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Brookline Capital Acquisition Corp (Nasdaq: BCAC) Overview

- Brookline Capital Acquisition Corp ("BCAC") is a Nasdaq-Listed SPAC that completed a $57.5M IPO on January 29, 2021
- BCAC is sponsored by Brookline Capital Markets, a division of Arcadia Securities LLC, a boutique healthcare investment bank

BCAC Competitive Advantages

Deep understanding and knowledge of the healthcare sector. Team possesses decades of experience working with and advising clinical-stage biotechnology companies

Possess robust network of life science professionals, advisors and industry experts

Seasoned management team with expertise in capital markets and M&A advisory

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Overview of SPAC Merger, PIPE and Equity Line Transactions

SPAC MERGER	• Apexigen and Brookline Capital Acquisition Corp ("BCAC", NASDAQ: BCAC) have negotiated a definitive business combination agreement for a SPAC merger • Apexigen pre-money valuation = $205M • Transaction expected to close in July 2022
PIPE TRANSACTION & EQUITY LINE	• PIPE financing of $15M simultaneous with closing of the SPAC merger • 50% warrant coverage with $11.50/share exercise price; purchase price of $10 per unit • $50M equity line from Lincoln Park available over 24 months
TRANSACTION PROCEEDS	$73M in total estimated proceeds from BCAC trust and PIPE financing[1] • $15M from the PIPE transaction • $58M from BCAC's trust account (assuming no redemptions; redemption amount is TBD)
USE OF PROCEEDS	• Advance sotigalimab (APX005M) through multiple ongoing Phase 2 clinical trials • IND filing for APX601 (TNFR2) • Continue pipeline development

[1] Before transaction expenses. Doesn't include $50M equity line from Lincoln Park

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Transaction Overview – Capitalization, Sources and Uses

POTENTIAL CAPITALIZATION[1]

M SHARES	
Existing Apexigen Shareholders[1]	20.50
BCAC Shareholders[2]	5.75
PIPE Investors	1.50
BCAC Promote[3]	1.44
BCAC Private Placement Shares	0.25
Lincoln Park Equity Line Commitment[4]	0.15
Total Outstanding Shares	**29.59**

TRANSACTION SOURCES AND USES

SOURCES ($M)	
Apexigen Shareholder Equity Rollover[1]	$205.0
BCAC Cash in Trust[2]	58.1
PIPE	15.0
Total Sources	**$278.1**

USES ($M)	
Equity Issued to Apexigen Shareholders	$205.0
Net Cash to Balance Sheet[2,4,5]	63.1
Transaction Costs[5]	10.0
Total Uses	**$278.1**

[1] Capitalization calculated on a net-exercise basis: 20.5M shares to APGN shareholders are net of exercise proceeds for pre-closing options and warrants; assumes $10 price per Barolo share; excludes BCAC public and private placement warrants and PIPE warrants.
[2] Assumes no BCAC shareholders redeem; actual redemptions may differ.
[3] Sponsor promote may be reduced if cash in Trust is below $20M at closing. Includes promote granted to underwriters during BCAC IPO process.
[4] Excludes $1.5M shares to be issued 90 days post closing and any equity line draws.
[5] Estimate; excludes amounts to be paid before closing, shares to be issued at closing and later to Lincoln Park.

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Leader in Discovering and Developing Innovative Therapeutic Antibodies Against Cancer

LEAD **PRODUCT**

Sotigalimab/APX005M

Potentially first-in-class and best-in-class **CD40 agonist** with validating data & near-term milestones

PROPRIETARY **PIPELINE**

2 Product Candidates

- APX601 TNFR2: IND mid'22
- APX801 NK cell engager
- Additional research programs

VALIDATING **PARTNERSHIPS**

5 Licensees

Ocular disease BLA:
1st US approval for
product derived from APXiMAB

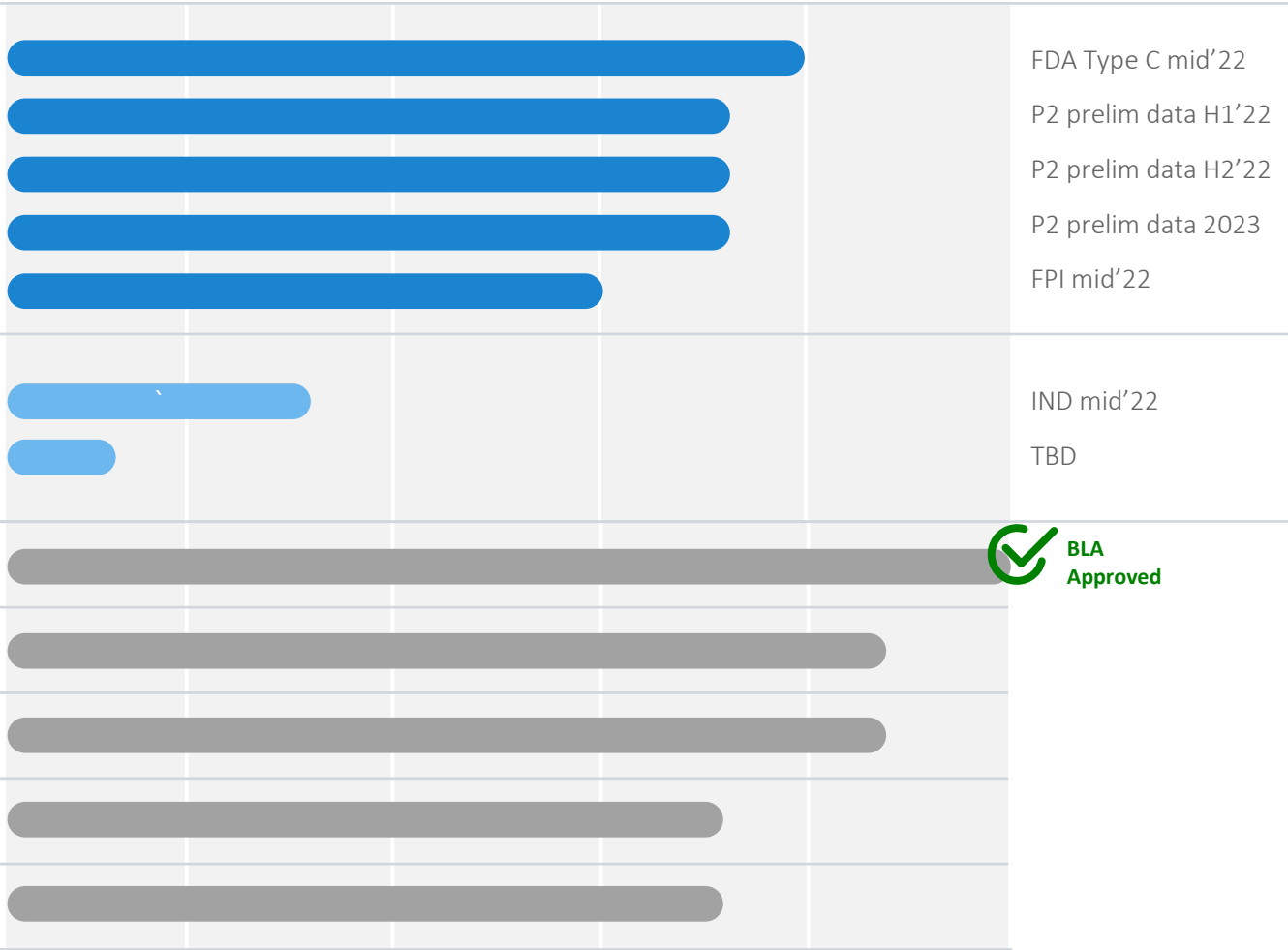
VALIDATED APXiMAB™ ANTIBODY DISCOVERY **PLATFORM**

$158M Equity Financing to Date

Multiple Near-term Milestones

Robust Pipeline and Partnerships

	Molecule	Target	Therapeutic Area	Next Milestone
Wholly Owned	Sotigalimab	CD40	Melanoma (post PD-1)	FDA Type C mid'22
			Esophageal/GEJ	P2 prelim data H1'22
			Sarcoma	P2 prelim data H2'22
			Rectal	P2 prelim data 2023
			Ovarian	FPI mid'22
	APX601	TNFR2	Oncology	IND mid'22
	APX801	NK cell engager	Oncology	TBD
Partnered	Undisclosed	Undisclosed	Ocular disease	BLA Approved
	BD0801	Simcere	Ovarian cancer, solid tumors	
	9MW0211	Mabwell 迈威生物	Ocular disease	
	TRK-950	TORAY Toray Industries, Inc.	Oncology	
	Undisclosed	Undisclosed	Ocular Disease	



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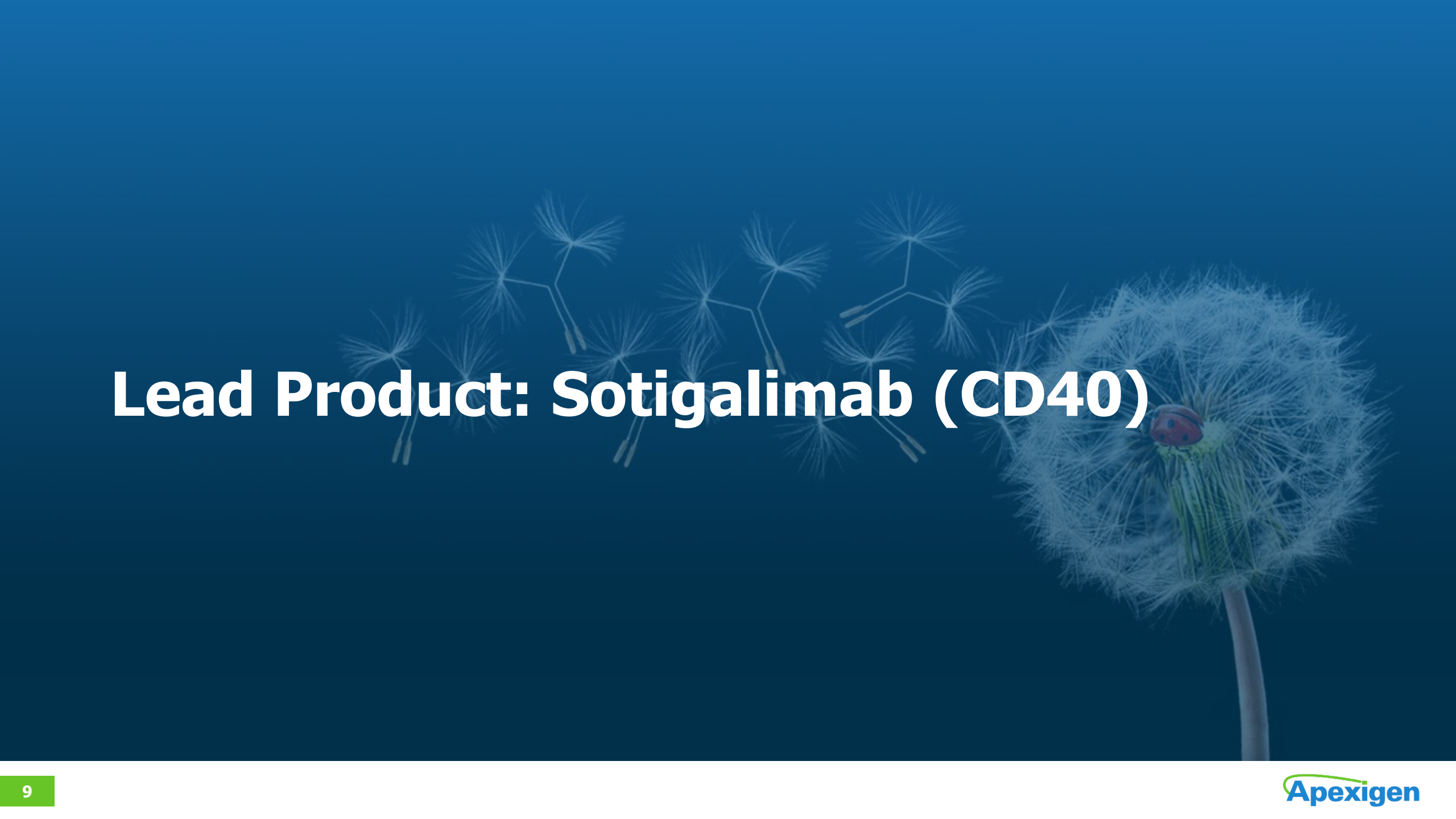
Lead Product: Sotigalimab (CD40)



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Targeting CD40: A Key Pathway in Stimulating Immune Response in Cancer

CHECKPOINT INHIBITORS:

Great Promise **but** Also Challenges

CTLA-4 Inhibitors	PD-1 Inhibitors

- Therapeutic index
- Toxicity
- Only effective in subset of patients
- Adaptive but not innate immunity

GOAL:

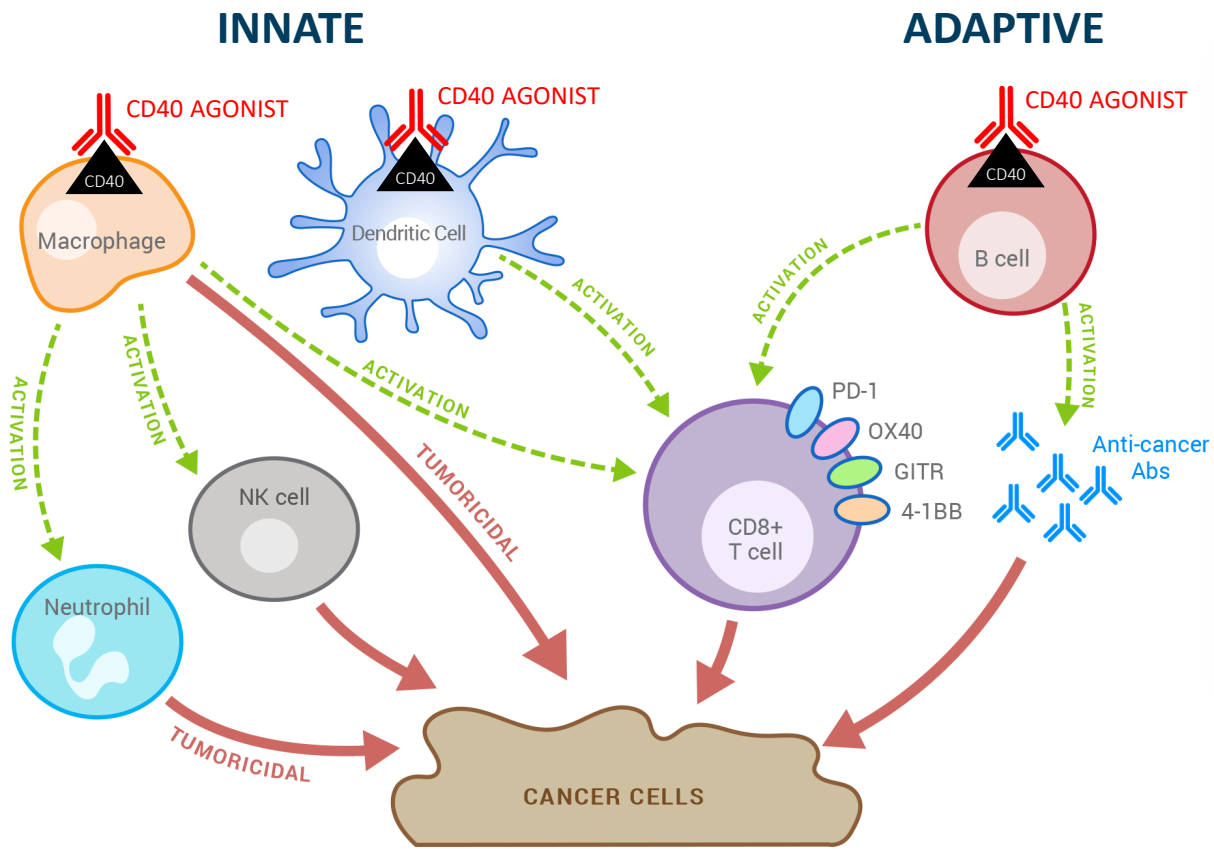
Broadly applicable

Increased therapeutic effect

Reduced toxicity

CD40 AGONISTS:

Harnessing Both Innate **and** Adaptive Immunity



BENEFITS OF TARGETING CD40:

Both immunity arms: More powerful response

Upstream of T-cell activation: Enable T cell response

Modulates tumor microenvironment: Cold → hot tumor

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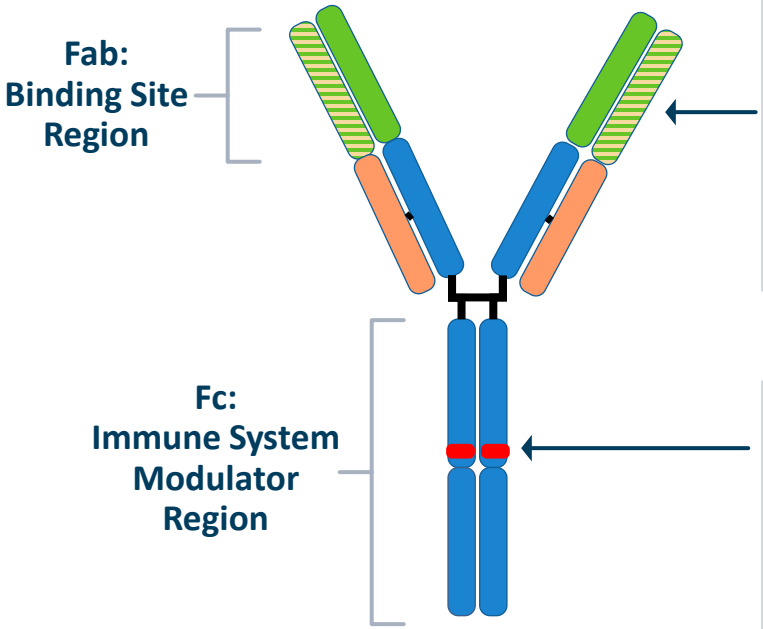
Sotigalimab - Potentially First-in-Class and Best-in-Class CD40 Agonist Antibody

Novel Features of Sotigalimab



High Binding Affinity to CD40 Ligand Binding Domain (Kd = 1.2×10^{-10}M)

- Humanized IgG1/k mAb against human CD40
- Binds to CD40L binding domain, mimicking natural CD40L signaling and increasing potency

Fc Mutation: Better Potency without ADCC

- Increased agonistic potency via binding to FcγIIbR
- Eliminated ADCC effector functions via abolishing binding to FcγIIIaR

Sotigalimab

- Single-agent efficacy
- Synergy with chemoradiation, chemotherapy & anti-PD-1
- Very good tolerability profile
- Patent exclusivity through 2032+

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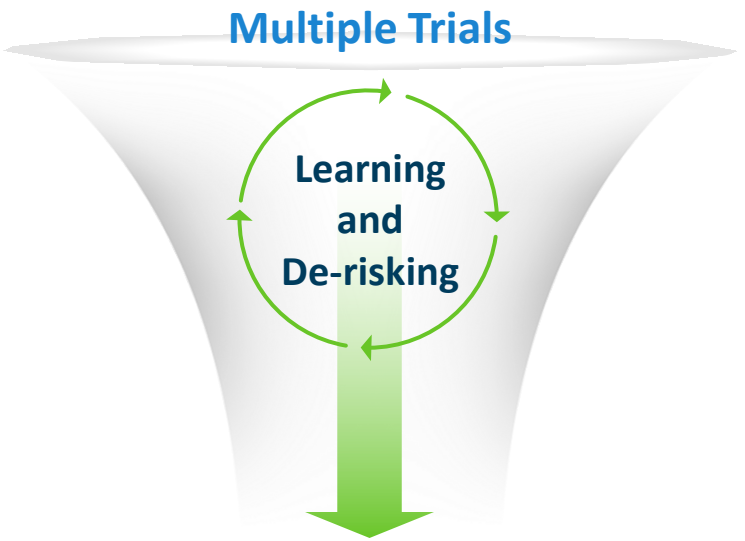
Highlights of Sotigalimab Phase 2 Clinical Development Program

CLINICAL RESULTS TO DATE

- Data demonstrate **single-agent anti-tumor activity***
  - I-O naïve melanoma: 2 monotherapy CRs in ongoing trial
- Data suggest **efficacy in combination** with **anti-PD-1** in PD-1 blockade-refractory metastatic melanoma
  - Post-PD-1 melanoma: 15% ORR with DOR range 6 to 25 months
- Data suggest **efficacy in combination** with **tumoricidal agents***
  - Neoadjuvant esophageal/GEJ: 41% pCRR (60% SCC, 35% adeno), 91% ORR
  - Advanced sarcoma: 20% ORR, 80% DCR (PR, SD). Duration of PR: range: 1.3 to 11 months. Duration of SD: 1.4 to 23.4 months.
- Reasonable safety profile with no additive or new toxicities when combined with other agents



CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Prioritize expected high-probability-of-success combination trials with immunogenic chemo and/or radiation in tumors with high unmet need

Multiple Phase 2 readouts within the next ~12-18 months

* Ongoing, enrolling studies; data continue to mature and are subject to change.

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Focused on 5 High Priority Phase 2 Combination Trials

MOST ADVANCED TRIALS

INDICATION	LINE OF THERAPY	COMBO REGIMEN	CATALYST	ADDRESSABLE POPULATION[1]	ANNUAL MARKET POTENTIAL ($M) [2]
Melanoma	PD-1/PD-L1 refractory	+ Anti PD-1	Mid 2022 (FDA Type C)	~25K	$750 - $2,000
Esophageal/GEJ	Neoadjuvant	+ Chemo + Radiation	H1'22 (P2 Preliminary Data)	~39K	$160 - $850
Sarcoma	Advanced	+ Doxorubicin	H2'22 (P2 Preliminary Data)	~9K	$170 - $500
Rectal	Neoadjuvant	+ Chemo + Radiation	2023 (P2 Preliminary Data)	~45K	$700 - $2,000+
Ovarian	Platinum sensitive	+ Chemo + Radiation	Mid 2022 (P2 FPI)	~26K	Induction: $300-$650 Maintenance: $1,000-$2,000

Multiple Data Read Outs Next ~12-18 Months

Single MoA Focus

Ongoing Phase 2 trials evaluate combination with tumoricidal agents that may **cause immunogenic cell death and tumor antigen release**

- Chemotherapy
- Radiation
- Chemoradiation

1 Decision Resources G7 drug treated patients annual incidence, except sarcoma (G7 treatable patients) and melanoma (G7 + Australia treated patients); GEJ estimated at ~30% of gastric 2 Company-commissioned estimates

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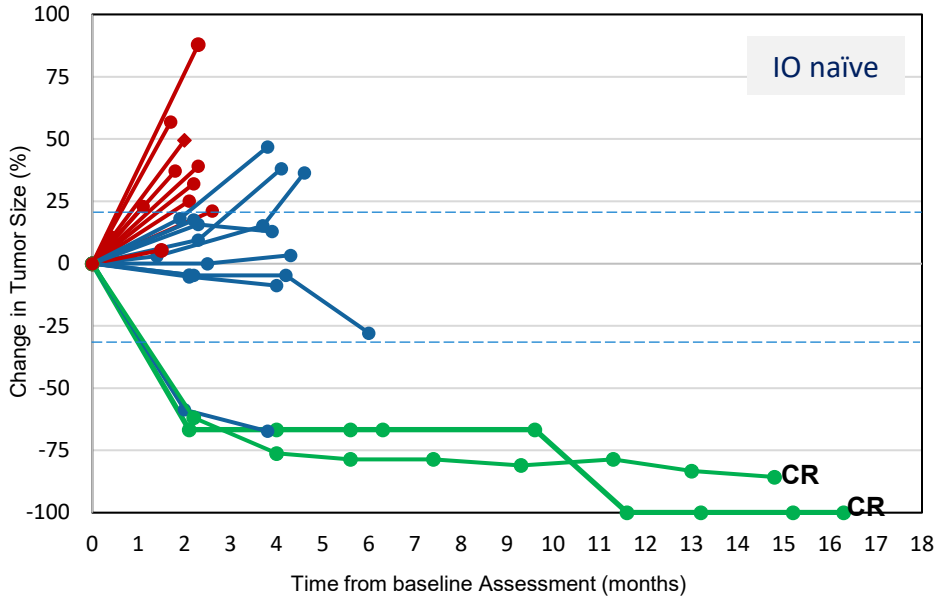
Anti-tumor Effects of Sotigalimab in Melanoma: Single-Agent and anti-PD-1 Combination Efficacy

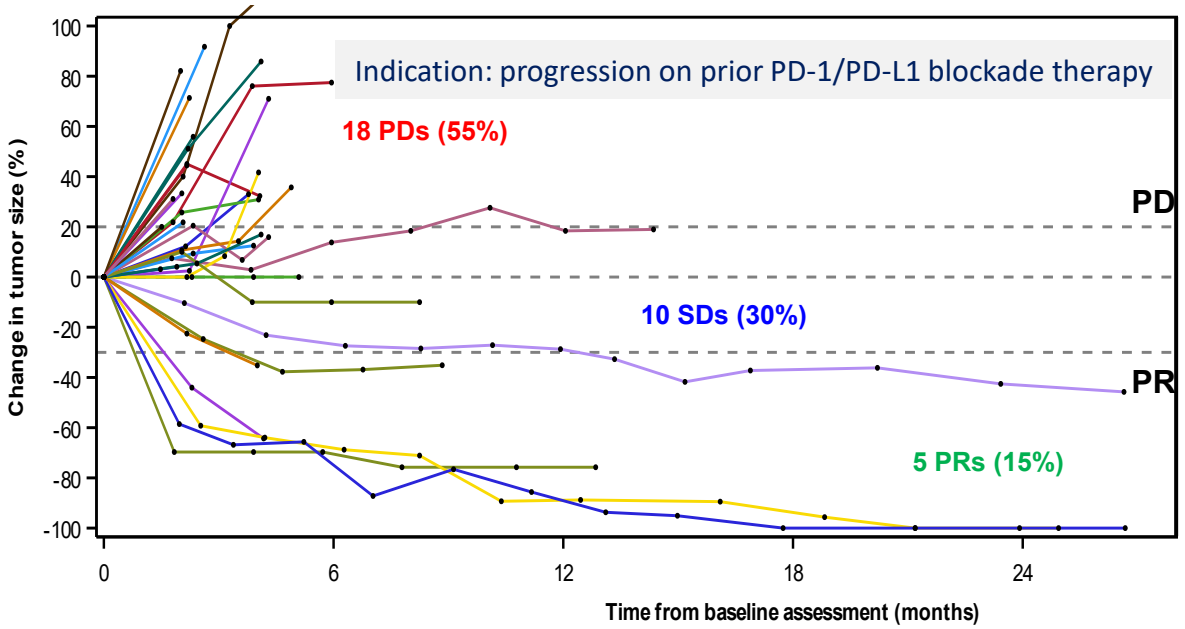
SINGLE-AGENT ANTI-TUMOR ACTIVITY

Interim data*



* Data snapshot from Dec 2021. Investigator-assessment by RECIST 1.1. Patients with tumor involvement of lymph nodes at baseline may achieve a CR when these normal organs return to normal size. Therefore, patients with CR may still have a measurement reported on scans and not report 'zero'. Ongoing study; data are subject to change.

EXTENDED DURATION OF RESPONSE IN COMBINATION WITH ANTI-PD-1 ‡



‡ 33 patients efficacy-evaluable. 5 PR (15.2%), DOR range 6 to 25 months.

Sotigalimab clinical data demonstrate **durable single-agent anti-tumor activity**

FDA Informal Feedback

Single-arm trial with 15% confirmed response and durability is likely sufficient for BLA approval

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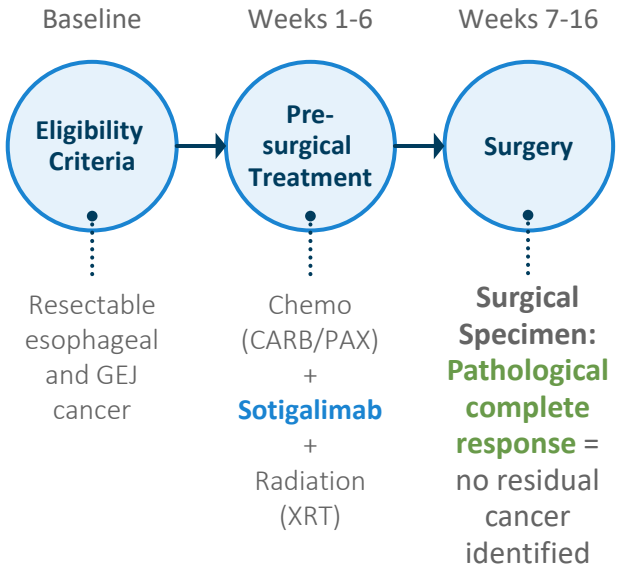
Meaningful pCR Data in Esophageal/GEJ (Neoadjuvant): Study of Sotigalimab-Chemoradiation Combination Ongoing

STUDY DESIGN*

N=30



UCSF

Principal Investigator: Andrew Ko

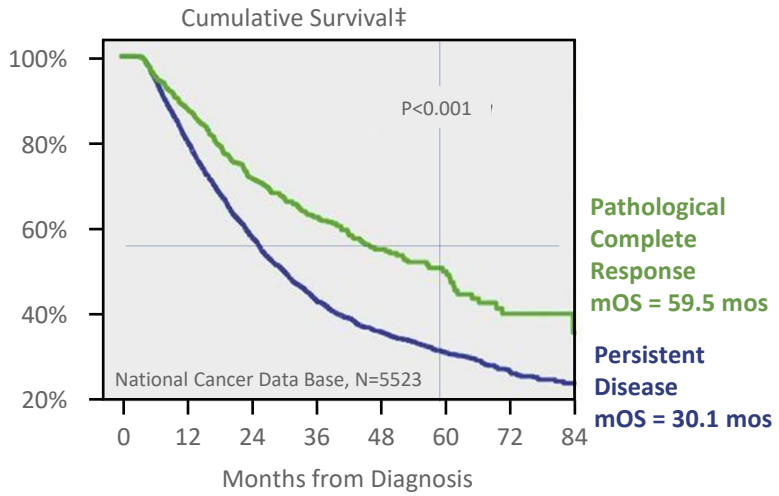
*Dosing regimen and schedule were changed during the study in order to better accommodate the scheduling needs of the treating centers and patients.

INTERIM RESULTS**

	N (%) Total N=22
Pathological Complete Response (pCR) Rate	9 (41%)
Partial Response (PR)	11 (50%)
Overall Response Rate (ORR)	20 (91%)
Adenocarcinoma pCR Rate	6/17 (35%)
Squamous Cell Carcinoma pCR Rate	3/5 (60%)

** Data snapshot from Feb 2022: 22 patients were evaluable for efficacy, 3 additional patients did not complete planned therapy including surgery (reasons other than PD) and are NE. Ongoing study; data are subject to change.

pCR: IMPORTANT PREDICTOR OF SURVIVAL‡



Historical pCR Rates are Inferior to Sotigalimab	3 Studies§ (2012-16)
Adenocarcinoma	22-23%
Squamous Cell Carcinoma	42-49%

‡ Samson, P. et al, J Thor Onc (2016, includes chemo and chemoradiation patients in meta-analysis of trials from 2006-2012).

§ Van Hagen P. et al, NEJM (2012), Klevebro F. et al, Ann Onc (2016), Samson, P. et al, J Thor Onc (2016)

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Durable Responses in Sarcoma (Advanced Soft Tissue): Study of Sotigalimab-Doxorubicin Combination Ongoing

STUDY DESIGN

Target Enrollment: N = 32

Patient Eligibility Criteria	CYCLES 1-8	CYCLE 9+^
• Advanced STS; all subtypes excl. KS and GIST • Any number of prior therapies allowed	Sotigalimab 0.3 mg/kg IV + Doxorubicin 75 mg/m2 IV	Sotigalimab 0.3 mg/kg IV Only

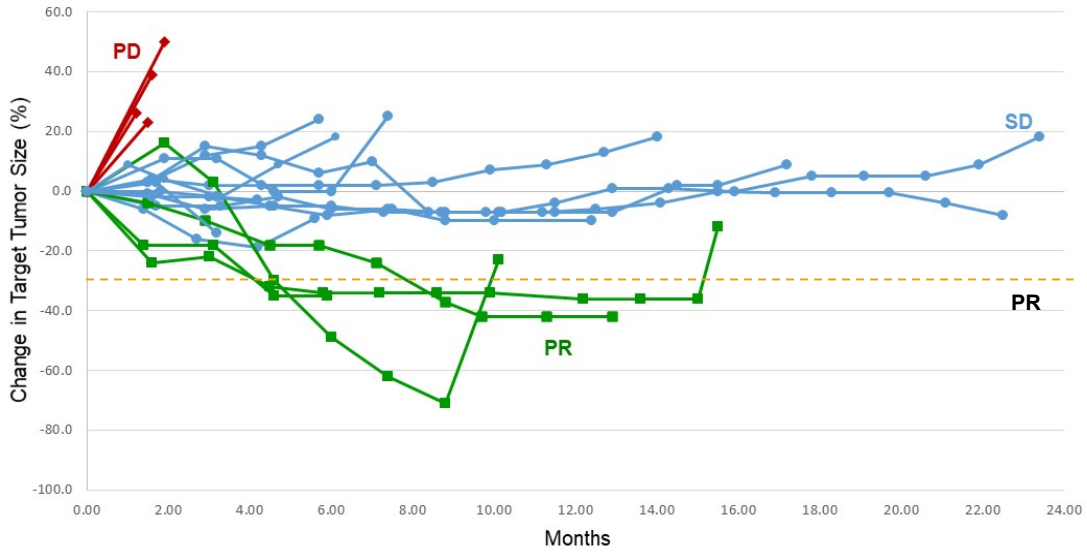
Primary Endpoint: Response Rate
Secondary Endpoints: DCR, PFS

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Principal Investigator: Gary Schwarz

^ Patients may continue study treatment until evidence of clinical or radiographic disease progression, unacceptable toxicity, withdrawal of consent or study closure; 21 day cycles

INTERIM RESULTS[1]



- Best overall response[2]: **4 PR (20%),** 12 SD (60%), 4 PD (20%), DCR 80%
- **Duration PR: 1.3 to 11 months; Duration SD: 1.4 to 23.4 mos**
- Median prior therapies across all patients = 1 (range 0 to 6); 4 PR patients: 0, 1, 4, 6 prior therapies

1. Data snapshot from Jan 2022: N=20 enrolled and evaluable. Ongoing, enrolling study; data subject to change
2. PRs observed in leiomyosarcoma, liposarcoma, epithelioid haemangioendothelioma and undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma

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Studies of Sotigalimab in Other Indications and Combinations

Ongoing investigator- or cooperative-sponsored studies of sotigalimab include:

- Phase 1 trial in combination with ipilimumab and nivolumab (treatment-naïve patients)
  - Unresectable or metastatic melanoma and renal cell carcinoma
  - Objective responses observed
- Phase 1/1b trial in combination with cabiralizumab and nivolumab (post PD-(L)1)
  - Unresectable or metastatic melanoma, renal cell carcinoma and non-small cell lung cancer
  - Objective responses observed
- Phase 2 trial in combination with mFOLFOX and radiation as neoadjuvant therapy for rectal cancer
- Phase 2 trial in combination with chemotherapy or chemotherapy and radiation for ovarian cancer

Summary of Sotigalimab Program

Sotigalimab is Potentially the First-in-Class and Best-in-Class CD40 Agonist Antibody

- Single-agent anti-tumor effects further validate CD40 and sotigalimab
- Prospective broad applicability in the treatment of multiple solid tumors
- Well tolerated; no synergistic tox with other I-O or chemo agents
- Other potential indications

Therapeutic Effect Observed in Several Indications

- Clinical data demonstrate anti-tumor effect in several indications
- Potential for multiple accelerated approval pathways

Multiple Upcoming Phase 2 Data Readouts

- Preliminary phase 2 data in 2022 for esophageal/GEJ and sarcoma and 2023 for rectal
- Seeking Type C meeting with the FDA mid 22 to determine registrational path in post-anti-PD-(L)1 melanoma

APX601 (TNFR2)

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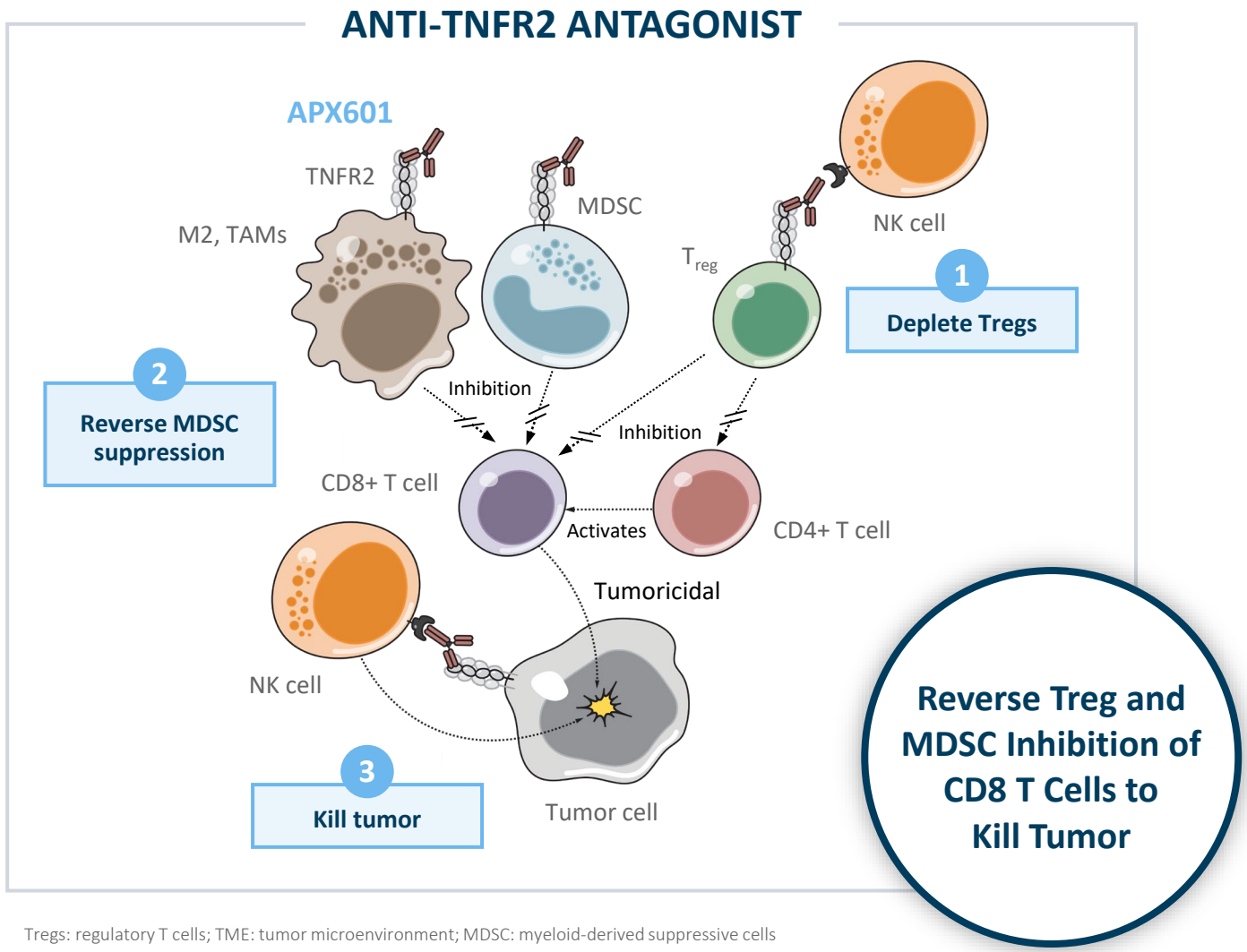
APX601 (TNFR2): Reverse Immune Suppression in TME and Unleash Immune-Mediated Tumor Killing



APX601 (TNFR2)

- **Product profile:** humanized IgG1 antibody targeting TNFR2+ immune suppressive Tregs & myeloid cells in TME
- **Multiple MOAs** to improve efficacy:
  1. Deplete/inactivate TNFR2+ tumor-infiltrating Tregs
  2. Reverse MDSC-mediated suppression
  3. Directly kill TNFR2-expressing tumor cells
- **Targeting IND filing mid 2022**
- **Opportunity to lead** with potentially best-in-class TNFR2 antagonist

Tregs: regulatory T cells; TME: tumor microenvironment; MDSC: myeloid-derived suppressive cells

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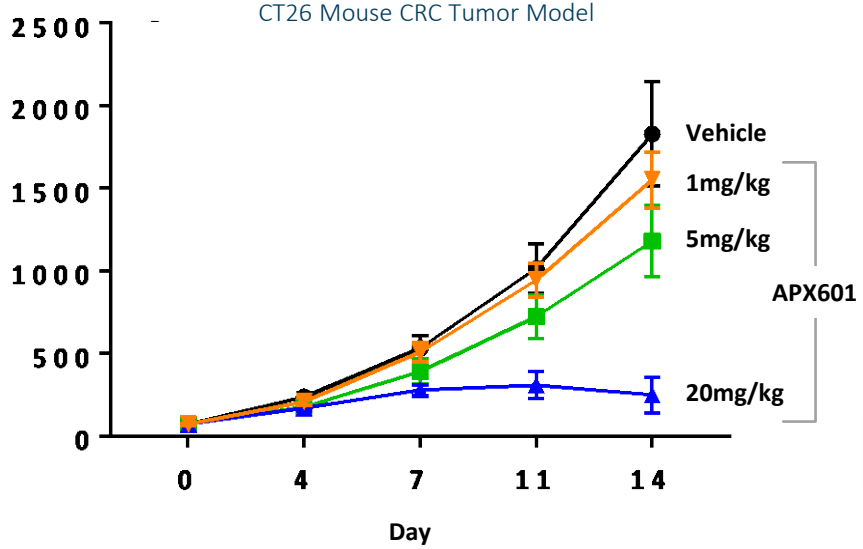
APX601 (TNFR2): Potent Anti-Tumor Activity in Preclinical Models

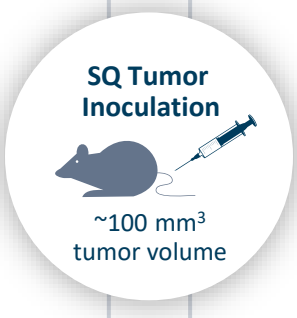
MONOTHERAPY

Tumor Volume MM³

CT26 Mouse CRC Tumor Model



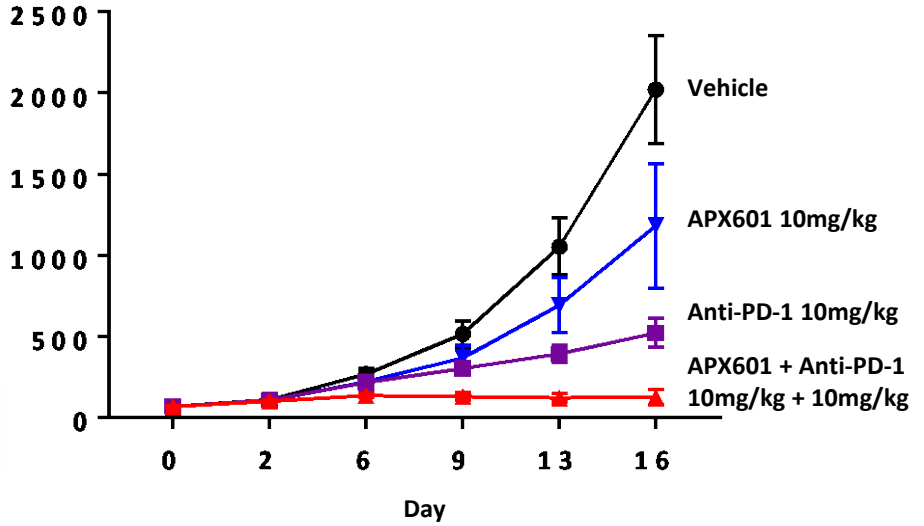
Potent **monotherapy** effect
89.9% TGI at 20 mg/kg



ANTI PD-1 COMBINATION

Tumor Volume MM³

MC38 Mouse CRC Tumor Model



Synergistic anti-tumor effect in
combination with anti-PD-1 (93.7% TGI)

Potential single-agent efficacy and opportunity for combination therapy in solid & hematological tumors

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APXiMAB Platform

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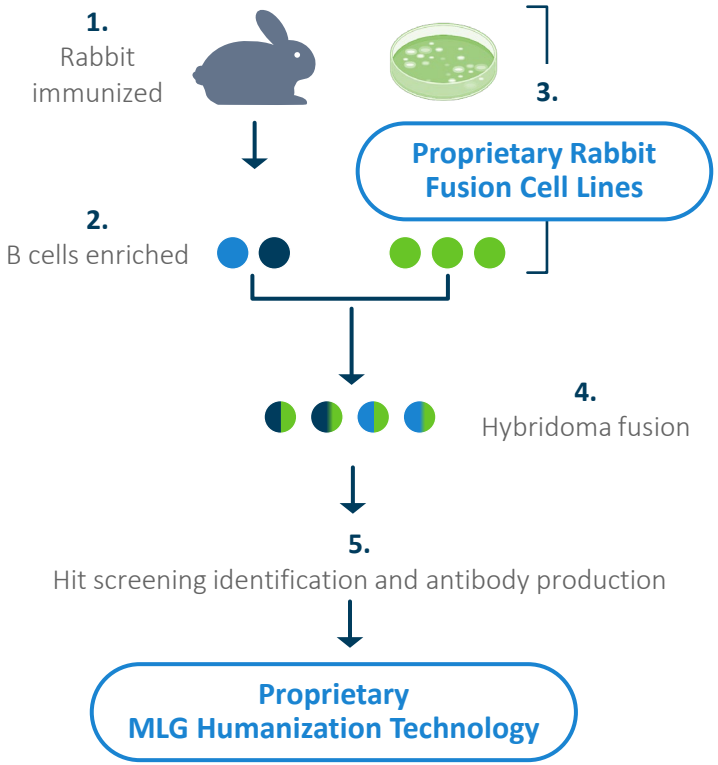
APXiMAB: Our Unique Antibody Discovery Platform

RABBIT-DERIVED THERAPEUTIC ANTIBODIES

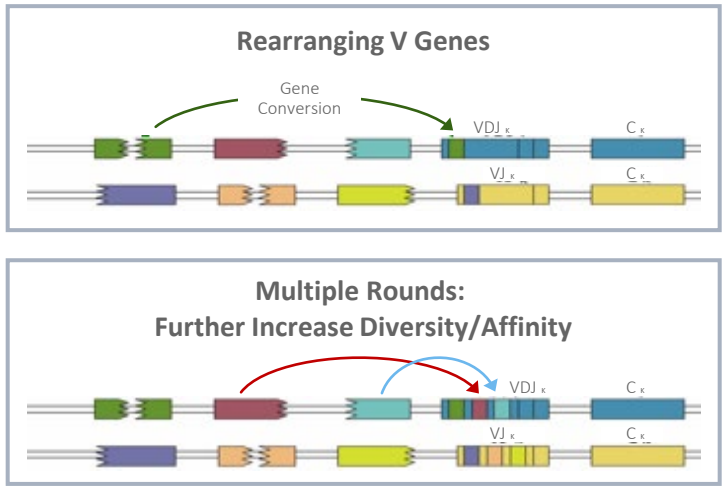
THE PROCESS



UNIQUE MECHANISM

Gene Conversion:

Increased Diversity and Affinity/Specificity



Only occurs in rabbits (and chickens)

THE ADVANTAGES

Broad Antibody Diversity

Increases Likelihood of:

- Identifying candidates for any given target
- Discovering the best antibody for a particular use

High Antibody Affinity/Specificity

Important for therapeutic antibody binding and staying on target for extended duration

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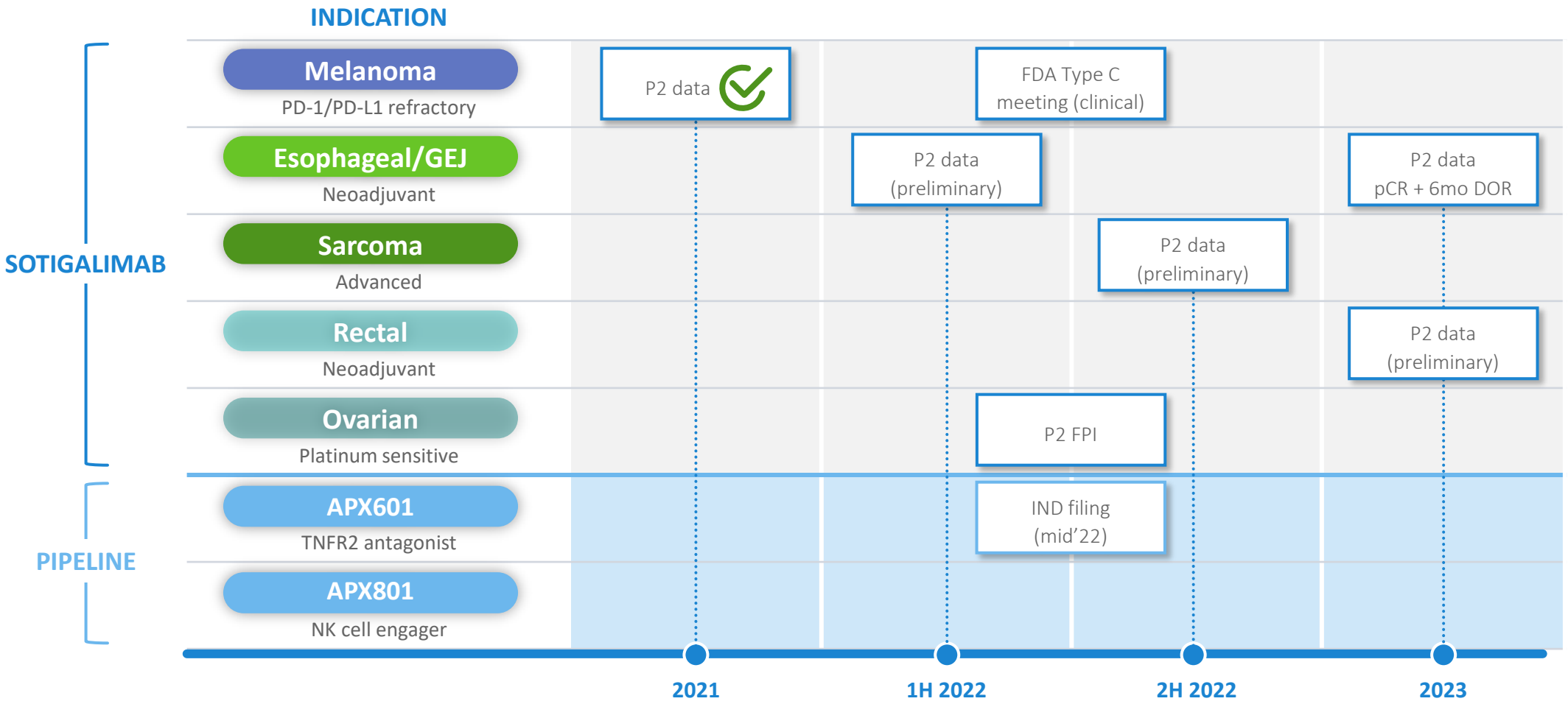
Summary

Near-Term Key Milestones



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PLATFORM

Rich, differentiated, prolific APXiMAB antibody discovery engine

SOTIGALIMAB

PRODUCT	CLINICAL DATA	FOCUS
Potentially first-in-class and best-in-class CD40 agonist	Established single-agent activity, validated target, validated molecule; encouraging interim Phase 2 data	Progressing broad Phase 2 program; seeking Type C meeting with the FDA mid 22 to determine registrational path

PIPELINE

Broad sotigalimab clinical program, 2 preclinical programs, additional programs in research

PARTNERSHIPS

Validated platform; non-dilutive funding

MILESTONES

Multiple value-driving milestones over next ~12-18 mos.

Additional Disclaimer Statements

Risk Factors

All references to "Apexigen," "we," "us" or "our" in this presentation refer to the business of Apexigen, Inc. The risks presented below are certain of the general risks related to the Company's business and industry and proposed transaction and are not exhaustive. The list below is qualified in its entirety by disclosures in future filings by Apexigen or by third parties, including BCAC, with respect to Apexigen, with the SEC. These risks speak only as of the date of this presentation and we make no commitment to update such disclosure. The risks highlighted in future filings with the SEC may differ significantly from and will be more extensive than those presented below.

The risks described below are not the only ones we face. Additional risks that we currently do not know about or that we currently believe to be immaterial may also impair our business, results of operations or financial condition. You should review the investor presentation and perform your own due diligence prior to making an investment decision in Apexigen or the surviving company.

Risks Related to Apexigen's Business

- We are in the early stages of clinical drug development and have a limited operating history and no products approved for commercial sale, which may make it difficult for you to evaluate our current business and predict our future success and viability.
- We have incurred net losses since inception and we expect to continue to incur significant net losses for the foreseeable future.
- Our ability to generate revenue and achieve profitability depends significantly on our ability to achieve a number of objectives.
- Even if this transaction is successful, we will require substantial additional capital to finance our operations. If we are unable to raise such capital when needed, or on acceptable terms, we may be forced to delay, reduce, and/or eliminate one or more of our research and drug development programs or future commercialization efforts.

Risks Related to the Discovery, Development, and Commercialization of Our Product Candidates

- We are dependent on the success of our lead product candidate, sotigalimab, which is currently in multiple clinical trials. If we are unable to obtain approval for and commercialize sotigalimab for one or more indications in a timely manner, our business will be materially harmed.
- Our clinical trials may reveal serious adverse events, toxicities, or other side effects of sotigalimab or any future product candidates that result in a safety profile that could inhibit regulatory approval or market acceptance of our product candidates.
- If we experience delays or difficulties in the enrollment of patients in clinical trials, our receipt of necessary marketing approvals could be delayed or prevented.
- The clinical trials of sotigalimab and any future product candidates may not demonstrate safety and efficacy to the satisfaction of regulatory authorities or otherwise produce positive results.
- The outcome of preclinical testing and early clinical trials that we obtain and that we publish may not be predictive of the success of later clinical trials, and the results of our clinical trials may not satisfy the requirements of the FDA, EMA, or comparable foreign regulatory authorities.
- Summary or preliminary data from our clinical trials that we announce or publish may change as new or revised patient data becomes available, and is subject to source verification procedures that could result in material changes in the final data.
- Our product candidates may not achieve adequate market acceptance among physicians, patients, healthcare payors, and others in the medical community necessary for commercial success.
- The sizes of the patient populations suffering from some of the diseases we are targeting may be based on estimates that are inaccurate, may be small, or may be smaller than estimated.
- Our additional internal programs beyond sotigalimab are at even earlier stages of development than sotigalimab and may fail in development or suffer delays that adversely affect their commercial viability.
- Any product candidates we develop may become subject to unfavorable third-party reimbursement practices and pricing regulations.
- If our competitors develop and market products that are more effective, safer, or less expensive than our product candidates, our commercial opportunities will be negatively impacted.
- We have limited resources and are currently focusing our efforts on developing sotigalimab for particular indications. As a result, we may fail to capitalize on other product candidates or indications that may ultimately have proven to be more profitable.
- Our business entails a significant risk of product liability, and if we are unable to obtain sufficient insurance coverage, the costs of product liability could have an adverse effect on our business and financial condition.
- We may not be successful in our efforts to use our technology platform to expand our pipeline of product candidates and develop marketable products.
- We are developing our lead product candidate, sotigalimab, to be used in combination with standard of care cancer therapies, which exposes us to several risks beyond our control.
- We may use companion diagnostics in the future in our development programs, and if such companion diagnostics for our product candidates are not successfully, and in a timely manner, validated, developed, or approved, we may not achieve marketing approval or realize the full commercial potential of our product candidates.

Risks Related to Regulatory Approval and Other Legal Compliance Matters

- The regulatory approval processes of the FDA, EMA, and comparable foreign regulatory authorities are lengthy, time-consuming and inherently unpredictable. If we are ultimately unable to obtain regulatory approval for our product candidates, we will be unable to generate product revenue and our business will be substantially harmed.
- Our product candidates may cause undesirable side effects or have other properties that could halt their clinical development, prevent their regulatory approval, limit their commercial potential, or result in significant negative consequences.
- For any current and future clinical trials for our product candidates outside the United States, the FDA, EMA, and applicable foreign regulatory authorities may not accept data from such trials.
- Obtaining and maintaining regulatory approval of our product candidates in one jurisdiction does not mean that we will be successful in obtaining regulatory approval of our product candidates in other jurisdictions.
- Even if we apply for and obtain an accelerated approval to facilitate one of our product candidates with the FDA, there is no guarantee that such designation would lead to faster development, regulatory review, or approval, nor would it increase the likelihood that any such product candidate will receive marketing approval.
- Even if we obtain regulatory approval for a product candidate, our products will remain subject to extensive regulatory scrutiny.
- Healthcare legislative measures aimed at reducing healthcare costs may have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.
- Our employees, independent contractors, consultants, commercial partners and vendors may engage in misconduct or other improper activities, including noncompliance with regulatory standards and requirements.
- If we fail to comply with healthcare laws, we could face substantial penalties and our business, operations, and financial conditions could be adversely affected.
- If we or any clinical collaborators, CROs, CMOs, or other contractors and suppliers that we engage fail to comply with environmental, health, and safety laws and regulations, we could become subject to fines or penalties or incur costs that could have a material adverse effect on our business.
- Our business activities may be subject to the FCPA and similar anti-bribery and anti-corruption laws.
- Failure to comply with privacy and data protection laws, regulations, or contractual obligations could lead to government enforcement actions (which could include civil or criminal penalties), private disputes and litigation, and/or adverse publicity and could negatively affect our operating results and business.

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Risks Related to Employee Matters, Managing Our Growth and Other Risks Related to Our Business

- Our success is highly dependent on the services of our President and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Xiaodong Yang, and our Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Frank Hsu, and our ability to attract and retain highly skilled executive officers and employees.
- In order to successfully implement our plans and strategies, we will need to grow the size of our organization, and we may experience difficulties in managing this growth.
- If we are unable to establish sales or marketing capabilities or enter into agreements with third parties to sell or market our product candidates, we may not be able to successfully sell or market our product candidates that obtain regulatory approval.
- Our anticipated international operations may expose us to business, regulatory, political, operational, financial, pricing, and reimbursement risks associated with doing business outside of the United States.
- Our operations and financial results could be adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States and the rest of the world.
- Our internal computer systems, or those used by our third-party research institution collaborators, other contractors, or consultants, may fail or suffer other breakdowns, cyberattacks or information security breaches that could compromise the confidentiality, integrity and availability of such systems and data, result in material disruptions of our development programs and business operations, risk disclosure of confidential, financial or proprietary information, and affect our reputation.
- Business disruptions could seriously harm our future revenue and financial condition and increase our costs and expenses.
- Our ability to use our net operating loss carryforwards and certain other tax attributes may be limited.

Risks Related to Intellectual Property

- If we are unable to obtain, maintain or protect our intellectual property rights in any products we develop and in our technology, or if the scope of the intellectual property protection obtained is not sufficiently broad, third parties could develop and commercialize products and technology similar or identical to ours, and we may not be able to compete effectively in our market.
- We may not be able to protect our intellectual property rights throughout the world.
- Changes in patent law could diminish the value of patents in general, thereby impairing our ability to protect our product candidates.
- Obtaining and maintaining our patent protection depends on compliance with various procedural, document submission, fee payment, and other requirements imposed by governmental patent agencies, and our patent protection could be reduced or eliminated for non-compliance with these requirements.
- If we fail to comply with our obligations in the agreements under which we license intellectual property rights from third parties or otherwise experience disruptions to our business relationships with our licensors, we could lose the ability to continue the development and commercialization of our product candidates.
- We may not be successful in obtaining necessary rights to any product candidates we may develop through acquisitions and in-licenses.
- Third parties may initiate legal proceedings against us alleging that we infringe, misappropriate, or otherwise violate their intellectual property rights, or we may initiate legal proceedings against third parties to challenge the validity or scope of intellectual property rights controlled by third parties, the outcome of which would be uncertain and could have an adverse effect on the success of our business.
- We may be subject to claims by third parties asserting that we or our employees, consultants, or advisors have misappropriated their intellectual property, or claiming ownership of what we regard as our own intellectual property.
- Our inability to protect our confidential information and trade secrets would harm our business and competitive position.
- Issued patents covering one or more of our product candidates or technologies could be found invalid or unenforceable if challenged in court.
- We may become involved in lawsuits to protect or enforce our patents or other intellectual property, which could be expensive, time-consuming, and unsuccessful.
- Intellectual property litigation or proceedings could cause us to spend substantial resources and distract our personnel.
- If we do not obtain patent term extension or data exclusivity for any product candidates we may develop, our business may be materially harmed.
- If our trademark and tradenames are not adequately protected, then we may not be able to build name recognition in our markets and our business may be adversely affected.
- Intellectual property rights do not necessarily address all potential threats.

Risks Related to Our Dependence on Third Parties

- We rely on third parties to conduct our clinical trials and those third parties may not perform satisfactorily, including failing to meet deadlines for the completion of such trials, research and studies.
- We contract with third parties for the production of sotigalimab for preclinical studies and our ongoing clinical trials, and expect to continue to do so for additional clinical trials and ultimately for commercialization and for additional product candidates. This reliance on third parties increases the risk that we will not have sufficient quantities of our product candidates or drugs or such quantities at an acceptable cost, which could delay, prevent, or impair our development or commercialization efforts.
- We may not gain the efficiencies we expect from further scale-up of manufacturing of sotigalimab, and our third-party manufacturers may be unable to successfully scale up manufacturing in sufficient quality and quantity for sotigalimab or our other product candidates, which could delay or prevent the conducting of our clinical trials or the development or commercialization of our other product candidates.
- Changes in methods of product candidate manufacturing or formulation may result in additional costs or delay.
- We have entered into agreements with third parties to develop product candidates we have licensed to such third parties or to discover and develop product candidates based on technology we have licensed to such third parties. If any such programs are not successful, we may not be able to realize the full commercial benefits from such programs.
- If we seek to establish additional collaborations, but are unable to do so, we may have to alter our development and commercialization plans.
- If we engage in acquisitions or strategic partnerships or collaborations, this may increase our capital requirements, dilute our stockholders, cause us to incur debt or assume contingent liabilities, and subject us to other risks.

Risks Relating to Disclosures and the Business Combination

- Apexigen's historical financial information is unaudited and will not be audited until the registration statement related to the proposed business combination is filed. As a result of additional review, actual results may differ materially from those made available to you in connection with this investment.
- Apexigen's projections are subject to significant risks, assumptions, estimates and uncertainties, and may differ materially from Apexigen's expectations.
- Directors of BCAC have potential conflicts of interest in recommending that stockholders vote in favor of approval of the proposed business combination and related proposals.
- Each of Apexigen and BCAC have incurred and will incur substantial costs in connection with the proposed business combination and related transactions, such as legal, accounting, consulting and financial advisory fees.
- The ability of BCAC stockholders to exercise redemption rights with respect to a large number of BCAC's outstanding shares of common stock could increase the probability that the proposed business combination would be unsuccessful or limit BCAC's working capital and liquidity.
- The impact to past and future SEC filings by BCAC as a result of its recent announcement that it is restating certain financial statements previously filed with the SEC with respect to its accounting classification of its redeemable shares of common stock.
- From time to time, the SEC may provide new guidance on material accounting standards that could impact the presentation of Apexigen's or BCAC's financial information.

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