outgrowth despite soluble anti-DSG antibodies

1. Ellebrecht, Christoph T., et al. "Reengineering chimeric antigen receptor T cells for targeted therapy of autoimmune disease." Science 353.6295 (2016): 179-184. 2. Lee, Jinmin, et al. "Antigen-specific B-cell depletion for precision therapy of mucosal pemphigus vulgaris." The Journal of Clinical Investigation (2020).

## DesCAARTes<sup>™</sup>:

Phase 1 clinical trial in mucosal-dominant PV (mPV) patients

#### Open-label study to determine the maximum tolerated dose & fractionation of DSG3-CAART

Major Inclusion Criteria	SCREENING MANUFACTURING TREATME			
<ul> <li>Age: ≥18</li> <li>Inadequately managed by standard immunosuppressive therapies</li> <li>Confirmed diagnosis</li> <li>Active disease</li> <li>Anti-DSG3 antibody positive</li> </ul>	Part	Cohort	# Subjects	
	A – Dose Escalation Fractionated infusion at increasing dose levels	A1-A4	3 (+3) per cohort	
	B – Dose Consolidation Consolidating selected dose fractions into a single infusion	3 (+3) per cohort		
Major Exclusion Criteria	C – Expansion <sup>1</sup> Expanded subject enrollment at final selected dose	С	~12	
<ul> <li>Rituximab recently administered</li> <li>Prednisone &gt; 0.25mg/kg/day</li> <li>Other autoimmune disorder requiring immunosuppressive therapies</li> <li>Recent investigational treatment</li> <li>ALC &lt; 1,000 at screening</li> </ul>		Total	~30 (+18)	
	Study Endpoint & Objectives			
	Primary Endpoint: Adverse Events, including Dose Limiting Toxicity (DLT)			
	<ul> <li>DLTs include any grade 3 or 4 CRS or neurotoxicity, or any grade 2 CRS or neurotoxicity that failed to improve to ≤ Grade 1 or baseline within 7 days</li> </ul>			
	Secondary Objectives: DSG3 ELISA titer changes, CAAR T expansion/persistence, change in PDAI, rate of/time to/duration of remission, manufacturing success rate			

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

### DesCAARTes<sup>™</sup> clinical trial assessments and timeframes

Safety assessed acutely, at 28 days and at 3 months, with data on biologic activity within 6 months



\* Clearance of 28-day observation window without DLTs required to initiate next dosing cohort.

This information represents data that we believe can be used to inform potential efficacy endpoints in future clinical development.
 Spindler, Volker, et al. "Mechanisms causing loss of keratinocyte cohesion in pemphigus." Journal of Investigative Dermatology 138.1 (2018): 32-37.

## No DLTs observed to date in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> cohorts of DesCAARTes<sup>™</sup> trial

DSG3-CAART persistence observed via qPCR across cohorts



## Manufactured DSG3-CAART cells exhibit target elimination in vitro

100% success rate for manufacturing of DSG3-CAART cells in DesCAARTes™ trial to date1



## Manufacturing partnership with Penn is delivering necessary quality & capacity for the clinical trial requirements

1. As of August 17, 2021.

### Potential drivers of biologic activity in autoimmune disease

Range of strategies to consider for targeted cell therapy approaches in patients with autoimmune diseases



## Accelerating timelines for DesCAARTes<sup>™</sup> trial

Rapid cadence of trial recruitment may enable enrollment & dosing of first 4 cohorts by end of 2021<sup>1</sup>



Number of transduced cells.

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

Plan to submit an IND after review of DSG3-CAART safety and biologic activity data with FDA

#### 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 ٠
- Managed with immune suppression, similar to mPV •
  - High risk of relapse
  - Potential for hospitalizations and fatal infections

#### % of PV sera targeting each domain<sup>1</sup>



#### DSG1-CAART and DSG3-CAART both demonstrated specific cytotoxicity in vitro<sup>2</sup>

 Together, DSG1-CAART and DSG3-CAART demonstrated cytotoxicity towards anti-DSG3 and anti-DSG1 B cells



Ohyama, 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.
 As presented at the 2018 International Investigative Dermatology conference.

# MuSK-CAART for patients with MuSK myasthenia gravis

### High unmet need in MuSK myasthenia gravis; a valuable CAAR target

All known extracellular domains can be included in the CAAR design



Hain, Berit, et al. "Successful treatment of MuSK antibody-positive myasthenia gravis with rituximab." Muscle & Nerve: Official Journal of the American Association of Electrodiagnostic Medicine 33.4 (2006): 575-580.
 Jilla, Isabel, et al. "Sustinated response to Rituximab in anti-AChR and anti-MuSK positive Myasthenia Gravis patients." Journal of neuroimmunology 201 (2008): 90-94.
 Jilang, Ruoyi, et al. "Single-cell repertoire tracing identifies rituximab-resistant B cells during myasthenia gravis relapses." JCl insight 5.14 (2020).

## MuSK-CAART showed in vitro selective & specific target engagement<sup>1</sup>

Additional in vitro studies demonstrated no confirmed off-target toxicity observed with MuSK-CAART to date



https://cabalettabio.com/technology/posters-publications.
 NTD = non transduced T cell control against the same target cells
 Target cells are the pre B cell line, Nalm-6, genetically modified to express anti-MuSK antibodies specific for one of the MuSK domains, Ig1, Ig2, Ig3, or Fz

## MuSK-CAART demonstrated specific in vivo target engagement<sup>1</sup>

MuSK-CAART eliminated anti-MuSK target cells<sup>2</sup> in an animal model where CART19 cells were a positive control



1. https://cabalettabio.com/technology/posters-publications. 2. Target cells represent a B cell tumor line (CD19 positive) that has been modified to express the anti-MuSK antibody.

## PLA2R-CAART for patients with PLA2R-associated membranous nephropathy

## Preclinical stage CAART program in membranous nephropathy

Primary MN is an immune-mediated kidney disease with anti-PLA2R antibodies in ~75% of patients

Membranous nephropathy (MN) is a type of glomerular disease that causes nephrotic syndrome and may lead to kidney failure

Accumulating evidence of a correlation between PLA2R antibodies and disease activity, remission and relapse in primary MN

1 PLA2R autoantibody levels routinely used as

diagnostic and prognostic markers

- 2 Autoantibody titer shown to precede and rise rapidly before clinical manifestations
- 3 Co-localization of antigen & PLA2R antibodies at site of damage in kidney



#### PLA2R+ MN is attractive for CAAR development

- Single pass transmembrane protein with distinct immunogenic regions
- Epitopes are well-defined
- IgG4-dominant disease, similar to PV and MuSK MG

Request for pre-IND interaction submitted to FDA; anticipate interaction to be conducted in 2H21

## Changing treatment paradigm highlights the role of B cells in disease

Opportunity to develop antigen-targeted therapy to address significant unmet need

#### High unmet need despite B cell-depleting therapies

- Rituximab increasing 1st line for medium to high-risk pts
  - 1/3 cure; 1/3 relapse; 1/3 fail<sup>1</sup>
  - Relapse of nephrotic syndrome occurs within 2-4 years
  - Preceded by return of B cells & PLA2R autoantibodies
- Patients with higher anti-PLA2R levels at baseline and with epitope spreading less likely to respond to rituximab
- Up to 30% of diagnosed patients develop ESRD



MENTOR trial results:

#### PLA2R antibody levels correlate with proteinuria, a commonly used surrogate endpoint

1. Accelerated rituximab clearance secondary to renal damage in patients with MN thought to be a major driver of limited drug effect.

## Potential addressable market for PLA2R-CAART

Eligible population prevalence of ~4,000 to 8,000 patients & annual incidence of ~700 to 1,400 patients



## Manufacturing

## Manufacturing strategy

Three-stage approach allows for efficient allocation of capital while leveraging experienced partners

<b>Stage 1:</b> Penn DSG3-CAART Phase 1 <sup>1</sup>	Stage 2: CDMOs & CABA Process MuSK-CAART Phase 1	<b>Stage 3:</b> Cabaletta Facility Commercialization & Scale-Up	
2019 —	2021 –	Data-gated investment	
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	OxfordBioMedica	Cabaletta Bio"	
<ul> <li>Cell processing capacity secured through Penn partnership</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CDMOs for vector and cell processing with commercial support capabilities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Leasing and build out Cabaletta- owned manufacturing facility</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>SOPs previously used to develop an FDA approved product</li> </ul>			
Clinical vector validated			

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

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## Parallel steps in manufacturing process<sup>1</sup> for CAR T vs CAAR T

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



- Penn process, not Novartis process, avoiding Kymriah release challenges<sup>2</sup>
- Engineering runs have demonstrated efficient manufacture of DSG3-CAART cells from PV patients<sup>3</sup>

#### Multiple runs contractually secured each month at Penn

Subject to future COVID-19 impact

#### DSG3 vector supply validated and secured

Penn-sponsored CD19 CAR IND CMC data has been cross-referenced in DSG3-CAART IND to provide additional data.
 Manufacturing challenges were due to release specifications: https://www.biopharmadive.com/news/novartis-hits-cart-manufacturing-snag-as-kymriah-sales-disappoint/528202/.
 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.</li>

## Corporate Summary

## Leadership team



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### Cabaletta today

Leveraging a clinically validated CAR T platform as a novel approach to treating autoimmune diseases aiming to provide:

- · Deep and durable responses, potentially cures, for autoimmune patients and
- An exceptional safety profile, based on
- · Highly specific, targeted therapy designed to eliminate only pathogenic B cells

Multiple potential near-term clinical data catalysts with potential pipeline read-through

Safety, biologic activity data, clinical responses

Expanding network of academic & industry partners to enhance platform

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## Anticipated near-term milestones

Milestone	1Q 2021	2Q 2021	3Q 2021	4Q 2021	1Q 2022
1 <sup>st</sup> cohort ( <i>20M</i> ) <sup>2</sup>					
2 <sup>nd</sup> cohort ( <i>100M</i> ) <sup>2</sup>			Ø		
3 <sup>rd</sup> cohort <sup>1</sup> (500M) <sup>2</sup>					
$4^{\text{th}} \operatorname{cohort}^1 (2.5B)^2$					
Validate manufacturing process with CMO partner					
MuSK-CAART IND filing					
Pre-IND interaction with FDA					
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1. Assumes no dose-limiting toxicities are observed during cohort and uninterrupted enrollment occurs in the trial. 2. Number of transduced cells.

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Cabaletta Bio Reports Clinical Data from the Second Dose Cohort in DesCAARTes™ Trial in Patients with mPV

- No dose-limiting toxicities (DLTs) or clinically relevant adverse events observed as of August 17 using 100 million cells in the second dose cohort
  - DSG3-CAART persistence observed in all three patients in the second dose cohort during the 28 days following infusion
- Dosing initiated in third cohort at 500 million cells, with biologic activity data from the first two dosing cohorts and third cohort safety data anticipated in 4Q21

**PHILADELPHIA**, Aug 18, 2021 — Cabaletta Bio, Inc. (Nasdaq: CABA), a clinical-stage biotechnology company focused on the discovery and development of engineered T cell therapies for patients with B cell-mediated autoimmune diseases, today announced 28-day data from the second dose cohort, at the 100 million cell dose level, in the DesCAARTes<sup>TM</sup> Phase 1 clinical trial of DSG3-CAART for the treatment of patients with mucosal-dominant pemphigus vulgaris (mPV).

"We continue to be encouraged by the safety profile of DSG3-CAART in all patients dosed to date. In the second cohort, with patients receiving 100 million DSG3-CAART cells – a five-fold higher dose than the initial cohort – there were no clinically relevant adverse events or DLTs observed either acutely or in the 28-day DLT monitoring period following infusion," said David J. Chang, M.D., Chief Medical Officer of Cabaletta. "Similar to the first cohort, this safety profile was observed in the presence of circulating anti-DSG3 antibodies. In the absence of preconditioning, DSG3-CAART persistence was observed via quantitative polymerase chain reaction in peripheral blood samples of all three patients in the second dose cohort during the 28 days following infusion."

In addition to assessing the safety and tolerability of DSG3-CAART, the trial is designed to evaluate early signs of efficacy through clinical outcomes, such as persistent decline in disease activity, reduction or discontinuation of immunosuppressive therapies and systemic corticosteroids, and absence of systemic rescue medication, as well as other biologic activity measures, including a persistent decline in anti-DSG3 antibody titers, indicating target engagement. "The persistence of DSG3-CAART post-infusion is also being evaluated as it may be an important indicator. We look forward to generating data on potential biologic activity, with the goal of providing a targeted and highly effective, and perhaps curative, therapy without generalized immunosuppression," continued Dr. Chang.

The DesCAARTes<sup>TM</sup> trial has initiated dosing of patients in the third cohort at a treatment dose of 500 million DSG3-CAART cells. Cabaletta expects to announce top-line data on biologic activity from the first two cohorts as well as safety data from the 500 million dose cohort in the fourth quarter of 2021. Absent DLTs in the third cohort, a fourth dose cohort using 2.5 billion cells is also anticipated to initiate dosing this year. Cabaletta will continue to provide additional data on a cohort-by-cohort basis for the DesCAARTes<sup>TM</sup> trial as they become available.

#### About the DesCAARTes<sup>™</sup> Clinical Trial

Cabaletta's DesCAARTes<sup>TM</sup> Phase 1 trial is an open-label, multi-center study of DSG3-CAART in adults with mucosal-dominant pemphigus vulgaris (mPV). The trial is designed to evaluate the safety and tolerability of DSG3-CAART as well as to identify evidence of target engagement and early signs of efficacy. The study consists of three parts: 1) dose escalation, 2) dose consolidation, and 3) expansion at the final selected dose and schedule. The trial is expected to enroll approximately 30 patients across multiple clinical sites throughout the United States. Visit our website (DesCAARTes<sup>TM</sup> Phase 1 Trial) for more information.

#### About Pemphigus Vulgaris

mPV is a rare autoimmune blistering disease that is characterized by the loss of adhesion between cells of the skin or mucous membranes. mPV is caused by the production of autoantibodies that disrupt structural proteins within the skin and/or mucosa that connect with other proteins to enable the skin and/or mucosal cells to connect with each other. The autoantibodies can target DSG3 and/or desmoglein 1 (DSG1), which are primarily expressed in the mucosal membranes and skin, respectively. mPV is characterized by autoantibodies against DSG3 only whereas mucocutaneous PV (mcPV) is characterized by autoantibodies against DSG3 and DSG1.

#### About CAAR T Cell Therapy

Chimeric AutoAntibody Receptor (CAAR) T cells are designed to selectively bind and eliminate only disease-causing B cells, while sparing the normal B cells that are essential for human health. CAAR T cells are based on the chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cell technology. While CAR T cells typically contain a CD19-targeting molecule, CAAR T cells express an autoantibody-targeted antigen on their surface. The co-stimulatory domain and the signaling domain of both a CAR T cell and a CAAR T cell carry out the same activation and cytotoxic functions. Thus, Cabaletta's CAARs are designed to direct the patient's T cells to kill only the pathogenic cells that express disease-causing autoantibodies on their surface, potentially leading to complete and durable remission of disease while sparing all other B cell populations that provide beneficial immunity from infection.

#### About Cabaletta Bio

Cabaletta Bio is a clinical-stage biotechnology company focused on the discovery and development of engineered T cell therapies, and exploring their potential to provide a deep and durable, perhaps curative, treatment, for patients with B cell-mediated autoimmune diseases. The Cabaletta Approach to selective B cell Ablation (CABA<sup>TM</sup>) platform, in combination with Cabaletta's proprietary technology, utilizes CAAR T cells that are designed to selectively bind and eliminate only specific autoantibody-producing B cells while sparing normal antibody-producing B cells, which are essential for human health. The Company's lead product candidate, DSG3-CAART, is being evaluated in the DesCAARTes<sup>TM</sup> phase 1 clinical trial as a potential treatment for patients with mucosal pemphigus vulgaris, a prototypical B cell-mediated autoimmune disease. The FDA granted Fast Track Designation for DSG3-CAART in May 2020. For more information about the DesCAARTes<sup>TM</sup> Phase 1 clinical trial, please visit our website <u>DesCAARTes<sup>TM</sup> Phase 1</u> <u>Trial</u>). The Company's lead preclinical product candidate, MuSK-CAART, is in IND-enabling studies and is designed as a potential treatment for patients with MuSK-associated myasthenia gravis. For more information, visit <u>www.cabalettabio.com</u>.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" of Cabaletta Bio within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended, including without limitation, express or implied statements regarding expectations regarding the progress and results of its DesCAARTes<sup>™</sup> Phase 1 trial, including Cabaletta Bio's ability to enroll the requisite number of patients and dose each dosing cohort in the intended manner; the expectation that Cabaletta Bio may improve outcomes for patients suffering from mPV; the effectiveness and timing of product candidates that Cabaletta may develop, including in collaboration with academic partners; the safety, efficacy and tolerability of DSG3-CAART for the treatment of mPV; the impact of COVID-19 on the timing, progress, interpretability of data, and results of ongoing or planned clinical trials; the significance of data Cabaletta may announce regarding ecrtain efficacy outcomes assessed in the DesCAARTes<sup>™</sup> trial; the impact of preclinical data on the future development of CAAR T therapies in our pipeline portfolio expectations of the potential impact of COVID-19 on strategy, future operations, and the timing of its clinical trials; the significance of its DesCAARTes<sup>™</sup> Phase 1 trial; and statements regarding regulatory filings regarding its development programs.

Any forward-looking statements in this press release are based on management's current expectations and beliefs of future events, and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially and adversely from those set forth in or implied by such forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: the risk that signs of biologic activity may not inform long-term results; Cabaletta Bio's ability to demonstrate sufficient evidence of safety, efficacy and tolerability in its preclinical and clinical trials of DSG3-CAART; risks related to clinical trial site activation or enrollment rates that are lower than expected; risks related to unexpected safety or efficacy data observed during clinical studies; risks related to the impact of public health epidemics affecting countries or regions in which we have operations or do business, such as COVID-19; Cabaletta's ability to retain and recognize the intended incentives conferred by Orphan Drug Designation and Fast Track Designation for DSG3-CAART for the treatment of PV; risks related to Cabaletta's ability to protect and maintain its intellectual property position; uncertainties related to the initiation and conduct of studies and other development requirements for its product candidates; and the risk that the initial or interim results of preclinical studies or clinical studies will not be predictive of future results in connection with future studies. For a discussion of these and other risks and uncertainties, and other important factors, in Cabaletta's other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. All information in this press release is as of the date of the release, and Cabaletta undertakes no duty to update this information unless required by law.

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