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### FORM 8-K

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

March 31, 2023

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

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Emerging growth company ⊠

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#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 31, 2023, 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.

On March 31, 2023, the Company issued a Press Release announcing that the Company's Investigational New Drug ("IND") application for CABA-201, a 4-1BB-containing fully human CD19-CAR T cell investigational therapy, has been cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (the "FDA") (the "Press Release"). A copy of the Press Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 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, including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 attached hereto, 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 March 31, 2023, the Company issued the Press Release announcing that the Company's IND application for CABA-201, a 4-1BB-containing fully human CD19-CAR T cell investigational therapy, has been cleared by the FDA. The Company plans to initiate a Phase 1/2 clinical trial of CABA-201 for the treatment of systemic lupus erythematosus ("SLE") in patients with active lupus nephritis (LN) or active SLE without renal involvement.

SLE is a chronic, potentially severe, autoimmune disease, most commonly impacting young women between the ages of 15 and 40 with higher frequency and more severity in people of color, where the immune system attacks healthy tissue throughout the body. It is characterized by abnormal B cell function and autoantibody production resulting in a range of clinical manifestations including end organ damage and an increased risk of death. It affects an estimated 160,000-320,000 patients in the U.S. in total. LN is the most commonend-organ manifestation of SLE, affecting approximately 40% of SLE patients. Among these patients, the risk of end-stage renal disease is approximately 17% and the risk of death is approximately 12%, each within 10 years of diagnosis.

CABA-201 is designed to be given as a one-time infusion, with the potential to transiently, but fully, eliminate B cells, thus enabling an "immune system reset" and durable remission in patients with SLE. The Phase 1/2 clinical trial is an open-label dose evaluation study designed to evaluate CABA-201 in SLE subjects with active LN or active SLE without renal involvement. Subjects will be treated with a standard preconditioning regimen consisting of fludarabine and cyclophosphamide prior to CABA-201 infusion. This represents the first trial that employs the Company's CARTA (Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cells for Autoimmunity) strategy. The Company expects to generate 3-month clinical data on efficacy endpoints and tolerability for patients dosed with CABA-201 by the first half of 2024.

#### Forward Looking Statements

The information under this Item 8.01 contains "forward-looking statements" of the Company 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 Company's ability to grow its autoimmune-focused pipeline; the Company's business plans and objectives; the Company's expectations around the potential success and therapeutic benefits of CABA-201, including its belief that CABA-201 may enable an "immune system reset" and provide deep and durable remission in patients with SLE and potentially for patients diagnosed with other autoimmune diseases; the Company's plans to initiate a Phase 1/2 clinical trial of CABA-201 in patients with SLE, including its anticipated progress, clinical trial design, ability to leverage its experience in autoimmune cell therapy and lupus product development; the Company's planned initial clinical data read-out in the first half of 2024; and the Company's ability to enroll the requisite number of patients, dose each dosing cohort in the intended manner in its Phase 1/2 clinical trial of CABA-201. Any forward-looking statements in this Item 8.01 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 or persistence may not inform long-term results; the Company's ability to demonstrate sufficient evidence of safety, efficacy and tolerability in its preclinical studies and clinical trials of CABA-201; 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 volatile market and economic conditions; risks related to the Company's ability to protect and maintain its intellectual property position; risks related to fostering and maintaining successful relationships with the Company's collaboration and manufacturing partners; 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, any of which could cause the Company's actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements, see the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the Company's most recent annual report on Form 10-K as well as discussions of potential risks, uncertainties, and other important factors in the Company's other and subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. All information in this Item 8.01 is as of the date of this Current Report on Form 8-K, and the Company undertakes no duty to update this information unless required by law.

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

### (d) Exhibits

- 99.1 <u>Cabaletta Bio, Inc. Corporate Presentation, dated March 31, 2023, furnished herewith.</u>
- 99.2 Press Release issued by the registrant on March 31, 2023, furnished herewith.
- 104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL Document).

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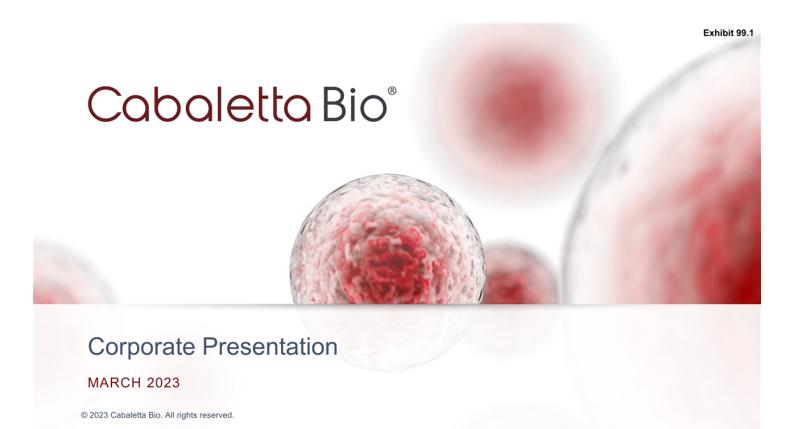
Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

### CABALETTA BIO, INC.

Date: March 31, 2023

By: /s/ Steven Nichtberger

Steven Nichtberger, M.D. President and Chief Executive Officer



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Various risks, uncertainties and assumptions could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated or implied in our forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, risks related to the success, cost, and timing of our product candidate development activities and preclinical studies and clinical trials, risks related to our ability to demonstrate sufficient evidence of safety, efficacy and tolerability in our preclinical studies and clinical trials of CABA-201, DSG3-CAART and MuSK-CAART, the risk that the results observed with the similarly-designed construct employed in the recent Nature Medicine publication are not indicative of the results we seek to achieve with CABA-201, our plans to evaluate additional cohorts in the DesCAART early including a cohort impliend in publication are not indicative of the results observed with effective of CABA-201, our plans to evaluate additional cohorts in the DesCAART early including a cohort impliend in publicative of the replicable to, clinical responses in patients with mPV, risks related to our relationship with that parties, uncertainties related to regulatory agencies evaluation of regulatory filings and other information related to our product candidates, our ability to retain and recognize the intended incentive conferred by any Orphan Drug Designation and Fast Track Designations, the risk that any one or more of our product candidates will not be successfully developed and commercialized, the risk that the results of preclinical studies or clinical studies will not be predictive of future results in connection with future studies, the impact of COVID-19 on the timing, progress, interpretability of data, and results of ongoing or planned clinical trials and risks relating to sax results of preclinical studies will not be predictive of future results in connection with future studies, the impact of COVID-19 on the timing, and other visual production of the product and contained of contrained productive of the

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

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## Cabaletta®: Pursuing cures for a broad range of autoimmune diseases

CABA-201 IND cleared for SLE +/- nephritis within 6 months of in-licensing binder for product candidate

### CARTA Strategy | CABA-201 (4-1BB CD19-CAR T) IND cleared for Phase 1/2 study in SLE

- CABA-201 has been specifically engineered for patients with autoimmune diseases
  - Same 4-1BB costimulatory domain and similar CD19 binder affinity<sup>1</sup> as used in the academic SLE<sup>2</sup> & myositis studies<sup>3</sup>
  - Fully human CD19 binder in CABA-201 clinically evaluated in ~20 oncology patients with safety profile appropriate for study in autoimmunity
- Efficient Phase 1/2 clinical trial design including initial dose and dosing intervals between patients
  - Clinical trial informed by CABA-201 binder clinical safety data, prior autoimmune cell therapy INDs and exclusive translational partnership
  - · CABA-201 will be evaluated in SLE patients with lupus nephritis (LN) and in SLE patients without renal involvement
- Potential to cure a broad range of autoimmune diseases where B cells have a role initiating or maintaining disease

### CAART Strategy | DSG3-CAART & MuSK-CAART clinical studies evaluating combination regimens

- DesCAARTes™ trial in mucosal pemphigus vulgaris 1 month safety & persistence data anticipated 1H23<sup>4</sup>
  - Enrolling in combination sub-study using pre-treatment with IVIg & cyclophosphamide
- MusCAARTes™ trial in MuSK myasthenia gravis leveraging insights from autoimmune experience with DSG3-CAART Initiated in 4Q22; received FDA Fast Track Designation & Orphan Drug Designation

Initial CABA-201 clinical data & 6-mo combination data from CAART trials expected by 1H244

CAART - Chimeric AutoAntibody Receptor T cells; CARTA - Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cells for Autoimmunity; IND - Investigational New Drug; SLE - Systemic lupus erythematosus

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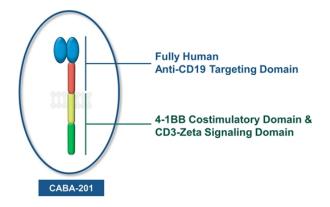
# One CABA™ platform, two strategies to address autoimmune diseases

Complementary strategies to optimize clinical outcomes using cellular therapies in autoimmune diseases

### **CARTA**

Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cells for Autoimmunity

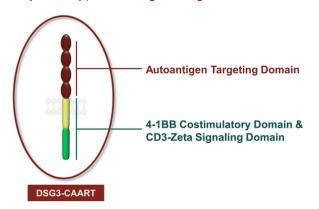
Potential to 'reset the immune system' in patients with autoimmune diseases driven by B cells, through generalized transient B cell depletion and repopulation of healthy B cells 1,2



### **CAART**

Chimeric AutoAntibody Receptor T cells

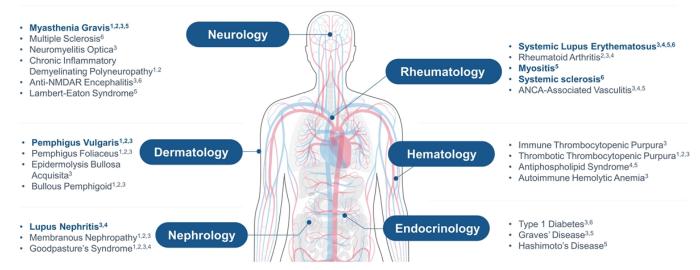
In autoimmune diseases with a **limited number of well-defined** pathogenic autoantibodies, permanent antigen-specific B cell depletion may provide an elegant biologic solution to disease3



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

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

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



- Illustrative list of autoimmune diseases where B cells may play a role in initiating or maintaining disease, and where biologic opportunity for cure or treatment with CAART or CARTA approach may be possible.

  Diseases in bold represent where clinical studies are underway or plan to be initiated by Caballetta or by Professor Schett

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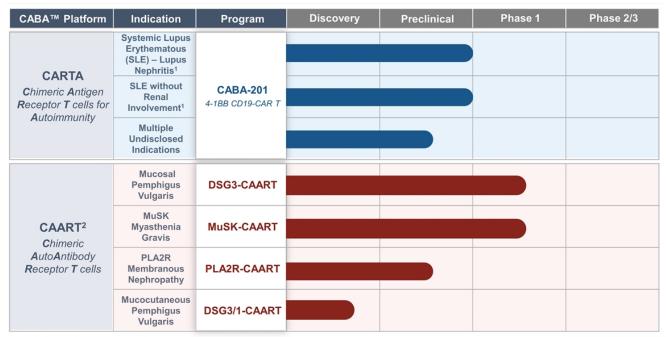
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  3. Ludwig, Ralf J., et al. "Mechanisms of autoantibody-induced pathology." Frontiers in immunology 8 (2017): 603.

  4. Suurmond, Jolien, and Betty Diamond. "Autoantibodies in systemic autoimmune diseases: appearance of autoantibodies in autoimmune diseases." Autoimmunity Reviews (2020): 102743.

  6. Hampe, Christiane S. "B cells in autoimmune diseases." Scientifica 2012 (2012).

# Pipeline targeting autoimmune diseases where cure is possible



Being evaluated in a single clinical trial for CABA-201.
 Additional CAART disease targets in discovery stage include two undisclosed indications.



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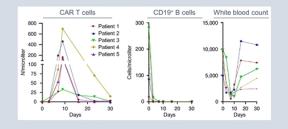
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# Academic data: Immune system reset in SLE & myositis patients<sup>1,2</sup>

Exclusive translational research partnership with lead investigator informing our CD19 clinical strategy

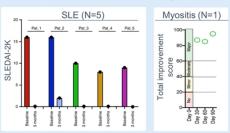
### 4-1BB CD19-CAR T3 resulted in rapid, deep & transient CD19\* B cell depletion

- 1x10<sup>6</sup> cells/kg preceded by standard Flu/Cy regimen
- CD19 binder (FMC63 scFv) & 4-1BB costim domain3



### Clinical & serologic responses within 3 mo. of CD19-CAR T therapy in refractory patients with SLE<sup>1</sup> & patient with myositis<sup>2</sup>

Rapid & robust improvement in clinical disease activity



Normalization of serum markers of disease

5/5 SLE patients

- · Anti-dsDNA Abs undetectable
- · Complement levels normalized

Myositis patient (antisynthetase syndrome):

· Creatinine kinase dropped to normal

### Promising safety data<sup>1,2</sup>

- · Grade 1 CRS (fever) in 4/6 patients
- · No ICANS of any grade

### Repopulation of healthy B cells<sup>1,2</sup>

- · New B cells in 6/6 patients in 2-5 months
- · Limited decline in vaccination titers

### Durable clinical responses<sup>1,2</sup>

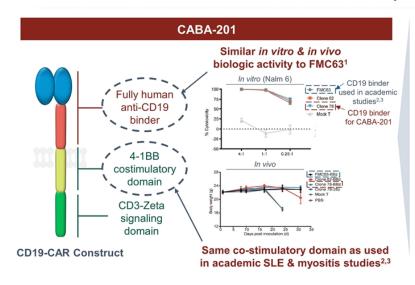
- · 5-17 months of follow up
- · Off other immunosuppressive medications

SLE — Systemic lupus erythematosus; ASyS — Anti-synthetase syndrome; scFv — Single chain variable fragment; SLEDAI-2K — Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Disease Activity Index 2000; CRS — Cytokine release syndrome; ICANS — Immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome; Anti-dsDNA Abs — Anti-double-stranded deoxyribonucleic acid antibodies

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   The construct utilized in this study has a similar design to CABA-201, sharing the 4-1BB costimulatory domain, but is a different construct.

# CABA-201: CD19-targeting CAR T therapy for autoimmune diseases

Cabaletta's CD19 binder with similar in vitro & in vivo activity to FMC631 (binder used in academic studies<sup>2,3</sup>)



### Clinical data reported by laso using licensed CD19 binder4

Fully human binder

Evaluated within dual-CAR combined with CD22 binder with standard Flu/Cy preconditioning

▶ Data reported in ~20 patients to date<sup>4</sup> B cell leukemia and lymphoma in IIT in China

▶ Safety data supports autoimmune development<sup>4</sup>

SLE - Systemic lupus erythematosus; IIT - Investigator-initiated trial; Flu/Cy - Fludarabine/Cyclophosphamide; CRS - Cytokine release syndrome; ICANS - Immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome

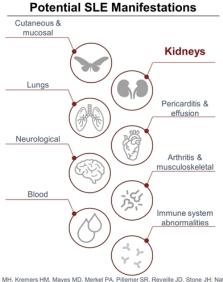
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   Evaluated as part of CT120, a dual-CD19xCD22 CAR T product candidate under development by Nanjing IASO Biotherapeutics, Co., Ltd. (IASO Bio).

## SLE & Lupus Nephritis: unmet clinical need

Up to 320,000 SLE patients in the US alone, ~40% with LN, who face increased risk of kidney failure & death

SLE is a chronic autoimmune disease that affects ~160-320k1, typically young U.S. patients - and over 3 million people worldwide<sup>2</sup>

- Widespread, chronic inflammation and tissue damage which can affect virtually any organ system
- Potential for life-threatening complications
- Disproportionately affects
  - · young women
  - people of color3,4



Lupus nephritis (LN) is a serious complication of SLE, affecting ~40% of SLE patients<sup>3</sup>

- Within 10 years of LN diagnosis:
  - End-stage renal disease: 17%3
  - Mortality: 12%<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1.</sup> Helmick CG, Felson DT, Lawrence RC, Gabriel S, Hirsch R, Kwoh CK, Liang MH, Kremers HM, Mayes MD, Merkel PA, Pillemer SR, Reveille JD, Stone JH; National Arthritis Data Workgroup. Estimates of the prevalence of arthritis and other rheumatic conditions in the United States. Part I. Arthritis Rheum. 2008 Jan;58(1):15-25.

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4. Lewis, M. J., & Jawad, A. S. (2017). The effect of ethnicity and genetic ancestry on the epidemiology, clinical features and outcome of systemic lupus erythematosus. Rheumatology, 56(suppl\_1), i67-i77.

5. Hahn, B. H., Mcmahon, M. A., Wilkinson, A., Wallace, W., D., Daikh, D. I., Fitzgerald, J. D., ... & Grossman, J. M. (2012). American College of Rheumatology guidelines for screening, treatment, and management of lupus nephritis. Arthritis care & research, 64(6), 797-808.

## Planned Phase 1/2 study design of CABA-201 in patients with SLE

CABA-201 to be evaluated in patients with either SLE with active LN or SLE without renal involvement

### Phase 1/2 Study of CABA-201

Open Label, Dose Evaluation to evaluate CABA-201 in subjects with 1) SLE with active LN or 2) SLE without renal involvement

#### Part A primary objective:

Safety & tolerability of CABA-201 in subjects with SLE with active LN or SLE without renal involvement within 28 days of infusion

#### Part A key secondary objectives include CABA-201 effects on:

- SLE clinical disease activity, and
- SLE serology, as well as
- Pharmacokinetics / pharmacodynamics

### **Efficient Study Design**

- Initial dose to be evaluated<sup>1</sup>
- 2 Patient dosing intervals

### **Key Inclusion Criteria**

- Age ≥ 18 to ≤ 65 years
- Clinical SLE per the 2019 EULAR/ACR classification criteria
- Positive ANA titer or anti-dsDNA antibody
  Disease activity despite prior or current treatment with standard of care

#### **Key Exclusion Criteria**

- Treatment with B cell depleting agent within 6 months
- Treatment with biologic agent within 3 months
- Previous CAR T therapy

Timely IND clearance supports anticipated milestone to generate 3-month clinical efficacy endpoint and tolerability data for patients dosed with CABA-201 by 1H24

SLE – Systemic lupus erythematosus; EULAR – European League Against Rheumatism; ACR – American College of Rheumatology

1. Subjects will be treated with a standard preconditioning regimen consisting of fludarabine and cyclophosphamide prior to a single dose CABA-201 infusion.

### Accelerating development of CABA-201 for autoimmune diseases

Our product candidate, people and partnership enable accelerated progress while integrating unique insights

### Efficient clinical trial design for CABA-201 facilitates rapid and broad development program

- Product Candidate with 4-1BB co-stim domain; similar binding activity to academic CD-19 CAR T<sup>1,2,3</sup>
  - CABA-201 fully human binder clinical tolerability profile based on use in ~20 oncology patients
  - 4-1BB co-stimulatory domain identical to that used in academic CD19-CAR T study<sup>1,2</sup>
- People Singular focus on potentially curative cell therapies for autoimmune disease since 2018
  - Deep understanding and experience with complicated cell therapy programs in autoimmune patients
    - Novel insights on clinical designs from prior FDA discussions and three timely submitted and cleared IND fillings
    - · Track record at a dozen US sites with implementation of complicated cell therapy logistics in autoimmune patients
    - Leadership with experience developing both SLE products that were FDA approved in the past 65 years
- Partnership Exclusive translational research partnership provided early and actionable insights
  - · Scientific and clinical data sharing has already impacted our clinical strategy and design

SLE - Systemic lupus erythematosus

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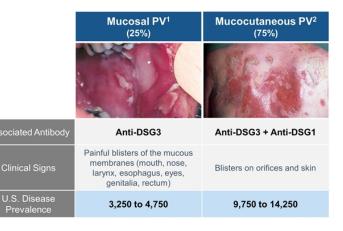


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## Overview of pemphigus vulgaris & current treatment landscape

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



### Broad immunosuppression<sup>3,6</sup>

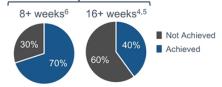
Modestly effective & poorly tolerated

### Rituximab plus steroids (~3,500 mg/yr)4

% of patients failing to achieve any 8+ or 16+ weeks without lesions or medicines

### **Transient** remission

~30% relapse in 1 year & >50% relapse in 2 years6



- 22% annual serious adverse event (SAE) rate<sup>4</sup>
- Safety risks . 4-9%3,4,5 annual risk of severe infection in PV
  - ~1.9% lifetime risk of fatal infection<sup>7</sup>

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

- 1. Image credit: D@nderm.
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  3. Joly, Pascal, et al. "First-line fluximab 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 Lancest 389.10083 (2017): 2031-2004.
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  5. Rituximab Jabel, 08/2020 revision.
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# Ongoing DesCAARTes™ study in patients with mucosal PV





Monotherapy DSG3-CAART demonstrates favorable tolerability to date, but persistence plateaus

### **DesCAARTes™ study of DSG3-CAART**

Ongoing open-label Phase 1 study<sup>1</sup> to determine the maximum tolerated dose & to evaluate safety of DSG3-CAART

Part A Cohorts <sup>1</sup>	Subjects	Dose*
A1 – A6m <sup>2,3</sup>	3 (+3) per cohort	20M to 15B

#### Primary objective:

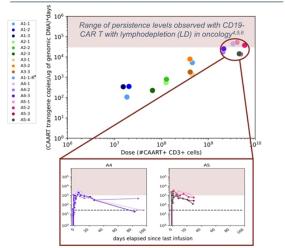
Determine the maximum tolerated dose of DSG3-CAART

#### Primary endpoint:

Adverse events, including dose-limiting toxicities (DLTs), related to DSG3-CAART within 3 months of infusion

Combination Sub-study	Subjects	Dose*
IVIG / Cyclophosphamide <sup>3</sup>	3 (+3) per cohort	2.5B

#### DSG3-CAART Persistence to 29d in Cohorts A1-A5



- 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. 2. Cohort A6m reflects a two-dose regimen of 5.0 to 7.5 billion cells, 3 weeks apart, for a total of 10 to 15 billion cells, which is designed to prolong exposure time of DSG3-CAART *in vivo*.

  3. Combination cohort has been prioritized relative to A6m based on emerging data in cohorts A4 and A5.

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  \* 20M, 100M, 500M, 2.58, 5.08 to 7.58 and 108 to 158 refers to the number of DSG3-CAART cells infused for patients in dosing cohorts A1 to A6m (M millions; B billions).



## Combination sub-study prioritized to increase CAART exposure

Combination strategy designed to enhance cytokine and/or diminish autoantibody effects on CAART activity

### Combination sub-study cohort

A4 dose (2.5x109 cells) + cyclophosphamide (CY) & IVIg

- · Dose-dependent increase in CAART persistence as monotherapy plateaued with Cohort A5
  - · no clear pattern in antibody levels and disease activity observed in cohort A5 dose
- CY + IVIg preconditioning regimen may:
  - · reduce anti-DSG3 autoantibodies, addressing a potential efficacy barrier
  - reduce 'cytokine sink,' potentially enhancing CAART activation & proliferation
  - provide transient improvement in first few months after infusion<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>
    - · which may require 6-9 months to determine DSG3-CAART clinical effect

### Cohort A6m | 2x A5 dose (1-1.5x10<sup>10</sup> cells) – lower priority

- · Two infusions at the A5 dose level 3 weeks apart
  - · To potentially increase the duration of maximal exposure to DSG3-CAART
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## High unmet need in MuSK myasthenia gravis



Strategy for first-in-human trial informed by learnings from DesCAARTes™ study

## Compelling biologic rationale, similar to PV

- · IgG4-dominant disease
- Autoantibody titers drop after rituximab<sup>1,2</sup>
- Pathogenic B cells incompletely eliminated by rituximab and persist during relapse<sup>3</sup>
- Circulating anti-MuSK antibody titers may be ~90% lower than anti-DSG3 antibody in PV4,5,6

### Differentiated market opportunity

- Total U.S. MG prevalence 50,000 to 80,000 patients
- MuSK+ MG comprises 6-7.5% of total MG population
- Compared to AChR+ MG, MuSK+ disease is typically more severe with limited treatment options
- MuSK+ disease has early onset, 7:1 females

### MusCAARTes™ study of MuSK-CAART

Ongoing open-label study to determine the maximum tolerated dose & to evaluate safety of MuSK-CAART

Part	Cohort	Subjects
A – Monotherapy Dose Escalation <sup>7</sup> Dose increasing from 500M with 2 (+4) design	A1-A3	2 (+4) per cohort
A – Adaptive Combination Cohorts <sup>7</sup> Combination cohorts <sup>8</sup> , starting at A2 dose	A4+	2 (+4) per cohort
B – Expansion Expanded subject enrollment at final selected dose	В	~12

#### Study Endpoint & Objectives

Primary Endpoint: Adverse Events, including DLT

Secondary & Tertiary Objectives: CAART expansion/persistence, effect on serum anti-MuSK antibody titer, use of concomitant systemic medications, effect on clinical symptoms, manufacturing success rate

<sup>\* 500</sup>M refers to the number of MuSK-CAART cells infused for patients in dosing cohort A1 (M - millions).

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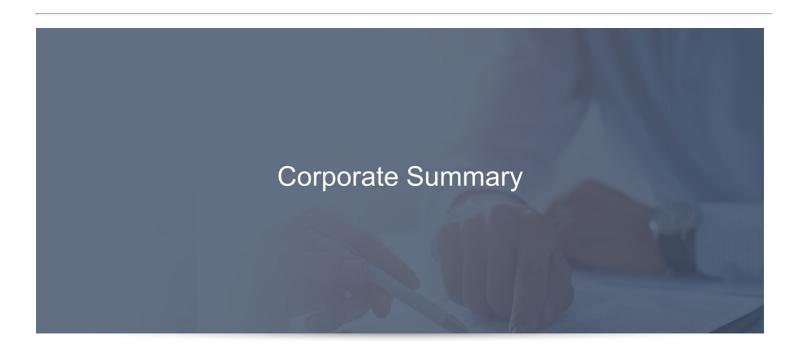
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7. A total of 8 subjects will need to have received the final selected dose in Part A of the study.

8. Cohorts A3 and A4 will be enrolled concurrently after cohort A2 is well-tolerated with a preference for enrollment into A4.



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## Manufacturing strategy

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

#### Stage 1: Stage 2: Stage 3: Penn CDMOs & CABA Process Commercialization & Scale-Up · Cell processing capacity secured · CDMOs for vector and cell processing · Leasing followed by engineering and through Penn partnership with commercial support capabilities1 build out of Cabaletta-owned manufacturing facility, and/or · SOPs previously used to develop multiple clinical stage CAR T products · Establishment of a strategic partnership to rapidly & reliably scale OxfordBioMedica · Clinical vector validated manufacturing, leveraging the partner's manufacturing expertise WuXi AppTec Cabaletta Bio°

1. CDMOs shown are currently contracted for select CAART product candidates.

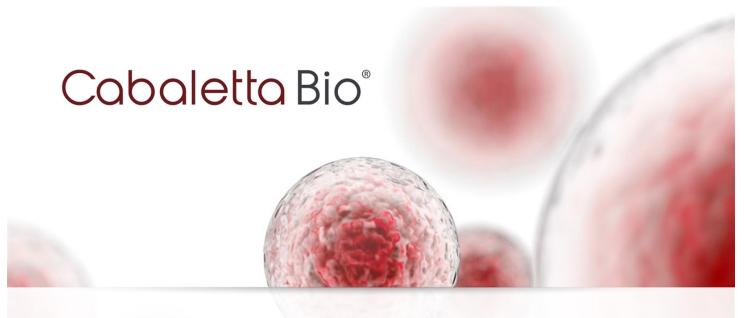
## Cabaletta Bio leadership



Track record of operational success employing novel cell therapies in autoimmunity across preclinical, clinical, manufacturing & regulatory domains

# Multiple potential clinical catalysts anticipated in next 12-18 months<sup>1</sup>

	<b>Expected Timing</b>	Expected Milestone		
CABA-201	1H 2023	IND clearance ✓		
4-1BB CD19-CAR T	1H 2024	Initial clinical data		
DSG3-CAART	1H 2023	1-month safety & persistence data for combination cohort in DesCAARTes™ trial		
Mucosal-dominant pemphigus vulgaris	2H 2023	6-month data for combination cohort		
MuSK-CAART	4Q 2022	Initiate first-in-human MusCAARTes™ trial ✓		
MuSK-associated myasthenia gravis	1H 2024	6-month data for combination cohort		
Cash runway into 1Q25				



# Corporate Presentation

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Cabaletta Bio Receives FDA Clearance of IND Application for CABA-201 for Treatment of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

- IND application cleared within 6 months of in-licensing CABA-201 binder

- CABA-201 data package and experience from prior autoimmune cell therapy INDs informed Phase 1/2 clinical trial design, including the initial dose to be evaluated and the patient dosing intervals

PHILADELPHIA, March 31, 2023 – Cabaletta Bio, Inc. (Nasdaq: CABA), a clinical-stage biotechnology company focused on developing and launching the first curative targeted cell therapies for patients with autoimmune diseases, today announced that the Company's Investigational New Drug (IND) application for CABA-201, a 4-1BB-containing fully human CD19-CAR T cell investigational therapy, has been cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The Company plans to initiate a Phase 1/2 clinical trial of CABA-201 for the treatment of systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) in patients with active lupus nephritis (LN) or active SLE without renal involvement.

"We believe the clearance of this IND application within 6 months of licensing the binder for CABA-201 is an important milestone for patients with autoimmune disease. The efficient clinical trial design was informed by the data package we submitted, including clinical safety data with the CABA-201 binder, our experience from prior autoimmune cell therapy IND applications and our exclusive translational research partnership with the senior author of the *Nature Medicine* paper, which demonstrated 5/5 durable remissions throughout the follow-up period up to 17 months in patients with refractory SLE," said Steven Nichtberger, M.D., Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder of Cabaletta. "The Phase 1/2 clinical trial will begin in patients with either active LN or SLE without renal involvement. Based on its similarity to the product used in the *Nature Medicine* paper, we believe CABA-201 has the potential to provide deep and durable responses for patients with SLE and possibly other autoimmune diseases where B cells play a role to initiate or sustain disease pathology. By achieving a timely IND clearance, we believe we are well positioned to generate 3-month clinical data on efficacy endpoints and tolerability for patients dosed with CABA-201 by the first half of 2024."

SLE is a chronic, potentially severe, autoimmune disease, most commonly impacting young women between the ages of 15 and 40 with higher frequency and more severity in people of color, where the immune system attacks healthy tissue throughout the body. It is characterized by abnormal B cell function and autoantibody production resulting in a range of clinical manifestations including end organ damage and an increased risk of death. It affects an estimated 160,000-320,000 patients in the U.S. in total. LN is the most commonend-organ manifestation of SLE, affecting approximately 40% of SLE patients. Among these patients, the risk of end-stage renal disease is approximately 17% and the risk of death is approximately 12%, each within 10 years of diagnosis.

CABA-201 is designed to be given as a one-time infusion, with the potential to transiently, but fully, eliminate B cells, thus enabling an "immune system reset" and durable remission in patients with SLE. The Phase 1/2 clinical trial is an open-label dose evaluation study designed to evaluate CABA-201 in SLE subjects with active LN or active SLE without renal involvement. Subjects will be treated with a standard preconditioning regimen consisting of fludarabine and cyclophosphamide prior to CABA-201 infusion. This represents the first trial that employs Cabaletta's CARTA (Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cells for Autoimmunity) strategy.

#### About Cabaletta Bio

Cabaletta Bio (Nasdaq: CABA) is a clinical-stage biotechnology company focused on the discovery and development of engineered T cell therapies that have the potential to provide a deep and durable, perhaps curative, treatment for patients with autoimmune diseases. The CABA™ platform encompasses two strategies: the CARTA (Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cells for Autoimmunity) strategy, with CABA-201, a 4-1BB-containing fully human CD19-CAR T, as the lead product candidate being evaluated in lupus nephritis and systemic lupus erythematosus without renal involvement, and the CAART (Chimeric AutoAntibody Receptor T cells) strategy, with multiple clinical-stage candidates, including DSG3-CAART for mucosal pemphigus vulgaris and MuSK-CAART for MuSK myasthenia gravis. The expanding CABA™ platform may offer potentially curative therapies for patients with a broad range of autoimmune diseases. Cabaletta Bio's headquarters and labs are located in Philadelphia, PA.

#### 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: Cabaletta's ability to grow its autoimmune-focused pipeline; the ability to capitalize on and potential benefits resulting from the translational research partnership with Professor Georg Schett and the exclusive license agreement with IASO Bio; the Company's business plans and objectives; Cabaletta Bio's expectations around the potential success and therapeutic benefits of CABA-201, including its belief that CABA-201 may enable an "immune system reset" and provide deep and durable responses for patients with SLE and potentially for patients diagnosed with other autoimmune disease; the Company's plans to initiate a Phase 1/2 clinical trial of CABA-201 in patients with SLE, including its anticipated progress, clinical trial design, ability to leverage its experience in autoimmune cell therapy and lupus product development; the Company's planned initial clinical data read-out in the first half of 2024; Cabaletta's ability to enroll the requisite number of patients, dose each dosing cohort in the intended manner in its Phase 1/2 clinical trial of CABA-201; and the ability to accelerate Cabaletta's pipeline and develop meaningful therapies for patients, including in collaboration with academic and industry partners and the ability to optimize such collaborations on 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 or persistence may not inform long-term results; Cabaletta's ability to demonstrate sufficient evidence of safety, efficacy and tolerability in its preclinical studies and clinical trials of DSG3-CAART, MuSK-CAART and CABA-201; the risk that the results observed with the similarly-designed construct employed in the recent*Nature Medicine* publication are not indicative of the results we seek to achieve withCABA-201; 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 volatile market and economic conditions; risks related to the impact of public health epidemics affecting countries or regions in which Cabaletta has operations or does 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 its product candidates, as applicable; risks related to Cabaletta's ability to protect and maintain its intellectual property position; risks related to fostering and maintaining successful relationships with Cabaletta's collaboration and manufacturing partners; uncertainties related to the initiation and conduct of studies and other development requirements for its product candidates; the risk that any one or more of Cabaletta's product candidates will not be successfully developed and/or commercialized; 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, any of which could cause Cabaletta's actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements, see the section entitled "Risk Factors" in Cabaletta's most recent annual report on Form 10-K as well as discussions of potential risks, uncertainties, and other important factors in Cabaletta's other and subsequent 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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