
**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**

May 16, 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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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:

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On May 16, 2023, Cabaletta Bio, Inc. (the “Company” or “Cabaletta”) posted to the “Investors & Media” section of the Company’s website at www.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 Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1 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.***Myositis Press Release***

On May 16, 2023, the Company issued a press release announcing that the Company’s second 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”) for a Phase 1/2 study in patients with active idiopathic inflammatory myopathy (“IIM” or “myositis”). The Company plans to initiate a Phase 1/2 clinical trial of CABA-201 for the treatment of six patients with dermatomyositis (“DM”), six patients with anti-synthetase syndrome (“ASyS”), and six patients with immune-mediated necrotizing myopathy (“IMNM”), all in separate parallel cohorts. The initial dose for the trial, 1×10^6 cells/kg, was informed by preclinical data evaluating the binder in CABA-201 and the binder used in the CD19-CAR T construct administered to a patient with myositis in the recent *Lancet Rheumatology* publication.

Myositis refers to a group of autoimmune diseases characterized by inflammation and muscle weakness. In some cases, myositis may also affect other organs and systems in the body, such as the lungs, heart, or skin. Myositis is classified into several subtypes based on the underlying immune mechanisms and clinical characteristics. Although the pathogenesis of myositis is not well understood, there are several subtypes thought to be driven by B cells, including DM, ASyS and IMNM. These three subtypes impact approximately 66,000 patients in the US alone, and typically affect middle-aged individuals, particularly women. All three subtypes can lead to severe functional impairment and may be life-threatening. Current treatment typically involves medications to suppress the immune system and/or chronic intensive therapies such as intravenous immunoglobulin, or IVIg. Despite these therapies, a significant portion of myositis patients have disease that remains refractory to existing medications.

The Phase 1/2 clinical trial will be an open-label study of CABA-201 in subjects with active myositis, including the subtypes of DM, ASyS and IMNM. Subjects will receive a one-time infusion of CABA-201 at a dose of 1.0×10^6 cells/kg, preceded by a standard preconditioning regimen of fludarabine and cyclophosphamide. Key inclusion criteria include patients between ages 18 to 65 (inclusive), evidence of active disease and disease activity despite prior or current treatment with standard of care treatments. Key exclusion criteria include cancer-associated myositis, significant lung or cardiac impairment, treatment with a B cell depleting agent within approximately six months or treatment with a biologic agent within approximately three months.

Corporate Presentation

On May 16, 2023, the Company posted the Corporate Presentation to the “Investors & Media” section of the Company’s website at www.cabalettabio.com, which included the following updates: (i) a modest increase in persistence was observed in the first two patients in the combination sub-study, incorporating a pre-treatment combination regimen with intravenous immunoglobulin (“IVIg”) and cyclophosphamide (“Cy”) in the DesCAARTes™ trial; (ii) the Company is planning to initiate a cohort of incorporating a pre-treatment combination regimen with fludarabine, IVIg and Cy in the DesCAARTes™ trial following completion of the dose-limiting toxicity window for the IVIg and Cy combination cohort; and (iii) the previously announced MusCAARTes™ study timelines are being evaluated based on emerging data from the DesCAARTes™ study.

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: Cabaletta’s ability to grow its autoimmune-focused pipeline; the Company’s business plans and objectives; Cabaletta’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 autoimmune diseases; the Company’s plans to initiate a Phase 1/2 clinical trial of CABA-201 in patients with myositis, including its anticipated progress, clinical trial design and ability to leverage its experience in autoimmune cell therapy; Cabaletta’s ability to enroll the requisite number of patients, dose each dosing cohort in the intended manner in its Phase 1/2 clinical trials of CABA-201; the progress and results of the Company’s DesCAARTes™ Phase 1 trial, including the significance and impact around reported safety and clinical and translational data of cohorts from the DesCAARTes™ trial, and the Company’s ability to advance dose escalation and initiate combination cohorts and to optimize targeted cell therapy; Cabaletta’s ability to implement a pre-treatment regimen, the outcomes of such pre-treatment regimen and the potential ability to enhance *in vivo* DSG3-CAART exposure; and Cabaletta’s ability to successfully complete its preclinical and clinical studies for its product candidates, including CABA-201, ongoing Phase 1 DesCAARTes™ trial, and its ongoing Phase 1 MusCAARTes™ trial of MuSK-CAART, including the ability to enroll the requisite number of patients, dose each dosing cohort in the intended manner, and to progress the trial on a timely manner.

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; Cabaletta’s ability to demonstrate sufficient evidence of safety, efficacy and tolerability in its preclinical studies and clinical trials of CABA-201, DSG3-CAART and MuSK-CAART; the risk that the results observed with the similarly-designed construct, including, but not limited to, dosing regimen, employed in the recent publications, including the *Lancet Rheumatology* publication, are not indicative of the results we seek to achieve with CABA-201; Cabaletta’s plans to evaluate additional cohorts in the DesCAARTes™ trial, including a cohort implementing a pre-treatment regimen; 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 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 [Cabaletta Bio, Inc. Corporate Presentation, dated May 16, 2023, furnished herewith.](#)
- 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: May 16, 2023

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

Cabaletta Bio[®]

Corporate Presentation

MAY 2023

© 2023 Cabaletta Bio. All rights reserved.

Disclaimer

The following presentation, including any printed or electronic copy of these slides, the talks given by the presenters, the information communicated during any delivery of the presentation and any question and answer session and any document or material distributed at or in connection with the presentation (collectively, the "Presentation") has been prepared by Cabaletta Bio, Inc. ("we," "us," "our," "Cabaletta" or the "Company") and is made for informational purposes only. This Presentation does not purport to be a prospectus, to be complete or to contain all of the information you may desire. Statements contained herein are made as of the date of this Presentation unless stated otherwise, and this Presentation shall not under any circumstances create an implication that the information contained herein is correct as of any time after such date or that information will be updated or revised to reflect information that subsequently becomes available or changes occurring after the date hereof. This Presentation may contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 relating to our business, operations, and financial conditions, and include, but are not limited to, express or implied statements regarding our current beliefs, expectations and assumptions regarding: our business, future plans and strategies for our CAAR T and CARTA technologies and CABA™ platform; our ability to grow our 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; our expectations around the potential success and therapeutic benefits of CABA-201, including our belief that CABA-201 may enable an "immune system reset" and provide deep and durable responses for patients with autoimmune diseases; our plans to initiate (i) a Phase 1/2 clinical trial of CABA-201 in patients with SLE, including our anticipated progress, clinical trial design, ability to leverage our experience in autoimmune cell therapy and lupus product development and (ii) a Phase 1/2 clinical trial of CABA-201 in patients with myositis, including its anticipated progress, clinical trial design and ability to leverage its experience in autoimmune cell therapy; our planned initial clinical data read-out in the first half of 2024 for patients treated with CABA-201; our ability to enroll the requisite number of patients, dose each dosing cohort in the intended manner, and advance the trial as planned in our Phase 1/2 clinical trials of CABA-201; the timing any planned regulatory filings for our development programs; the progress and results of our DesCAARTes™ Phase 1 trial, including the significance and impact around reported safety and clinical and translational data of cohorts from our DesCAARTes™ trial, and our ability to advance dose escalation and initiate combination cohorts and to optimize our targeted cell therapy; our ability to implement a pre-treatment regimen, the outcomes of such pre-treatment regimen and the potential ability to enhance *in vivo* DSG3-CAART exposure; the therapeutic potential and clinical benefits of our product candidates; the expectation that Cabaletta may improve outcomes for patients suffering from systemic lupus erythematosus, myositis, mucosal pemphigus vulgaris, myasthenia gravis, or other autoimmune diseases; our ability to escalate dosing as high as 10 to 15 billion cells in cohort A6m, initiate dosing in a combination cohort or otherwise; our ability to evaluate, and the potential significance of, the relationship between DSG3-CAART persistence and potential clinical responses in patients with mPV; our ability to safely retreat additional patients and whether we will continue to observe a lack of immune-mediated clearance of DSG3-CAART cells after retreatment and repeat dosing of patients; our ability to successfully complete our preclinical and clinical studies for our product candidates, including CABA-201, our ongoing Phase 1 DesCAARTes™ trial, and our ongoing Phase 1 MuSK-CAART, including our ability to enroll the requisite number of patients, dose each dosing cohort in the intended manner, and progress the trial; the ability of MuSK-CAART to target B cells that differentiate into antibody secreting cells, which produce autoantibodies against muscle-specific kinase; our ability to obtain and maintain regulatory approval of our product candidates, including our expectations regarding the intended incentives conferred by and ability to retain Orphan Drug Designation and Fast Track Designation for our product candidates, as applicable; the further expansion and development of our modular CABA™ platform across a range of autoimmune diseases; our ability to contract with third-party suppliers and manufacturers, implement an enhanced manufacturing process and further develop our internal manufacturing strategy, capabilities and facilities; our potential commercial opportunities, including value and addressable market, for our product candidates; our expectations regarding our use of capital and other financial results; and our ability to fund operations into the first quarter of 2025. Words such as, but not limited to, "look forward to," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "intend," "plan," "would," "should" and "could," and similar expressions or words, identify forward-looking statements.

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, including, but not limited to, due to dosing regimen, employed in recent publications, including the *Nature Medicine* and *Lancet Rheumatology* publications, including due to the dosing regimen, are not indicative of the results we seek to achieve with CABA-201, our plans to evaluate additional cohorts in the DesCAARTes™ trial, including a cohort implementing a pre-treatment regimen, the risk that signs of biologic activity or persistence may not inform long-term results, the risk that persistence observed with effective CART-19 oncology studies in combination with lymphodepletion is not indicative of, or applicable to, clinical responses in patients with mPV, risks related to clinical trial site activation or enrollment rates that are lower than expected, our ability to protect and maintain our intellectual property position, risks related to our relationship with third 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 incentives 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 as a result of extraordinary events or circumstances such as the COVID-19 pandemic, and any business interruptions to our operations or to those of our clinical sites, manufacturers, suppliers, or other vendors resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic or similar public health crisis. New risks and uncertainties may emerge from time to time, and it is not possible to predict all risks and uncertainties. Except as required by applicable law, we do not plan to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements contained herein, whether as a result of any new information, future events, changed circumstances or otherwise. Although we believe the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Accordingly, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. No representations or warranties (expressed or implied) are made about the accuracy of any such forward-looking statements. For a discussion of these and other risks and uncertainties, and other important factors, any of which could cause our actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements, see the section entitled "Risk Factors" in our most recent annual report on Form 10-K, as well as discussions of potential risks, uncertainties, and other important factors in our other and subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Certain information contained in this Presentation relates to or is based on studies, publications, surveys and other data obtained from third-party sources and the Company's own internal estimates and research. While the Company believes these third-party sources to be reliable as of the date of this Presentation, it has not independently verified, and makes no representation as to the adequacy, fairness, accuracy or completeness of, any information obtained from third-party sources. The Company is the owner of various trademarks, trade names and service marks. Certain other trademarks, trade names and service marks appearing in this Presentation are the property of third parties. Solely for convenience, the trademarks and trade names in this Presentation are referred to without the ® and TM symbols, but such references should not be construed as any indicator that their respective owners will not assert, to the fullest extent under applicable law, their rights thereto.

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

Cabaletta Bio®

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

Leveraging years of experience with cellular therapy in autoimmunity to initiate CABA-201 clinical trials

CARTA Strategy | CABA-201 (4-1BB CD19-CAR T) to be evaluated in SLE & myositis Phase 1/2 studies

- **Advancing SLE and myositis trials with efficient designs (including starting dose and parallel cohorts)**
 - 1.0×10^6 cells/kg initial dose of CABA-201 is identical to dose used in academic SLE¹ and myositis² studies
 - Parallel cohorts with 6 patients each – SLE study with 1) LN & 2) Non-renal SLE; myositis study with 1) DM, 2) ASyS & 3) IMNM
- **CABA-201 has been specifically engineered for patients with autoimmune diseases**
 - Fully human CD19 binder with data in ~20 oncology patients with safety profile supporting further evaluation in autoimmunity
 - Same 4-1BB costimulatory domain and similar CD19 binder affinity³ as used in the academic SLE¹ & myositis studies²
- **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 1H23⁴**
 - Enrolling in combination sub-study using pre-treatment with IVIg & cyclophosphamide (Cy); cohort with fludarabine, Cy and IVIg planned
- **MusCAARTes™ trial in MuSK myasthenia gravis – leveraging insights from experience with DSG3-CAART**
 - Initiated in 4Q22; received FDA Fast Track Designation & Orphan Drug Designation

CABA-201 data on clinical efficacy and tolerability in initial CABA-201 treated patients 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; DM – Dermatomyositis; ASyS – Anti-synthetase syndrome; IMNM – Immune-mediated necrotizing myopathy

1. Mackensen, Andreas, et al. "Anti-CD19 CAR T cell therapy for refractory systemic lupus erythematosus." *Nature Medicine* (2022): 1-9.

2. Müller, Fabian, et al. "CD19-targeted CAR T cells in refractory antisynthetase syndrome." *The Lancet* (2023).

3. Dai, Zhenyu, et al. "Development and functional characterization of novel fully human anti-CD19 CARs for T-cell therapy." *Journal of Cellular Physiology* 236.8 (2021): 5832-5847.

4. Assumes no dose-limiting toxicities are observed in the cohort and uninterrupted enrollment occur in the trials.

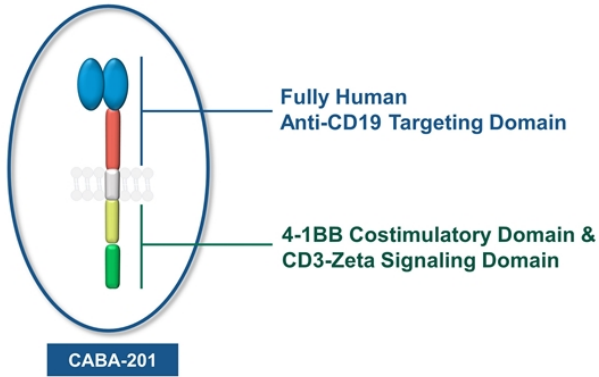
One CABA™ platform, two strategies to address autoimmune diseases

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

CARTA

Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cells for Autoimmunity

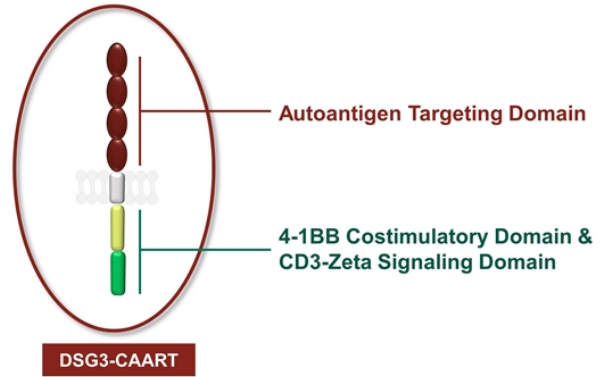
Potential to 'reset the immune system' in patients with autoimmune diseases driven by B cells, through generalized transient B cell depletion and repopulation of healthy B cells^{1,2}



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



1. Mackensen, Andreas, et al. "Anti-CD19 CAR T cell therapy for refractory systemic lupus erythematosus." *Nature Medicine* (2022): 1-9.
2. Müller, Fabian, et al. "CD19-targeted CAR T cells in refractory antisynthetase syndrome." *The Lancet* (2023).
3. 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*

- **Myasthenia Gravis**^{1,2,3,5}
- Multiple Sclerosis⁶
- Neuromyelitis Optica³
- Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy^{1,2}
- Anti-NMDAR Encephalitis^{3,6}
- Lambert-Eaton Syndrome⁵

Neurology

Rheumatology

- **Systemic Lupus Erythematosus**^{3,4,5,6}
- Rheumatoid Arthritis^{2,3,4}
- **Myositis**⁵
- **Systemic sclerosis**⁶
- ANCA-Associated Vasculitis^{3,4,5}

- **Pemphigus Vulgaris**^{1,2,3}
- Pemphigus Foliaceus^{1,2,3}
- Epidermolysis Bullosa Acquisita³
- Bullous Pemphigoid^{1,2,3}

Dermatology

Hematology

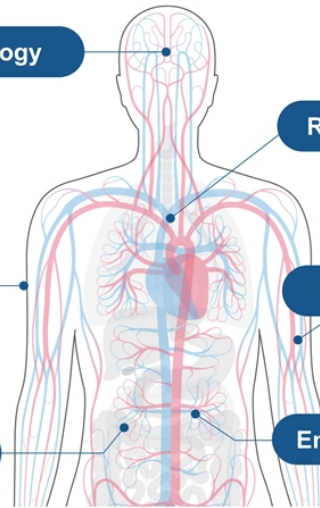
- Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura³
- Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura^{1,2,3}
- Antiphospholipid Syndrome^{4,5}
- Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia³

- **Lupus Nephritis**^{3,4}
- Membranous Nephropathy^{1,2,3}
- Goodpasture's Syndrome^{1,2,3,4}

Nephrology

Endocrinology

- Type 1 Diabetes^{3,6}
- Graves' Disease^{3,5}
- Hashimoto's Disease⁵



* 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 Cabaletta or by Professor Scheftl
 1. Konecny, Inga. "Update on IgG4-mediated autoimmune diseases: new insights and new family members." *Autoimmunity Reviews* (2020): 102646.
 2. Huijbers, Maartje G., et al. "IgG4-mediated autoimmune diseases: a niche of antibody-mediated disorders." *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences* 1413.1 (2018): 92.
 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: specificity and pathogenicity." *The Journal of clinical investigation* 125.6 (2015): 2194-2202.
 5. Xiao, Ze Xiu, Joseph S. Miller, and Song Guo Zheng. "An updated advance 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

CABA™ Platform	Indication		Program	Discovery	Preclinical	Phase 1/2	Phase 2/3	
CARTA <i>Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cells for Autoimmunity</i>	Myositis (IIM, Idiopathic Inflammatory Myopathy)¹	Dermatomyositis	CABA-201 <i>4-1BB CD19-CAR T</i>	█			} <i>IND cleared</i>	
		Anti-Synthetase Syndrome		█				
		Immune-Mediated Necrotizing Myopathy		█				
	Systemic Lupus Erythematous (SLE)¹	Lupus Nephritis		█			} <i>IND cleared</i>	
		Non-Renal SLE		█				
Multiple Undisclosed Indications			█					
CAART² <i>Chimeric AutoAntibody Receptor T cells</i>	Mucosal Pemphigus Vulgaris		DSG3-CAART³	█				
	MuSK Myasthenia Gravis		MuSK-CAART³	█				

1. CABA-201 is being evaluated in separate clinical trials for myositis and SLE.

2. Additional CAART pipeline candidates include PLA2R-CAART in preclinical stage for PLA2R membranous nephropathy, DSG3/1-CAART in discovery stage for mucocutaneous pemphigus vulgaris, and two undisclosed targets in discovery stage.

3. Currently being evaluated in a Phase 1 trial.



Chimeric Antigen Receptor T Cells for Autoimmunity
CABA-201

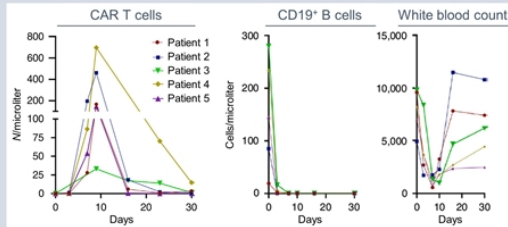
Cabaletta Bio[®]

Academic data: Immune system reset in SLE & myositis patients^{1,2}

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

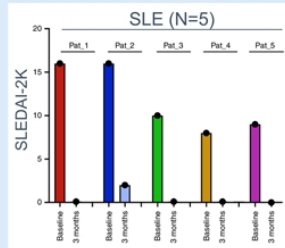
4-1BB CD19-CAR T³ resulted in rapid, deep & transient CD19⁺ B cell depletion

- 1x10⁶ cells/kg preceded by standard Flu/Cy regimen
- CD19 binder (FMC63 scFv) & 4-1BB costim domain³

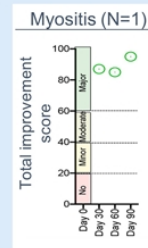


Clinical & serologic responses within 3 mo. of CD19-CAR T therapy in refractory patients with SLE¹ & patient with myositis²

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 (anti-synthetase syndrome):

- Creatinine kinase dropped to normal

Promising safety data^{1,2}

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

Repopulation of healthy B cells^{1,2}

- New, naïve B cells in 6/6 pts in 2-5 months
- Limited decline in vaccination titers

Durable clinical responses^{1,2}

- 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

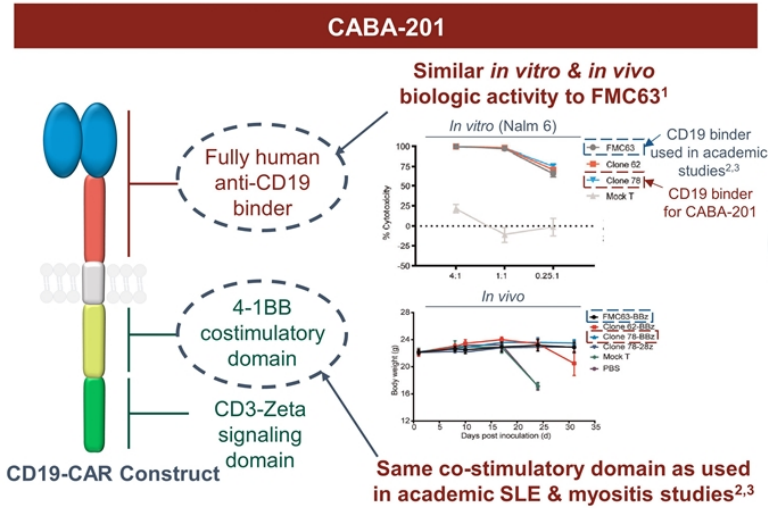
1. Mackensen, Andreas, et al. "Anti-CD19 CAR T cell therapy for refractory systemic lupus erythematosus." *Nature Medicine* (2022): 1-9.

2. Müller, Fabian, et al. "CD19-targeted CAR T cells in refractory antisynthetase syndrome." *The Lancet* (2023).

3. 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^{2,3})



Clinical data reported by IASO 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 date⁴**
B cell leukemia and lymphoma in IIT in China
- ▶ **Safety data supports autoimmune development⁴**

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

1. Dai, Zhenyu, et al. "Development and functional characterization of novel fully human anti-CD19 chimeric antigen receptors for T-cell therapy." *Journal of Cellular Physiology* 236.8 (2021): 5832-5847.

2. Mackensen, Andreas, et al. "Anti-CD19 CAR T cell therapy for refractory systemic lupus erythematosus." *Nature Medicine* (2022): 1-9.

3. Müller, Fabian, et al. "CD19-targeted CAR T cells in refractory antisynthetase syndrome." *The Lancet* (2023).

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

Myositis: Strong scientific rationale & significant disease burden

~66K U.S. patients with IIM subtypes with B cell involvement; frequently severe, with limited treatment options

1 Autoimmune disease with B cell involvement

- Idiopathic inflammatory myopathies (IIMs, or myositis) are a group of autoimmune diseases characterized by inflammation and muscle weakness

2 High burden on function & quality of life

- Typically, mid-adult onset & more common in females¹
- Symptoms may include weakness, fatigue, pain, shortness of breath and difficulty swallowing¹
- Mainstay of therapy is glucocorticoids with a steroid-sparing agent (i.e. methotrexate, azathioprine, rituximab), with IVIg (intravenous immunoglobulin) also utilized¹
 - Many patients have disease that remains refractory
 - Therapies carry potential long-term side effects
- High mortality rate due to interstitial lung disease (ILD), cardiovascular disease and/or malignancy¹

1. Lundberg, Ingrid E., et al. "Idiopathic inflammatory myopathies." *Nature Reviews Disease Primers* 7.1 (2021): 86.

2. Adapted from Lundberg, Ingrid E., et al. "Idiopathic inflammatory myopathies." *Nature Reviews Disease Primers* 7.1 (2021): 86.

3. Kronzer, Vanessa L., et al. "Incidence, Prevalence, and Mortality of Dermatomyositis: A Population-Based Cohort Study." *Arthritis Care & Research* 75.2 (2023): 348-355.

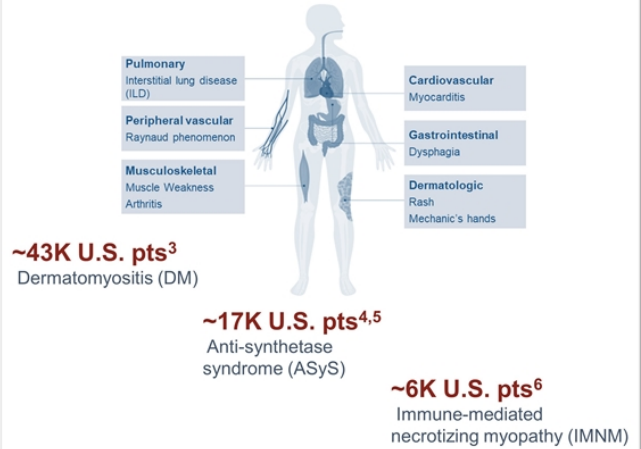
4. Badshah, Aliena, et al. "Antisynthetase syndrome presenting as interstitial lung disease: a case report." *Journal of Medical Case Reports* 13.1 (2019): 1-6.

5. Coffey, Caitryn, et al. "Incidence of Antisynthetase Syndrome and Risk of Malignancy in a Population-based Cohort (1998-2019)" [abstract]. *Arthritis Rheumatol.* 2021; 73 (suppl 9). <https://acrabstracts.org/abstract/incidence-of-antisynthetasesyndrome-and-risk-of-malignancy-in-a-population-based-cohort-1998-2019/>. Accessed May 9, 2023.

6. Shelly, Shahar, et al. "Incidence and prevalence of immune-mediated necrotizing myopathy in adults in Olmsted County, Minnesota." *Muscle & Nerve* 65.5 (2022): 541-546.

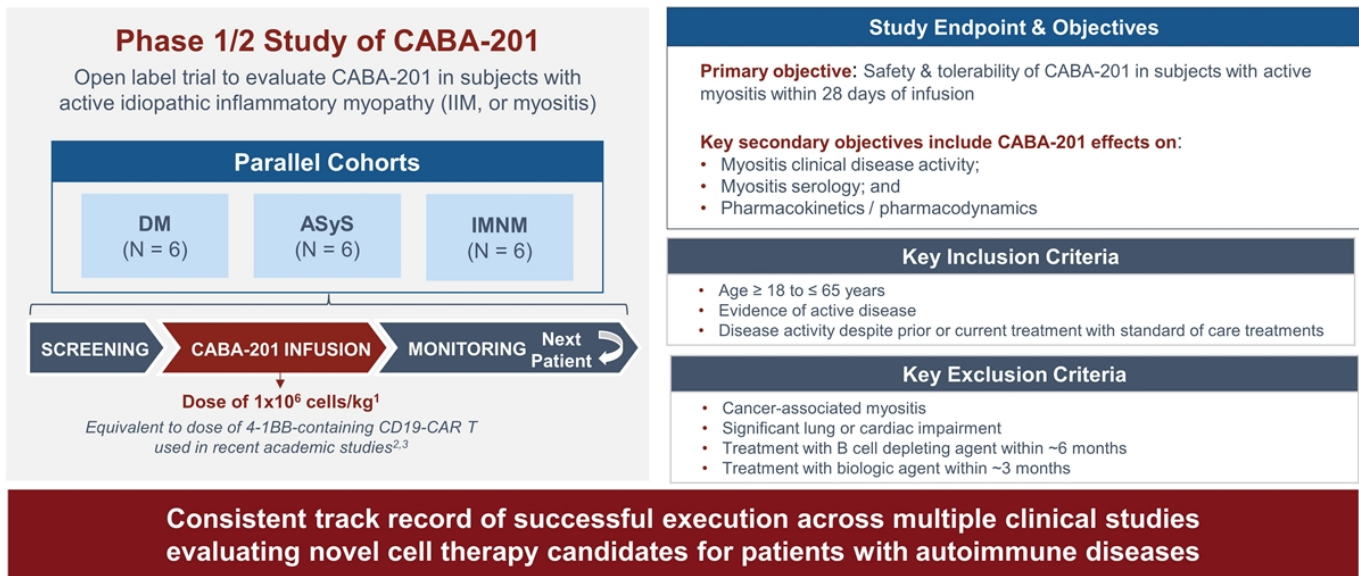
Potential manifestations² & subtype prevalence

Key myositis subtypes based on underlying immune mechanisms & clinical characteristics



Planned Phase 1/2 study of CABA-201 in patients with myositis

CABA-201 to be evaluated in patients with active myositis, including DM, ASyS & IMNM



Consistent track record of successful execution across multiple clinical studies evaluating novel cell therapy candidates for patients with autoimmune diseases

DM – Dermatomyositis; ASyS – Anti-synthetase syndrome; IMNM – Immune-mediated necrotizing myopathy

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

2. Mackensen, Andreas, et al. "Anti-CD19 CAR T cell therapy for refractory systemic lupus erythematosus." *Nature Medicine* (2022): 1-9.

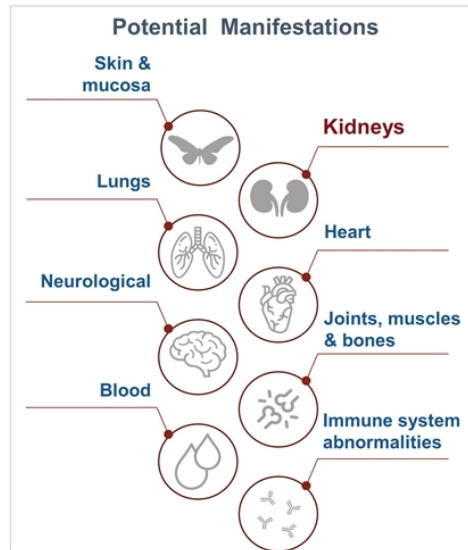
3. Müller, Fabian, et al. "CD19-targeted CAR T cells in refractory antisynthetase syndrome." *The Lancet* (2023).

SLE & Lupus Nephritis: High unmet clinical need

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

SLE is a chronic autoimmune disease that affects ~160-320K¹, patients in the U.S. – and over 3 million people worldwide²

- Potential for life-threatening complications
- Disproportionately affects
 - young women
 - people of color^{3,4}
- Significant unmet need remains despite current therapies, which require chronic administration and carry significant treatment-related risks



Lupus nephritis (LN) is a serious complication of SLE, affecting ~40% of SLE patients³

- Within 10 years of LN diagnosis:
 - End-stage renal disease: 17%³
 - Mortality: 12%⁵
- Current therapies include steroids, immunosuppressive agents, and biologics³
 - Many patients progress and/or relapse
 - Significant risk of adverse effects
 - Require chronic administration

1. 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.

2. Tian, J., Zhang, D., Yao, X., Huang, Y., & Lu, Q. (2023). Global epidemiology of systemic lupus erythematosus: a comprehensive systematic analysis and modelling study. *Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases*, 82(3), 351-356.

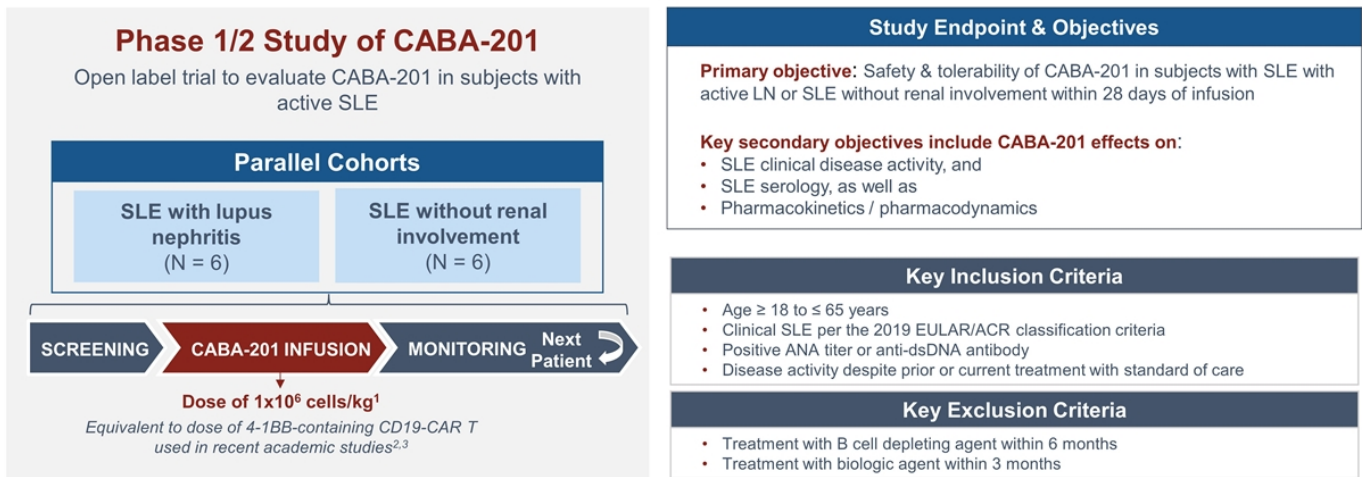
3. Hoover PJ, Costenbader KH. Insights into the epidemiology and management of lupus nephritis from the US rheumatologist's perspective. *Kidney Int*. 2016 Sep;90(3):487-92.

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 of CABA-201 in patients with SLE

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



Consistent track record of execution by team across multiple clinical studies evaluating novel cell therapy candidates for patients with autoimmune disease

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.
 2. Mackensen, Andreas, et al. "Anti-CD19 CAR T cell therapy for refractory systemic lupus erythematosus." Nature Medicine (2022): 1-9.
 3. Müller, Fabian, et al. "CD19-targeted CAR T cells in refractory antisythetase syndrome." The Lancet (2023).

Accelerating development of CABA-201 for autoimmune diseases

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

Efficient clinical trial designs for CABA-201 facilitate rapid and broad development program


- 1 Product – Candidate with 4-1BB co-stim domain; similar binding activity to academic CD19-CAR T^{1,2,3}**
 - Efficient clinical trial designs across multiple autoimmune diseases
 - 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^{1,2}
- 2 People – Singular focus on potentially curative cell therapies for autoimmune disease since 2018**
 - Deep understanding and experience with logistically complicated cell therapy programs in autoimmune patients
 - Novel insights on clinical designs from prior FDA discussions and 4 timely submitted and cleared IND filings
 - 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
- 3 Partnership – Exclusive translational research partnership has provided early, actionable insights**
 - Scientific and clinical data sharing has significantly impacted our timelines as well as clinical strategy and design

SLE – Systemic lupus erythematosus

1. Dai, Zhenyu, et al. "Development and functional characterization of novel fully human anti-CD19 chimeric antigen receptors for T-cell therapy." *Journal of Cellular Physiology* 236.8 (2021): 5832-5847.

2. Mackensen, Andreas, et al. "Anti-CD19 CAR T cell therapy for refractory systemic lupus erythematosus." *Nature Medicine* (2022): 1-9.

3. Müller, Fabian, et al. "CD19-targeted CAR T cells in refractory antisynthetase syndrome." *The Lancet* (2023).

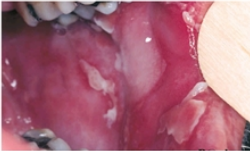



Chimeric AutoAntibody Receptor T Cells
DSG3-CAART & MuSK-CAART

Cabaletta Bio[®]

Overview of pemphigus vulgaris & current treatment landscape

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

	Mucosal PV ¹ (25%)	Mucocutaneous PV ² (75%)
		
Associated Antibody	Anti-DSG3	Anti-DSG3 + Anti-DSG1
Clinical Signs	Painful blisters of the mucous membranes (mouth, nose, larynx, esophagus, eyes, genitalia, rectum)	Blisters on orifices and skin
U.S. Disease Prevalence	3,250 to 4,750	9,750 to 14,250

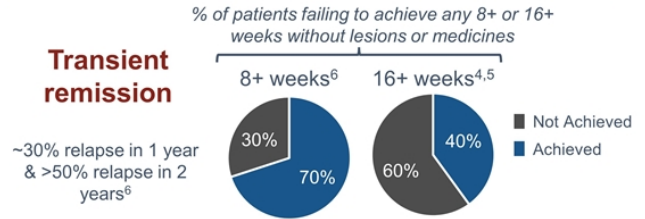
CROT = 8+ weeks without lesions while off systemic therapy

1. Image credit: D@nderm.
 2. <http://www.vگرد.org/archive/cases/2004/pv/DSCN4996%20copy.JPG>
 3. 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.
 4. Werth, Victoria P., et al. "Rituximab versus Mycophenolate Mofetil in Patients with Pemphigus Vulgaris." *New England Journal of Medicine* (2021).
 5. Rituximab label, 08/2020 revision.
 6. Kushner, Carolyn J., et al. "Factors Associated With Complete Remission After Rituximab Therapy for Pemphigus." *JAMA dermatology* (2019).
 7. Tony, Hans-Peter, et al. "Safety and clinical outcomes of rituximab therapy in patients with different autoimmune diseases: experience from a national registry (GRAID)." *Arthritis research & therapy* 13.3 (2011): 1-14.

Broad immunosuppression^{3,6}

Modestly effective & poorly tolerated

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



- Safety risks**
- 22% annual serious adverse event (SAE) rate⁴
 - 4-9%^{3,4,5} annual risk of severe infection in PV
 - ~1.9% lifetime risk of fatal infection⁷

Ongoing DesCAARTes™ study in patients with mucosal PV

Orphan Drug Designation

Fast Track Designation

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

DesCAARTes™ study of DSG3-CAART

Ongoing open-label Phase 1 study¹ to determine the maximum tolerated dose & to evaluate safety of DSG3-CAART

Part A Cohorts	Subjects	Dose*
A1 – A6m ^{1,2}	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 (Cy) ³	3 (+3)	2.5B
IVIg / Cy / Fludarabine (Flu)	3 (+3)	2.5B

Combination sub-study cohorts

- 1) A4 dose (2.5x10⁹ cells) + Cy & IVIg
- 2) A4 dose + Flu, Cy & IVIg

- Dose-dependent increase in CAART persistence as monotherapy plateaued with Cohort A5
 - Modest increase seen in first two patients in IVIg + Cy cohort (3rd patient enrolled)³
- Flu + Cy + IVIg preconditioning regimen:
 - may further reduce anti-DSG3 autoantibodies, addressing a potential efficacy barrier
 - may further reduce 'cytokine sink,' potentially enhancing CAART activation & proliferation
 - may provide transient improvement in first few months after infusion^{4,5,6,7,8}
 - which may require 6-9 months to determine DSG3-CAART clinical effect
- is planned to initiate following completion of the dose-limiting toxicity window for the IVIg + Cy combination cohort

1. 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*.
 2. Combination cohort has been prioritized relative to A6m.
 3. Peng, Binghao J, et al. "Preclinical specificity and activity of CABA-201, a fully human 4-1BB containing CD19 CAR T therapy for treatment-resistant autoimmune disease." Poster presented at: American Society Gene and Cell Therapy 26th Annual Meeting; 2023 May 18; Los Angeles, CA.
 4. Amagai, Masayuki, et al. "A randomized double-blind trial of intravenous immunoglobulin for pemphigus." *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology* 60.4 (2009): 595-603.
 5. Arnold, D. F., et al. "An n-of-1 placebo-controlled crossover trial of IVIg as adjuvant therapy in refractory pemphigus vulgaris." *British Journal of Dermatology* 160.5 (2009): 1098-1102.
 6. Zhang, Wenjing, et al. "Short-Term Intravenous Infusion of Cyclophosphamide in the Treatment of Refractory Pemphigus Vulgaris: A Retrospective Study." *Dermatology* 237.2 (2021): 185-190.
 7. Fleischli, Mary E., Rachel H. Valek, and Amit G. Pandya. "Pulse intravenous cyclophosphamide therapy in pemphigus." *Archives of dermatology* 135.1 (1999): 57-61.
 8. Lolis, Margarita, et al. "Effect of IVIg with or without cytotoxic drugs on pemphigus intercellular antibodies." *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology* 64.3 (2011): 484-489.
 * 20M, 100M, 500M, 2.5B, 5.0B to 7.5B and 10B to 15B refers to the number of DSG3-CAART cells infused for patients in dosing cohorts A1 to A6m (M – millions; B – billions).

High unmet need in MuSK myasthenia gravis

Study timelines being evaluated based on emerging data from DesCAARTes™ study

Orphan Drug Designation

Fast Track Designation

1 Compelling biologic rationale, similar to PV

- IgG4-dominant disease
- Autoantibody titers drop after rituximab^{1,2}
- Pathogenic B cells incompletely eliminated by rituximab and persist during relapse³
- Circulating anti-MuSK antibody titers may be ~90% lower than anti-DSG3 antibody in PV^{4,5,6}

2 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 Escalation⁷ Dose increasing from 500M with 2 (+4) design	A1-A3	2 (+4) per cohort
A – Adaptive Combination Cohorts⁷ Combination cohorts ⁸ , starting at A2 dose	A4+	2 (+4) per cohort
B – Expansion Expanded subject enrollment at final selected dose	B	~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

* 500M refers to the number of MuSK-CAART cells infused for patients in dosing cohort A1 (M – millions).

- Hain, Berit, et al. "Successful treatment of MuSK antibody-positive MG with rituximab." *Muscle & Nerve*. 33.4 (2006): 575-580.
- Illa, Isabel, et al. "Sustained response to Rituximab in anti-AChR and anti-MuSK positive Myasthenia Gravis patients." *Journal of neuroimmunology* 201 (2008): 90-94.
- Jiang, Ruoyi, et al. "Single-cell repertoire tracing identifies rituximab-resistant B cells during myasthenia gravis relapses." *JCI insight* 5.14 (2020).
- Matthews, Ian, et al. "Muscle-specific receptor tyrosine kinase autoantibodies—a new immunoprecipitation assay." *Clinica chimica acta* 348.1-2 (2004): 95-99.
- McConville, John, et al. "Detection and characterization of MuSK antibodies in seronegative myasthenia gravis." *Annals of neurology* 55.4 (2004): 580-584.
- Marino, Mariapaola, et al. "Long-lasting rituximab-induced reduction of specific—but not total—IgG4 in MuSK-positive myasthenia gravis." *Frontiers in immunology* 11 (2020): 613.
- A total of 6 subjects will need to have received the final selected dose in Part A of the study.
- Cohorts A3 and A4 will be enrolled concurrently after cohort A2 is well-tolerated with a preference for enrollment into A4.

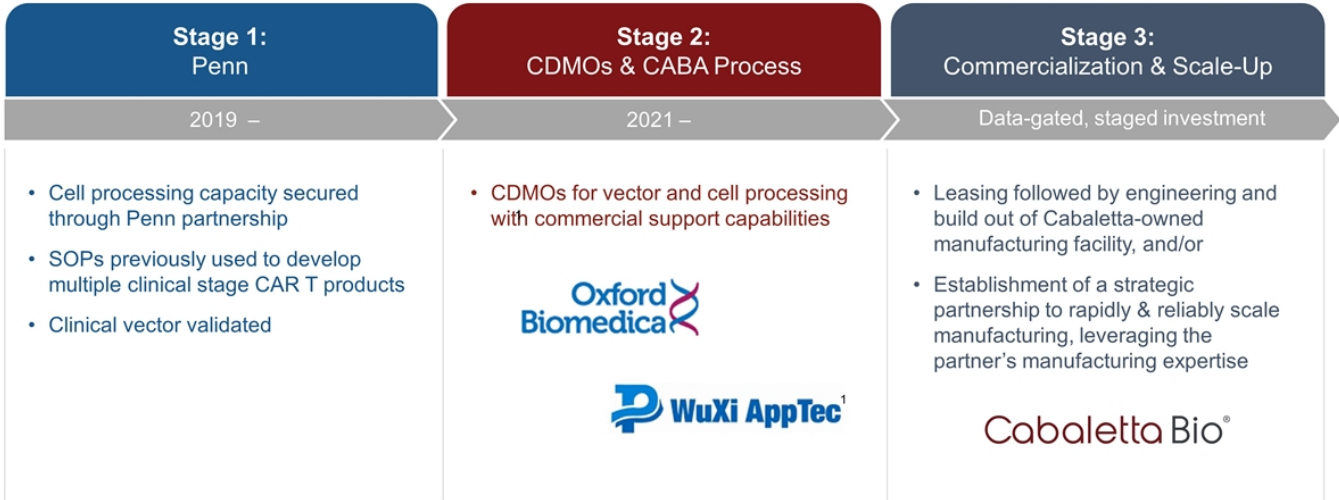


Corporate Summary

Cabaletta Bio[®]

Manufacturing strategy

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



1. Currently contracted for MuSK-CAART product candidate.

Cabaletta Bio leadership

LEADERSHIP TEAM



Steven Nichtberger, M.D.
President, CEO & Chairman



Samik Basu, M.D.
Chief Scientific Officer



Gwendolyn Binder, Ph.D.
President, Science & Technology



David J. Chang, M.D., M.P.H., FACR
Chief Medical Officer



Arun Das, M.D.
Chief Business Officer



Michael Gerard
General Counsel



Heather Harte-Hall
Chief Compliance Officer



Anup Marda
Chief Financial Officer



Martha O'Connor
Chief HR Officer



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Steven Nichtberger, M.D.

Richard Henriques, M.B.A.

Catherine Bollard, M.D.

Mark Simon, M.B.A.

Scott Brun, M.D.

SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

Aimee Payne, M.D., Ph.D.
Co-Founder and Co-Chair

Michael C. Milone, M.D., Ph.D.
Co-Founder and Co-Chair

Brian Daniels, M.D.

Georg Schett, M.D.

Carl June, M.D.

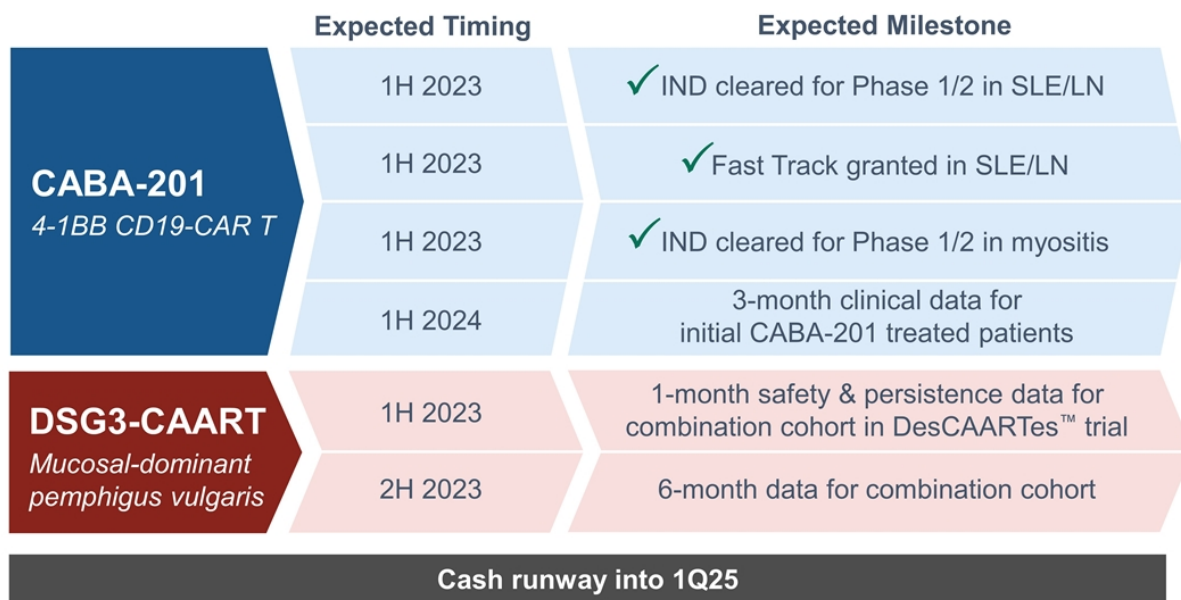
Jay Siegel, M.D.

Iain McInnes, Ph.D., FRCP, FRSE, FMedSci

Drew Weissman, M.D., Ph.D.

Track record of operational success evaluating novel cell therapy candidates in autoimmunity across preclinical, clinical, manufacturing & regulatory domains

Multiple potential clinical catalysts anticipated in next 12-18 months¹



1. Assumes no dose-limiting toxicities are observed in any cohort and uninterrupted enrollment occurs in the trials.

Cabaletta Bio[®]

A microscopic view of several spherical cells with a red, textured interior, set against a white background. The cells are out of focus, with one in the center being sharper.

Corporate Presentation

MAY 2023

© 2023 Cabaletta Bio. All rights reserved.