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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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

**October 2, 2023  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)**

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**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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- 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.

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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On October 2, 2023, Cabaletta Bio, Inc. (the “Company” or “Cabaletta”) posted to the “Investors & Media” section of the Company’s website at [www.cabalettabio.com](http://www.cabalettabio.com) an updated corporate presentation (the “Corporate Presentation”). A copy of the Corporate Presentation is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

On October 2, 2023, the Company issued a Press Release announcing that the Company’s third 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 systemic sclerosis (“SSc”) (the “Press Release”). A copy of the Press Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information contained in Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-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 October 2, 2023, the Company issued the Press Release announcing that the Company’s third IND application for CABA-201, a 4-1BB-containing fully human CD19-CAR T cell investigational therapy, has been allowed to proceed by the FDA for a Phase 1/2 study in patients with SSc. The Company plans to initiate a Phase 1/2 clinical trial of CABA-201 across two parallel SSc cohorts – one cohort of six patients with severe skin manifestations and a separate cohort of six patients with severe organ involvement associated with systemic sclerosis. Consistent with the previously announced CABA-201 IND clearances for lupus and myositis, the starting dose for the trial,  $1 \times 10^6$  cells/kg, was informed by the high degree of similarity between CABA-201 and the CD19-CAR T construct administered to a patient with severe, diffuse SSc in the recent *Annals of Rheumatic Diseases* publication.

SSc is a rare and potentially fatal chronic autoimmune disease characterized by progressive skin and internal organ fibrosis that can be life-threatening, including interstitial lung disease, pulmonary hypertension, and scleroderma renal crisis. Although the etiology of SSc is not well understood, the pathogenic role of autoantibodies and B cells in SSc provides a rationale for studying CAR T therapy in this population. SSc affects approximately 88,000 patients in the U.S., and typically affects middle-aged individuals, particularly women. Standard treatment options, which have modest effects, include generalized immunosuppressive agents or drugs targeted to specific symptomatic manifestations. Autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplant may provide some benefits in organ involvement, but carries significant risks, including mortality, infertility, and secondary autoimmune disease, limiting its potential to be applied broadly. Due to the lack of adequate treatments, the risk of mortality in systemic sclerosis remains high, with an average survival of approximately 12 years following diagnosis.

The Phase 1/2 clinical trial will be an open-label study of CABA-201 in subjects with SSc across two parallel cohorts. The severe skin cohort will include six patients with severe skin involvement, and the organ cohort will include six patients who meet the pulmonary, cardiac, or renal involvement criteria regardless of skin involvement. Subjects will receive a one-time infusion of CABA-201, using the same dose being used in the lupus and myositis clinical trials of CABA-201,  $1 \times 10^6$  cells/kg, preceded by a standard preconditioning regimen of fludarabine and cyclophosphamide. Key inclusion criteria include patients between ages 18 and 70 (inclusive), evidence of significant skin, pulmonary, renal, or cardiac involvement, and significant organ involvement despite use of immunosuppressants. Key exclusion criteria include a primary diagnosis of another rheumatic autoimmune disease, treatment with a B cell depleting agent within six months or treatment with a biologic agent within three months. As the third trial within Cabaletta’s CARTA (Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cells for Autoimmunity) strategy, this study is intended to evaluate the potential ability of CABA-201 to transiently, but completely, eliminate B cells throughout the body, potentially enabling an immune system reset associated with a slowing or halting of active inflammatory disease progression in patients with SSc.

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### **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 its expectations regarding: Cabaletta’s ability to grow its autoimmune-focused pipeline; the ability to capitalize on and potential benefits resulting from published, third-party academic clinical data and a recently released abstract by the same academic group at the upcoming American College of Rheumatology Convergence 2023 meeting; the anticipated market opportunities for CABA-201 in SSc patients; the Company’s business plans and objectives; Cabaletta Bio’s expectations around the potential success and therapeutic benefits of CABA-201; the Company’s plans to initiate separate Phase 1/2 clinical trials of CABA-201 in subjects with SSc, SLE and myositis, including its anticipated progress, clinical trial design, ability to leverage its experience in autoimmune cell therapy and autoimmune disease product development for each clinical trial; the Company’s planned initial clinical data read-out from the CABA-201 program in the first half of 2024; Cabaletta’s ability to enroll the requisite number of patients and dose each dosing cohort in the intended manner in its Phase 1/2 clinical trials 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 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: risks related to regulatory filings and potential clearance; 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* and *Annals of Rheumatic Diseases* publications, including due to the dosing regimen, are not indicative of the results we seek to achieve with 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 and public health crises; 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 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 October 2023, furnished herewith.](#)
- 99.2 [Press Release issued by the registrant on October 2, 2023, furnished herewith.](#)
- 104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL Document).

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**SIGNATURE**

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

**CABALETTA BIO, INC.**

Date: October 2, 2023

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



# Cabaletta Bio<sup>®</sup>

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 foreground being sharper.

## Corporate Presentation

OCTOBER 2023

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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, 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 relationships 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 Designations and Fast Track Designations, risks related to regulatory filings and potential clearance, 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, and risks related to volatile market and economic conditions and public health crises. 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<sup>®</sup>

# 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 parallel myositis, SLE & SSc Phase 1/2 studies

- **Advancing myositis, SLE & systemic sclerosis trials with efficient designs, including starting dose & parallel cohorts**
  - $1.0 \times 10^6$  cells/kg initial dose of CABA-201 is identical to dose in academic myositis, SLE & SSc studies<sup>1-3</sup>
  - Independent, parallel cohorts with 6 patients each – 3 in myositis (DM, ASyS & IMNM); 2 in SLE (LN & non-renal); 2 in SSc (skin & organ)
- **CABA-201 has been specifically engineered for patients with autoimmune diseases**
  - Fully human CD19 binder with data in ~20 oncology patients – clinical safety profile supporting further evaluation in autoimmunity
  - Same 4-1BB costimulatory domain and similar CD19 binder affinity<sup>4</sup> as used in the academic myositis, SLE & SSc studies<sup>1-3</sup>
- **Potential to cure a broad range of autoimmune diseases where B cells have a role initiating and driving disease**
  - Clinical data from multiple academic institutions reinforcing potential of CD19-CAR T in autoimmunity with early industry studies underway
  - Opportunity to address unmet need in autoimmune diseases across rheumatology, neurology, nephrology and dermatology, among others

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

- **DesCAARTes™ trial of DSG3-CAART in mucosal pemphigus vulgaris – Flu / Cy plus IVIg cohort enrolling**
- **MusCAARTes™ trial in MuSK myasthenia gravis – leveraging insights from experience with DSG3-CAART**

**Initial CABA-201 3-month clinical efficacy & tolerability data expected by 1H24 | \$176M cash<sup>5</sup> with runway into 4Q25**

CARTA – Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cells for Autoimmunity; CAART – Chimeric AutoAntibody Receptor T cells; IND – Investigational New Drug; SLE – Systemic lupus erythematosus; SSc – Systemic sclerosis; DM – Dermatomyositis; ASyS – Anti-synthetase syndrome; IMNM – Immune-mediated necrotizing myopathy; Flu – Fludarabine; Cy – Cyclophosphamide

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. Bergmann, Christina, et al. "AB0816 Treatment of a Patient with Severe Diffuse Systemic Sclerosis (SSc) Using CD19-targeting CAR-T-cells." (2023): 1621-1621.

4. 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.

5. Reported as of 2Q 2023 10-Q.

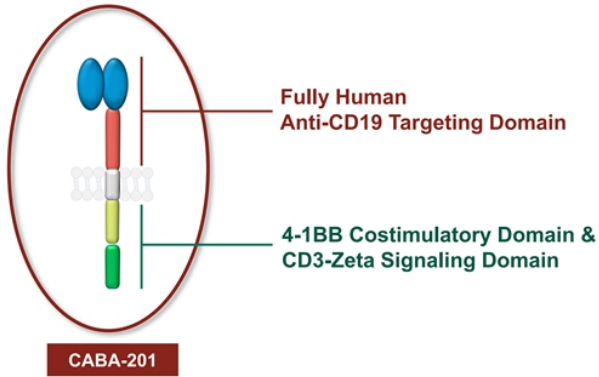
# One CABA™ platform, two strategies to address autoimmune diseases

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

## CARTA

Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cells for Autoimmunity

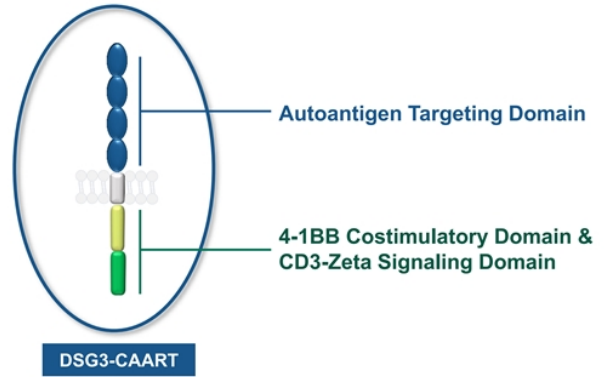
Potential to **'reset the immune system'** in patients with **autoimmune diseases driven by B cells**, through generalized transient B cell depletion and **repopulation of healthy B cells**<sup>1,2</sup>



## 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 disease<sup>3</sup>

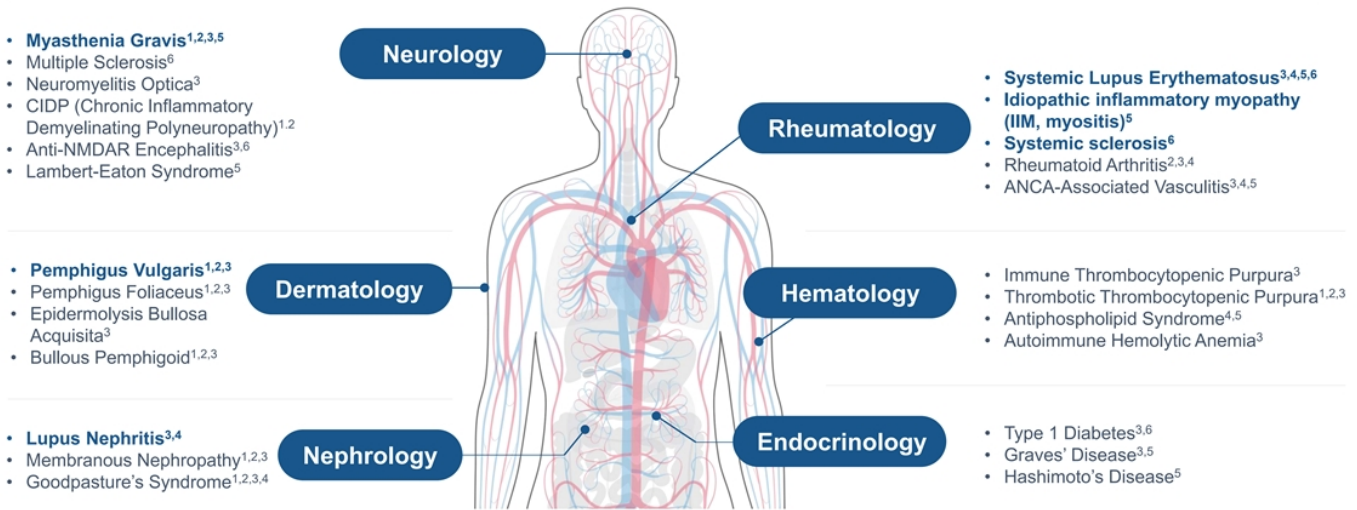


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3. Ellebrecht, Christoph T., et al. "Reengineering chimeric antigen receptor T cells for targeted therapy of autoimmune disease." *Science* 353.6295 (2016): 179-184.



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

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



\* 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

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
<b>CARTA</b> Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cells for Autoimmunity	<b>Myositis (IIM, Idiopathic Inflammatory Myopathy)<sup>1</sup></b>	Dermatomyositis	<b>CABA-201</b> 4-1BB CD19-CAR T				
		Anti-Synthetase Syndrome					
		Immune-Mediated Necrotizing Myopathy					
	<b>Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE)<sup>1</sup></b>	Lupus Nephritis					
		Non-Renal SLE					
	<b>Systemic Sclerosis (SSc)<sup>1</sup></b>	Severe Skin Involvement					
		Organ Involvement					
<b>Multiple Undisclosed Indications</b>							
<b>CAART<sup>2</sup></b> Chimeric AutoAntibody Receptor T cells	<b>Mucosal Pemphigus Vulgaris</b>		<b>DSG3-CAART<sup>3</sup></b>				
	<b>MuSK Myasthenia Gravis</b>		<b>MuSK-CAART<sup>3</sup></b>				

1. CABA-201 is being evaluated in separate clinical trials for myositis, SLE & SSc.

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 &

3. Currently being evaluated in a Phase 1 trial.



Chimeric Antigen Receptor T Cells for Autoimmunity  
CABA-201

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# Academic data: Immune system reset in autoimmune patients

Promising clinical responses observed across several autoimmune diseases in academic CD19-CAR T trials

## Emerging clinical data with 4-1BB CD19-CAR T<sup>1</sup> in...

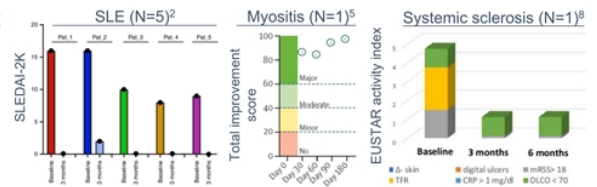
**8** Systemic lupus erythematosus patients<sup>2,4</sup>

**4** Myositis patients (anti-synthetase subtype)<sup>4,7</sup>

**4** Systemic sclerosis patients<sup>4,8</sup>

Published data as of Oct 2, 2023

## Robust improvement in clinical disease activity within 3 months of CD19-CAR T treatment



- **Rapid and deep CD19<sup>+</sup> B cell depletion**
- **Return of healthy naïve B cells within 7 months**
- **Favorable safety data with CD19-CAR T regimen**
- **100% of patients with objective clinical disease response**
- **Complete SLE responses up to 2 years with no relapses<sup>3</sup>**

SLE – Systemic lupus erythematosus; SLEDAI-2K – Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Disease Activity Index 2000; EUSAR – European Scleroderma Trials and Research

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

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

3. Taubmann, J., et al. "OP0141 Long Term Safety and Efficacy Of CAR-T Cell Treatment in Refractory Systemic Lupus Erythematosus-Data from the First Seven Patients." (2023): 93-94.

4. Taubmann J, Müller F, Aigner M, Minopoulou I, Knitza J, Werner D, Bergmann C, Kroenke G, Mackensen A, Schett G. Tolerability of CAR T Cell Therapy in Autoimmune Disease [abstract]. *Arthritis Rheumatol*. 2023; 75 (suppl 9).

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7. Pecher, Ann-Christin, et al. "CD19-Targeting CAR T Cells for Myositis and Interstitial Lung Disease Associated With Antisynthetase Syndrome." *JAMA* 329.24 (2023): 2154-2162.

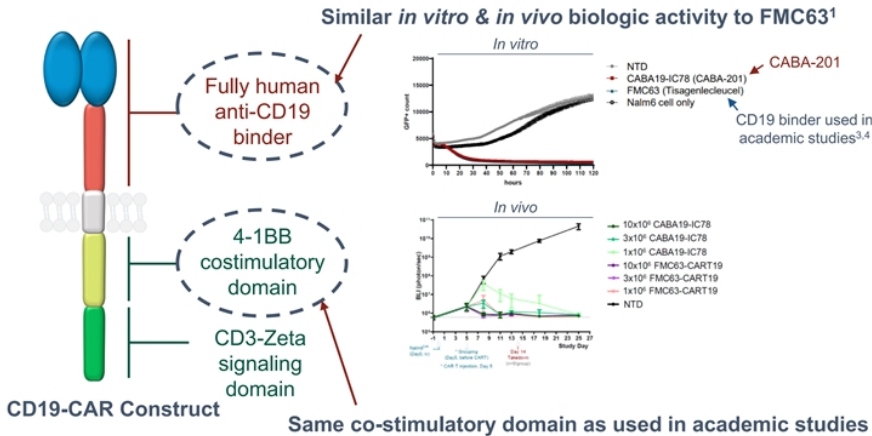
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Cabaletta Bio®

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

Cabaletta's CD19 binder with similar *in vitro* & *in vivo* activity to FMC63<sup>1,2</sup> (binder used in academic studies<sup>3,4</sup>)

## CABA-201



Clinical data reported by IASO using licensed CD19 binder in oncology<sup>5</sup>

- ▶ **Fully human binder**  
Evaluated as dual-CAR combined with CD22 binder with standard Flu/Cy preconditioning
- ▶ **Data reported in ~20 patients to date**  
B cell leukemia and lymphoma in IIT in China
- ▶ **Safety data supports autoimmune development**

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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# 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

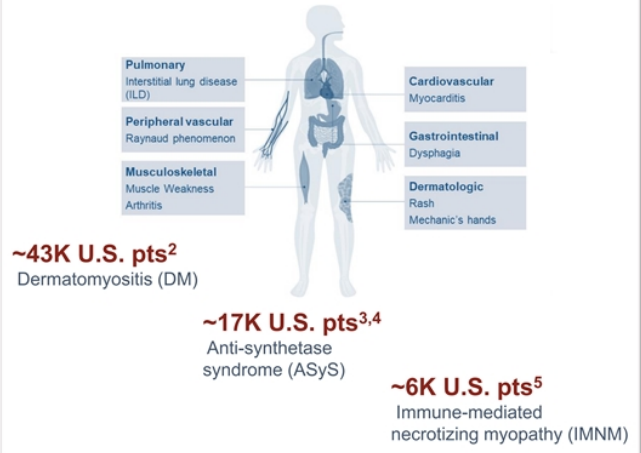
- Idiopathic inflammatory myopathies (IIMs, or myositis) are a group of autoimmune diseases characterized by inflammation and muscle weakness

## 2 High burden on function & quality of life<sup>1</sup>

- Typical onset middle age; more common in females
- Symptoms may include weakness, fatigue, pain, shortness of breath and difficulty swallowing
- Mainstay of therapy is glucocorticoids with a steroid-sparing agent (i.e. methotrexate, azathioprine, mycophenolate, rituximab)
  - Only FDA-approved therapy is IVIg (intravenous immunoglobulin) in dermatomyositis subtype
  - 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 malignancy

### Potential manifestations & subtype prevalence

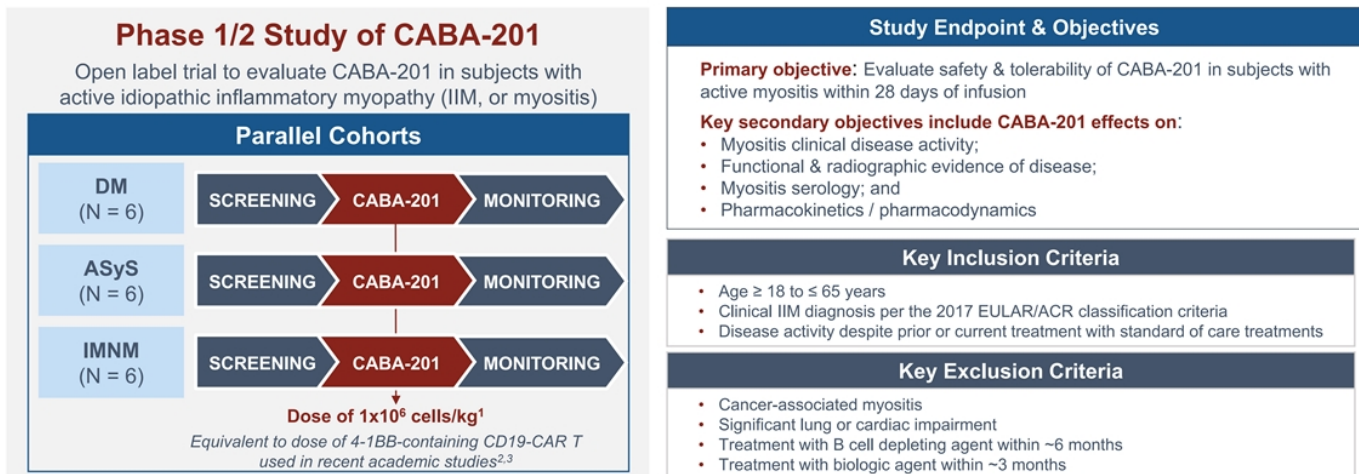
Key myositis subtypes based on underlying immune mechanisms & clinical characteristics<sup>1</sup>



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# Phase 1/2 study design for CABA-201 in patients with myositis

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



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

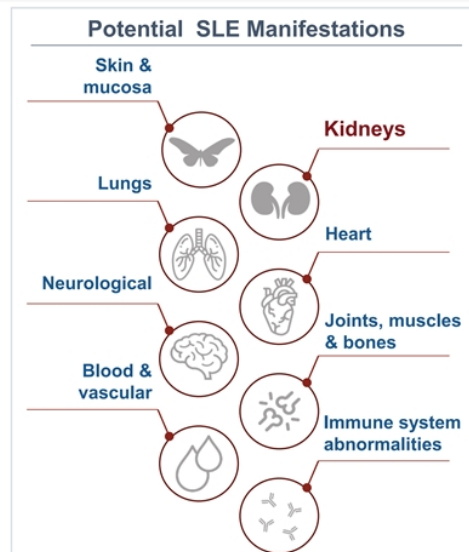
DM – Dermatomyositis; ASyS – Anti-synthetase syndrome; IMNM – Immune-mediated necrotizing myopathy  
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# SLE & Lupus Nephritis: High unmet clinical need

~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 ~160-320K<sup>1</sup> patients in the U.S. & over 3 million people worldwide<sup>2</sup>**

- Potential for life-threatening complications
- Disproportionately affects
  - young women
  - people of color<sup>3,4</sup>
- 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 patients<sup>3</sup>**

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

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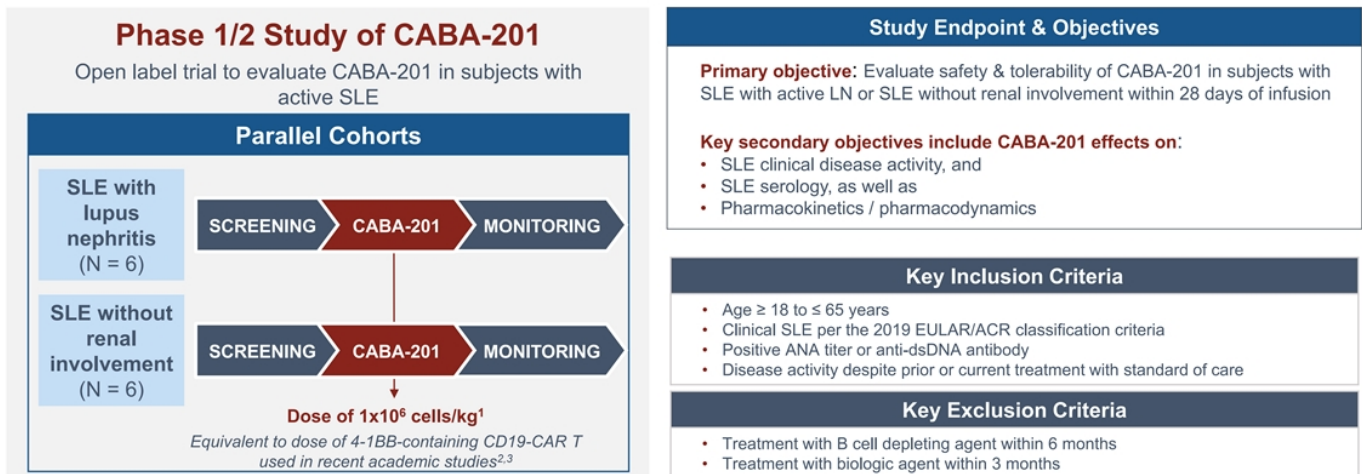
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# Phase 1/2 study design for CABA-201 in patients with SLE

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 diseases**

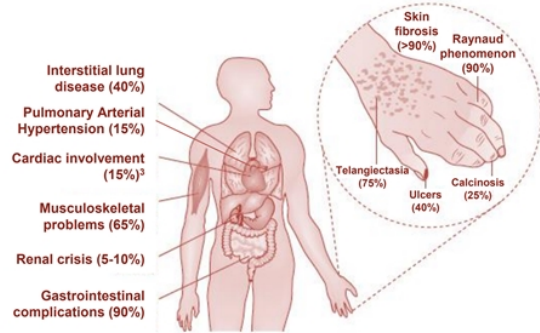
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# Systemic Sclerosis (SSc): Profound unmet need & limited options

~88K SSc patients in the U.S., with intractable progression leading to chronic morbidity & high mortality<sup>1,2</sup>

## Potential manifestations & classification

Progressive fibrosis and scarring of the skin and internal organs in SSc may lead to severe & sometimes life-threatening complications<sup>2</sup>



## 1 Rare, potentially fatal, chronic disease<sup>2</sup>

- Typically, middle age onset & more common in females
- Characterized by progressive skin & internal organ fibrosis, often irreversible
- Potential systemic manifestations that may be life-threatening, such as interstitial lung disease, cardiac dysfunction, pulmonary hypertension & scleroderma renal crisis
- Average survival of ~12 years following diagnosis<sup>4</sup>

## 2 Lack of adequate treatment options

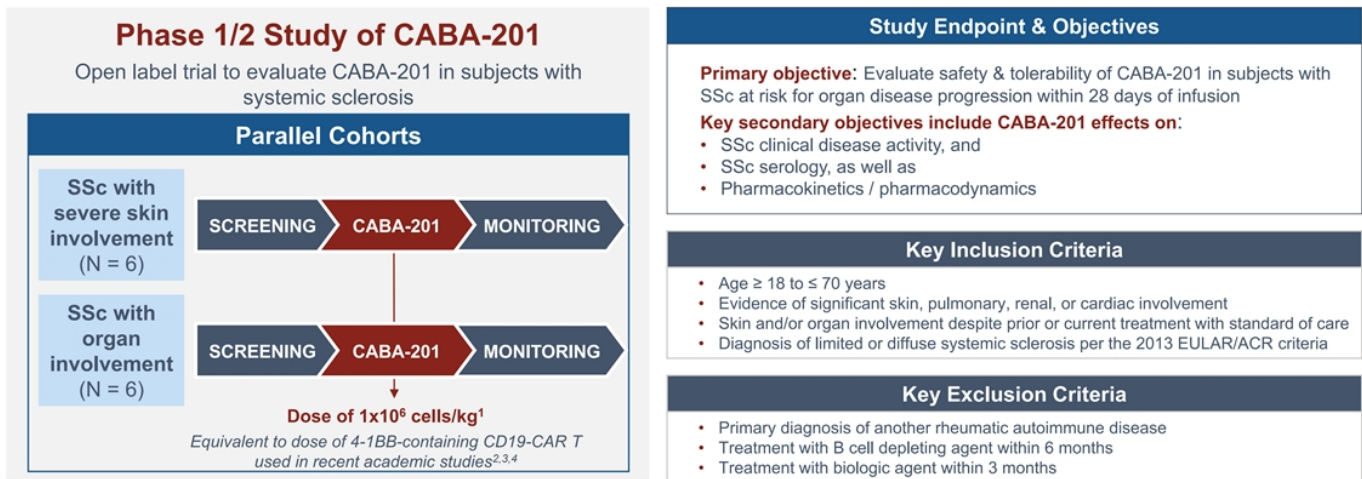
- Current treatments include generalized immunosuppression or drugs targeted to specific symptomatic manifestations
- Autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplant may provide some benefits in organ involvement, but is associated with significant toxicities<sup>2</sup>

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# Phase 1/2 study design for CABA-201 in patients with SSc

CABA-201 to be evaluated in patients with systemic sclerosis with severe skin or organ involvement



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# Accelerating development of CABA-201 for autoimmune diseases

Our product candidate & uniquely experienced people inform our differentiated development path

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

### Product *Candidate with 4-1BB co-stim domain & similar binding activity to academic CD19-CAR T<sup>1-4</sup>*

- CABA-201 fully human binder lowers risk of immunogenicity
- Clinical tolerability profile based on use in ~20 oncology patients
- 4-1BB co-stim 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*


- 5 IND filings for autoimmune cell therapies, each cleared in routine 30-day window
- Experience informing efficient clinical strategy for CABA-201 across multiple indications
- CMO led development of the only two SLE products approved by FDA in the past 65 years
- Leadership team members with extensive experience building cell therapy supply

### Accelerating development

- Exclusive translational partnership provided early insights with impact to timelines
- Efficient clinical trial designs across multiple autoimmune diseases with potentially therapeutic starting dose in parallel cohorts
- Deep understanding & experience with complex cell therapy programs for autoimmune patients

SLE – Systemic lupus erythematosus

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

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# Ongoing DesCAARTes™ study in patients with mucosal PV

Orphan Drug Designation

Fast Track Designation

Enrolling in Flu / Cy / IVIg cohort to evaluate ability to improve engraftment & clinical activity

## 1 Antibody-mediated disease

- Mucosal pemphigus vulgaris (PV) associated with anti-DSG3 antibodies
- Painful blisters of the mucous membranes, with potential for significant morbidity & mortality
- U.S. prevalence 3,250-4,750

## 2 High unmet clinical need

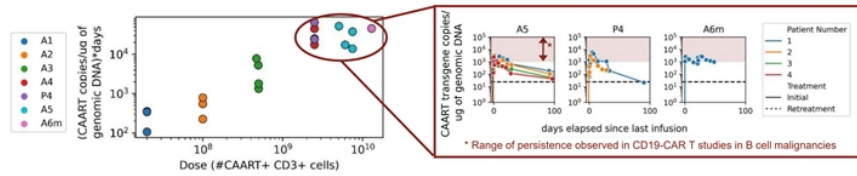
- Broad immunosuppression, modestly effective & poorly tolerated<sup>1-2</sup>
- Rituximab plus steroids (~3,500 mg/yr)<sup>3</sup> may offer transient remission, but risks severe / potentially fatal infections<sup>1,3</sup>

## DesCAARTes™ study of DSG3-CAART

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

Cohorts	Combination (Pre-Treatment)	Dose*
A1 – A4	--	20M to 7.5B
A6m	--	Up to 15B
P4	IVIg / Cyclophosphamide (Cy)	2.5B
P4F	IVIg / Cy / Fludarabine (Flu)	2.5B

## DSG3-CAART Peak Persistence<sup>4</sup>



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 \* 20M, 2.5B, 7.5B to 15B refers to the number of DSG3-CAART cells infused for patients in dosing cohorts A1 to A6m (M – millions; B – billions).

# Ongoing MusCAARTes™ study in patients MuSK+ MG

Additional opportunity to evaluate CAART platform in disease with differentiated biology

Orphan Drug Designation

Fast Track Designation

## 1 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 PV<sup>4,5,6</sup>

## 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

MG – Myasthenia gravis

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

## MusCAARTes™ study of MuSK-CAART

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

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

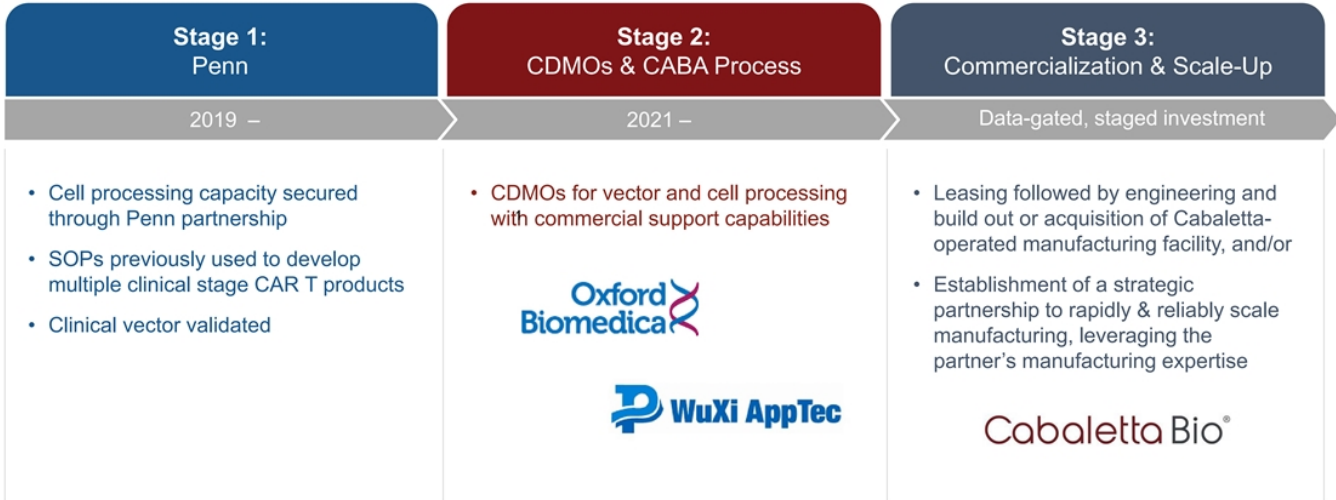


## Corporate Summary

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# Manufacturing strategy

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



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



# 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 parallel myositis, SLE & SSc Phase 1/2 studies

- **Advancing myositis, SLE & systemic sclerosis trials with efficient designs, including starting dose & parallel cohorts**
  - $1.0 \times 10^6$  cells/kg initial dose of CABA-201 is identical to dose in academic myositis, SLE & SSc studies<sup>1-3</sup>
  - Independent, parallel cohorts with 6 patients each – 3 in myositis (DM, ASyS & IMNM); 2 in SLE (LN & non-renal); 2 in SSc (skin & organ)
- **CABA-201 has been specifically engineered for patients with autoimmune diseases**
  - Fully human CD19 binder with data in ~20 oncology patients – clinical safety profile supporting further evaluation in autoimmunity
  - Same 4-1BB costimulatory domain and similar CD19 binder affinity<sup>4</sup> as used in the academic myositis, SLE & SSc studies<sup>1-3</sup>
- **Potential to cure a broad range of autoimmune diseases where B cells have a role initiating and driving disease**
  - Clinical data from multiple academic institutions reinforcing potential of CD19-CAR T in autoimmunity with early industry studies underway
  - Opportunity to address unmet need in autoimmune diseases across rheumatology, neurology, nephrology and dermatology, among others

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

- **DesCAARTes™ trial of DSG3-CAART in mucosal pemphigus vulgaris – Flu / Cy plus IVIg cohort enrolling**
- **MusCAARTes™ trial in MuSK myasthenia gravis – leveraging insights from experience with DSG3-CAART**

Initial CABA-201 3-month clinical efficacy & tolerability data expected by 1H24 | \$176M cash<sup>5</sup> with runway into 4Q25

CARTA – Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cells for Autoimmunity; CAART – Chimeric AutoAntibody Receptor T cells; IND – Investigational New Drug; SLE – Systemic lupus erythematosus; SSc – Systemic sclerosis; DM – Dermatomyositis; ASyS – Anti-synthetase syndrome; IMNM – Immune-mediated necrotizing myopathy; Flu – Fludarabine; Cy – Cyclophosphamide

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## Corporate Presentation

OCTOBER 2023

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Cabaletta Bio Receives FDA Clearance of IND Application for Treatment of Systemic Sclerosis with CABA-201

*– Third IND application clearance for CABA-201 within the past 6 months across a broad range of autoimmune diseases –*

*– Phase 1/2 clinical trial evaluating CABA-201 in systemic sclerosis features parallel cohort design and the same starting dose as the CABA-201 INDs for lupus and myositis –*

*– Three-month clinical data in initial patients treated with CABA-201 from Phase 1/2 trials in lupus and/or myositis remain on track to be reported by the first half of 2024 –*

**PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 2, 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 third Investigational New Drug (IND) application for CABA-201, a 4-1BB-containing fully human CD19-CAR T cell investigational therapy, has been allowed to proceed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for a Phase 1/2 study in patients with systemic sclerosis (SSc). The Company plans to initiate a Phase 1/2 clinical trial of CABA-201 across two parallel SSc cohorts – one cohort of six patients with severe skin manifestations and a separate cohort of six patients with severe organ involvement associated with systemic sclerosis. Consistent with the previously announced CABA-201 IND clearances for lupus and myositis, the starting dose for the trial,  $1 \times 10^6$  cells/kg, was informed by the high degree of similarity between CABA-201 and the CD19-CAR T construct administered to a patient with severe, diffuse SSc in the recent *Annals of Rheumatic Diseases* publication.

“As we remain on track to deliver three-month clinical data from the initial patients treated with CABA-201 by the first half of 2024, the clearance of our third IND application for CABA-201 within the past 6 months demonstrates our relentless focus on developing CABA-201 for a broad portfolio of potential indications in patients with autoimmune diseases,” said Steven Nichtberger, M.D., Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder of Cabaletta. “Based on published, third-party academic clinical data and a recently released abstract by the same academic group at the upcoming American College of Rheumatology Convergence 2023 meeting reporting administration of CD19-CAR T cells to treat additional patients with systemic sclerosis, we believe CABA-201 has the potential to slow or halt the progression of this autoimmune disease, thereby providing an important treatment option for these patients who currently have very few available treatments.”

SSc is a rare and potentially fatal chronic autoimmune disease characterized by progressive skin and internal organ fibrosis that can be life-threatening, including interstitial lung disease, pulmonary hypertension, and scleroderma renal crisis. Although the etiology of SSc is not well understood, the pathogenic role of autoantibodies and B cells in SSc provides a rationale for studying CAR T therapy in this population. SSc affects approximately 88,000 patients in the U.S., and typically affects middle-aged individuals, particularly women. Standard treatment options, which have modest effects, include generalized immunosuppressive agents or drugs targeted to specific symptomatic manifestations. Autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplant may provide some benefits in organ involvement, but carries significant risks, including

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mortality, infertility, and secondary autoimmune disease, limiting its potential to be applied broadly. Due to the lack of adequate treatments, the risk of mortality in systemic sclerosis remains high, with an average survival of approximately 12 years following diagnosis.

#### **About the Phase 1/2 Clinical Trial of CABA-201 in SSc**

The Phase 1/2 clinical trial will be an open-label study of CABA-201 in subjects with SSc across two parallel cohorts. The severe skin cohort will include six patients with severe skin involvement, and the organ cohort will include six patients who meet the pulmonary, cardiac, or renal involvement criteria regardless of skin involvement. Subjects will receive a one-time infusion of CABA-201, using the same dose being used in the lupus and myositis clinical trials of CABA-201,  $1 \times 10^6$  cells/kg, preceded by a standard preconditioning regimen of fludarabine and cyclophosphamide. Key inclusion criteria include patients between ages 18 and 70 (inclusive), evidence of significant skin, pulmonary, renal, or cardiac involvement, and significant organ involvement despite use of immunosuppressants. Key exclusion criteria include a primary diagnosis of another rheumatic autoimmune disease, treatment with a B cell depleting agent within six months or treatment with a biologic agent within three months. As the third trial within Cabaletta's CARTA (Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cells for Autoimmunity) strategy, this study is intended to evaluate the potential ability of CABA-201 to transiently, but completely, eliminate B cells throughout the body, potentially enabling an immune system reset associated with a slowing or halting of active inflammatory disease progression in patients with SSc.

#### **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 systemic lupus erythematosus, myositis, and systemic sclerosis, and the CAART (chimeric antibody 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 is designed to develop potentially curative therapies that offer deep and durable responses 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 its expectations regarding: Cabaletta's ability to grow its autoimmune-focused pipeline; the ability to capitalize on and potential benefits resulting from published, third-party academic clinical data and a recently released abstract by the same academic group at the upcoming American College of Rheumatology Convergence 2023 meeting; the anticipated market opportunities for CABA-201 in SSc patients; the Company's business plans and objectives; Cabaletta Bio's expectations around the potential success and therapeutic benefits of CABA-201; the Company's plans to initiate separate Phase 1/2 clinical trials of CABA-201 in subjects with SSc, SLE and myositis, including its anticipated progress, clinical trial design, ability to leverage its experience in autoimmune cell therapy and autoimmune disease product development for each clinical trial; the Company's planned initial

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clinical data read-out from the CABA-201 program in the first half of 2024; Cabaletta's ability to enroll the requisite number of patients and dose each dosing cohort in the intended manner in its Phase 1/2 clinical trials 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: risks related to regulatory filings and potential clearance; 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* and *Annals of Rheumatic Diseases* publications, including due to the dosing regimen, are not indicative of the results we seek to achieve with 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 and public health crises; 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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