

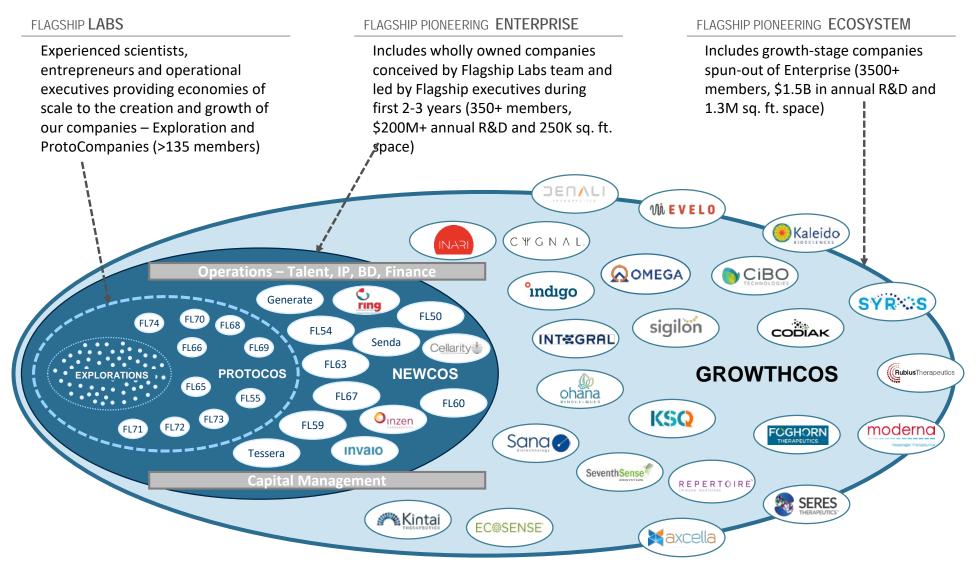
# Pioneering Life Science Platforms and Their Challenges

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VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON TECHNICAL AND REGULATORY BARRIERS
TO INNOVATIONS IN PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURING

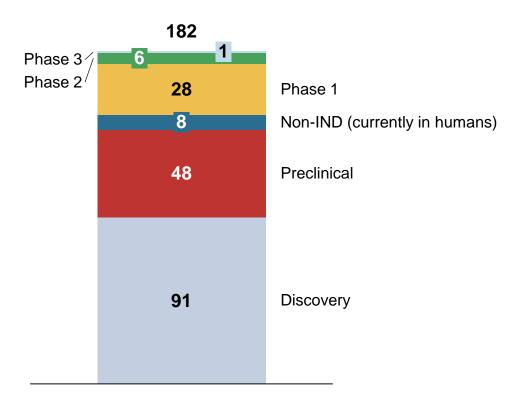
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## The Current Flagship Ecosystem

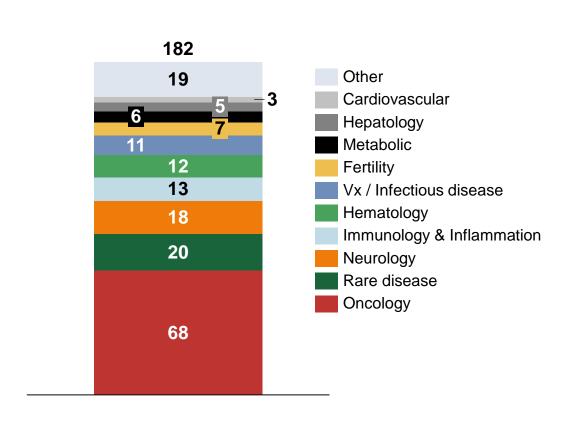


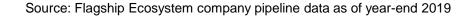
## Flagship ecosystem portfolio by phase and therapeutic area

## By development phase



### By therapeutic area







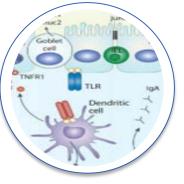
## Seres Therapeutics is developing a novel drug modality that modulates the gut microbiome



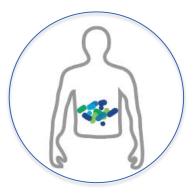
Ecobiotic® Live Microbiome Biotherapeutics are encapsulated consortia of bacteria with specific pharmacologic properties



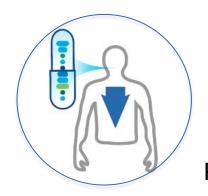
Consortia capture
breadth of
phylogenetic
& functional
diversity in gut



Designed to target inflammatory & immunological disease pathways simultaneously



Mechanisms
includes microbial
engraftment in
Gl tract to
restructure the
microbiome

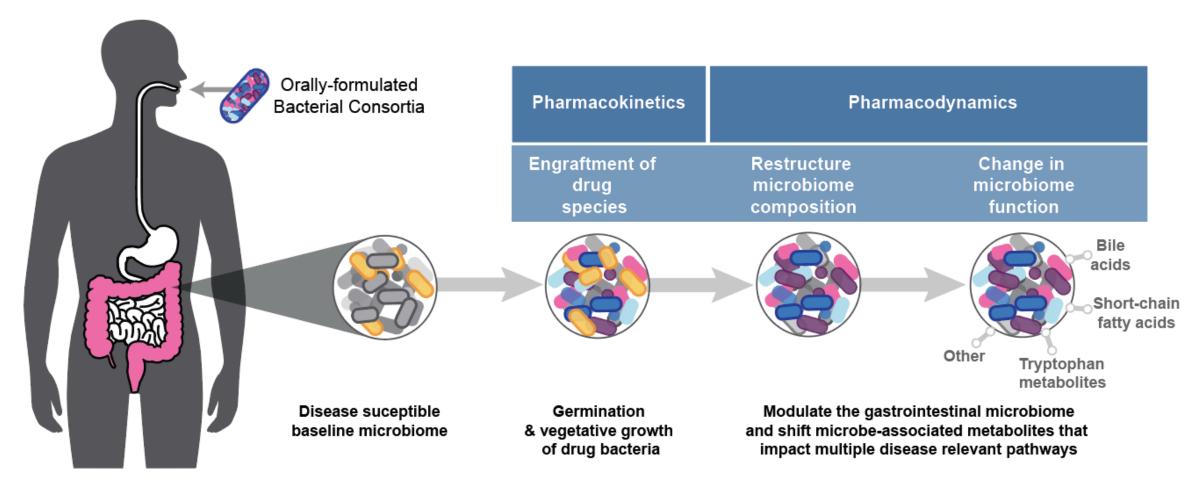


Formulated for oral delivery using current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP)



## Seres microbiome therapeutics are designed to rapidly restructure the microbiome and modulate disease relevant pathways





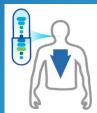


### Unique features for GMP manufacturing and quality control of microbiome

therapeutics

- Gut microbes have limited-to-no industrial pharmaceutical experience
  - Generally anaerobic
  - Often not aerotolerant
  - Many are spore-formers
- Manufacturing Issues to Solve:
  - Multiplicity of organisms in a product
  - Diversity of organisms and their culture behaviors
  - Stable preservation, oral (targeted) delivery
  - Analytical characterization of microbial mixtures
  - cGMP supply chain

Microbiome Therapeutics



Oral formulation of bacterial consortia

Safety

 Genome sequencing, characterization for Abx resistance/ mobile elements, (pro)phage, toxins

#### Identity

- Genome sequencing
- Functional/phenotypic characterization

#### Strength

- CFU assays optimized for species detection in mixtures
- Potency assay for activity

#### Purity

- USP <61>/<62> not useful for commensals and mixtures; optimize to suppress product background while maintaining sensitivity to pathogens
- Expectation of contaminant minimization, even in non-sterile oral dosage forms
- Process (bio)chemical residuals

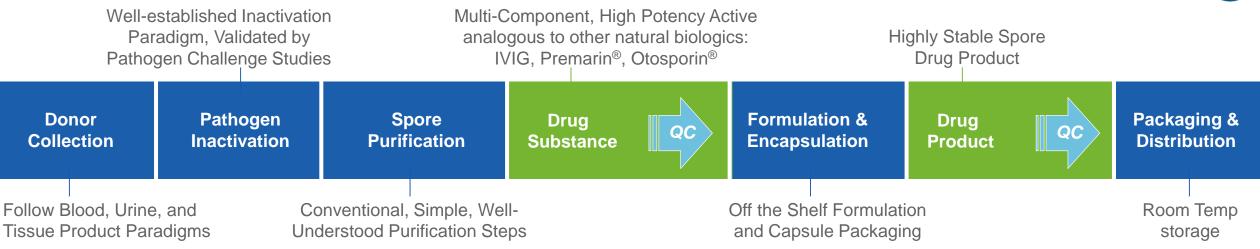
#### Quality (Pharmaceutical)

 Formulation excipients, moisture content, disintegration, container closure, etc.



### SER-109: A novel biologically-derived product adapted from proven approaches





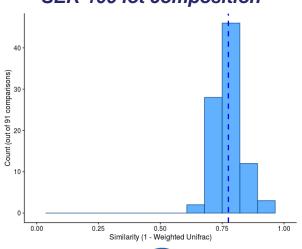
#### **Straightforward Production Elements**

- Individual operations and their features are well-established
- Modest production scales
- Hard shell capsule delivery enables standard processing, storage, distribution

#### Live vaccine-like product

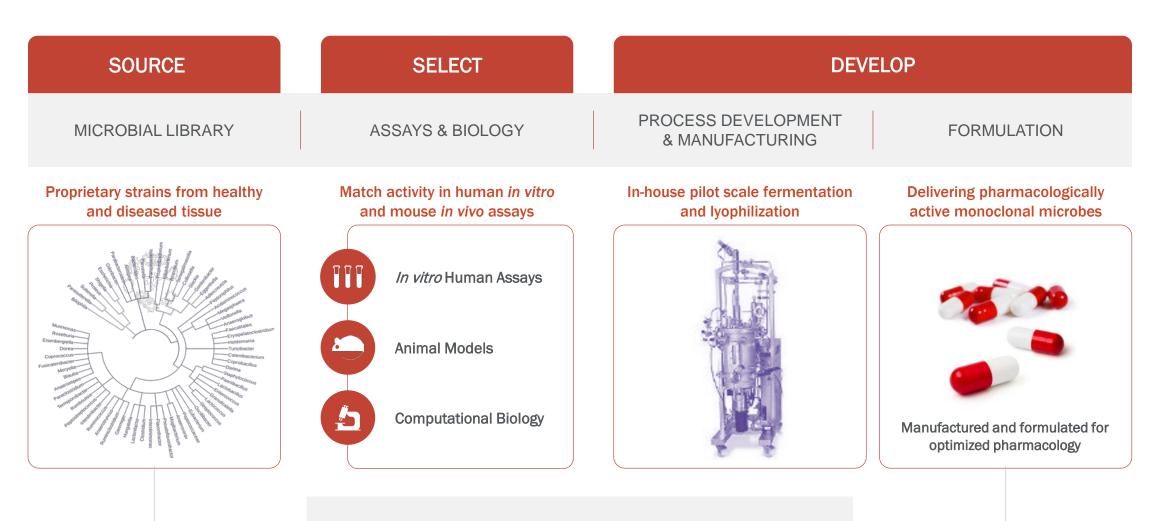
- Provide small, potent spore dose, using the human gut as a bioreactor to amplify
- Modest donor program scale
- Results in a consistent product

#### Weighted UniFrac comparison of SER-109 lot composition





## Evelo's integrated platform efficiently selects and develops candidates





## Developing monoclonal microbials into a new class of therapy requires significant CMC advancements beyond current practices

Extensive
characterization of target
microbes for safety
assessment and activity



Developing novel formulations to achieve optimal release profile and room temperature storage

Developing robust and high yield processes for novel microbes with limited literature or industrial experience

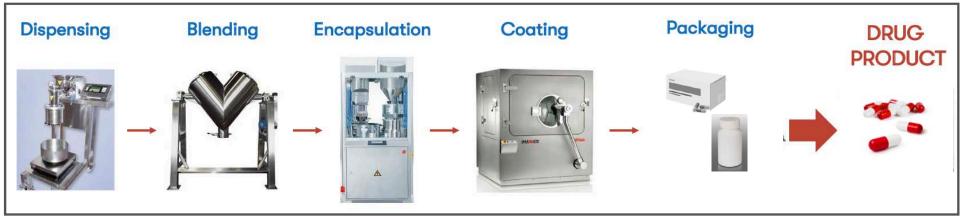
Scaling up under strict anaerobic conditions from vial thaw to drug substance

Understanding impact of process conditions on microbe's efficacy



## Evelo's proprietary methods enable scalable manufacture of pharmacologically active monoclonal microbials

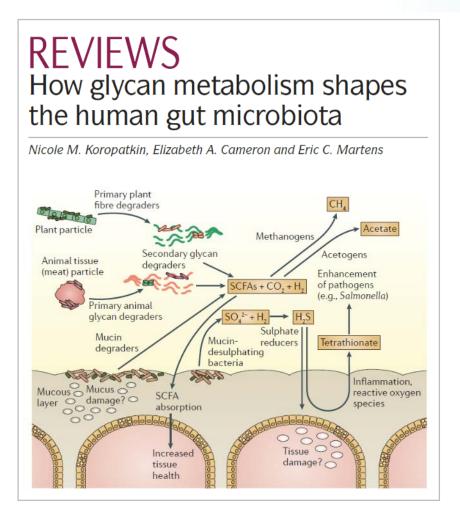




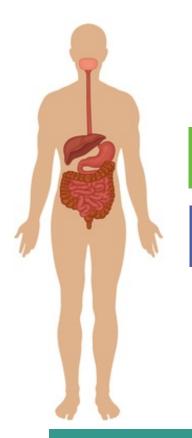
Monoclonal microbials are isolated, fermented, and purified in a manner analogous to the manufacture of pharmaceutical drugs

## Glycans Play a Major Role in Shaping the Gut Microbiome and Drive Metabolites that Modulate Disease Pathways





**Natural glycans** from multiple sources e.g. plant, mucus, meat, microbial, milk



Humans: 17 glycosidases

Microbiome: >3000 glycosidases

Advancing Chemistry to Create
Novel Synthetic Glycans Targeted
at Multiple Pathways

## Kaleido is applying novel chemistry to modulate the entire metabolic profile of the microbiome

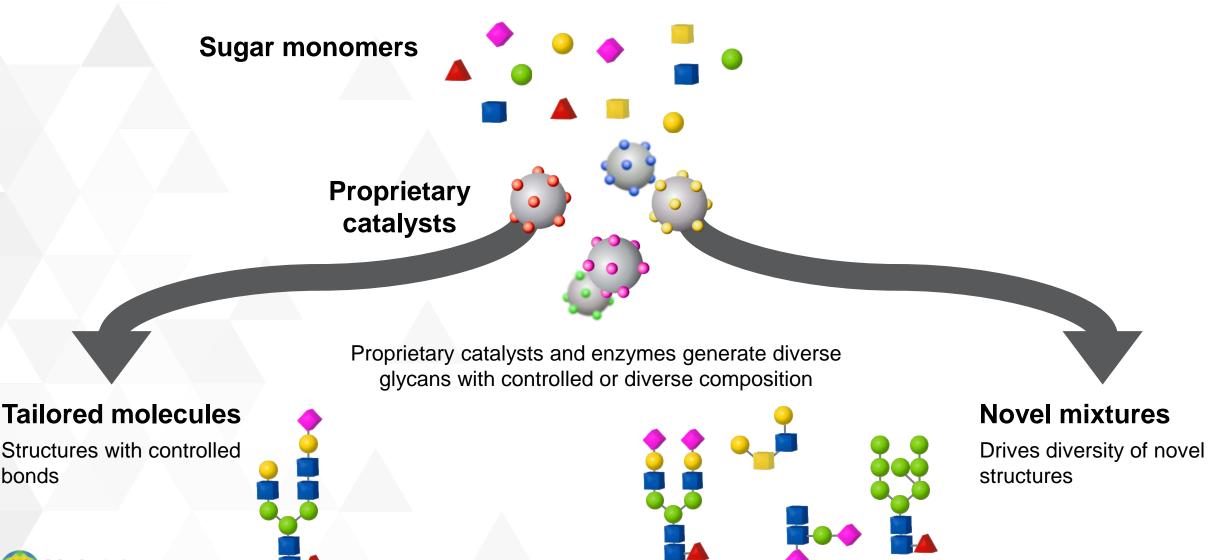
## Microbiome Metabolic Therapies (MMTs)

are complex
oligosaccharides
metabolized by the
microbiome to
systematically drive its
metabolic outputs





## Kaleido's chemistry insight: catalysts that normally degrade glycans can synthetize them instead if we reverse the reaction



bonds

## Kaleido's platform allows for multiscale synthesis, rapid formulation, and can easily scale to 1,000kg+

### Our platform enables multiscale synthesis

We can produce many diverse glycans using small batch synthesis and our glycans are easily scalable to 1,000kg+

### We have a strong analytical pipeline

Kaleido's platform integrates multiple analytical methodologies for structural characterization of our oligosaccharides

### Our glycans are easily formulated

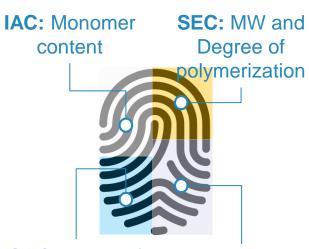
Our glycans are highly soluble (~650g/kg+) and can be easily formulated to be bioavailable to the microbiome







1,000kg+ scale



**HSQC NMR:**  $\alpha$ -/ $\beta$ -**GC-MS**: Degree of distribution & Branching & Linkage

substructure



A 80% w/v solution of Kaleido glycan



## Manufacturing is a Core Strategic Advantage: Small-molecule like, Efficient and Scalable Cost-Effective Process





Proprietary Methods
Standard Small Molecule
Unit Operations
Scalable and Transferable





**Internal Manufacturing** 



Production for *ex vivo*, toxicology, and human clinical studies

**3rd Party Manufacturers** 



Large scale production for clinical trials and future commercial supply (Thermo Fisher Scientific)



Efficient and scalable process



Internal capability to manufacture 12 MMTs per year; potential to double in 2020



Completed tech transfer to Thermo Fisher in ~6 months, scaled to 1,000 kg with capability to increase by >40X



KB195 manufactured for Phase 2 trial and toxicology

## Exosomes: "Nature's Drug Delivery Vehicles" A New Class of Targeted Biologic Medicines

### **Exosome Therapeutics**

#### Exosome basics

- 30-200nm lipid/protein nanoparticle
- Transfer and protect macromolecules for intercellular delivery
- Alter biological functions of recipient cells

Body's "Fed Ex" system for packaging and delivery

Allogeneic, off-the-shelf, immune silent drug delivery

Engineered cell tropism for selective targeting

Broad combinatorial therapeutic spectrum

#### **Natural Exosome Function**

#### Cell Tropism/ Membrane Signaling

Cancer Sci. 2019, 110(7):2119 Nature. 2018, 560(7718):382



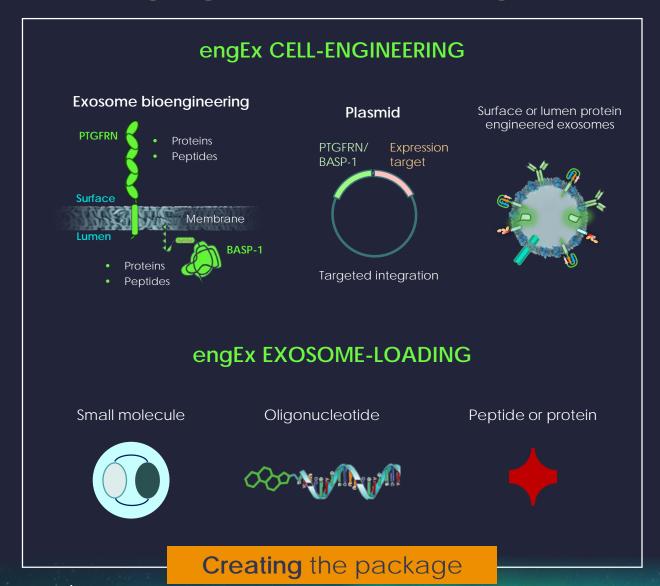
## Intracellular Payload Delivery

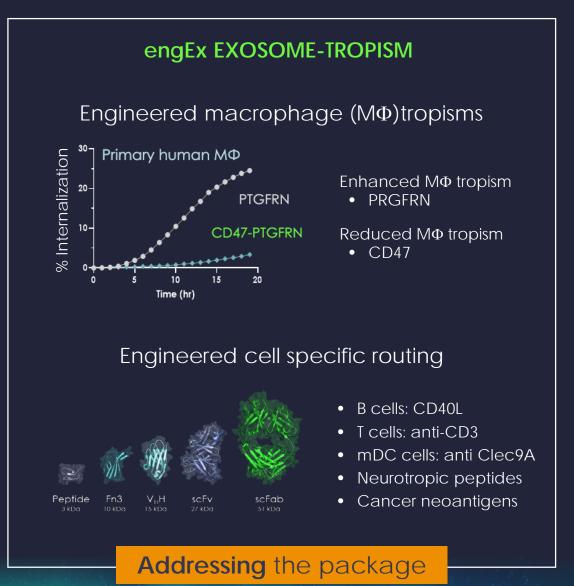
Nat Cell Biol. 2007, 9(6):654 Cancer Immunol Res. 2018, 6(8):910





## Creating Customized Exosomes with the engEX Platform: Packaging and Addressing







## Successful Industrialization of Exosome Manufacturing



Human clonal cell line engineered to secrete custom exosomes



2,000L fed-batch or 500L perfusion operation



Proprietary centrifuge-free purification



Large scale sublots of highly purified exosomes



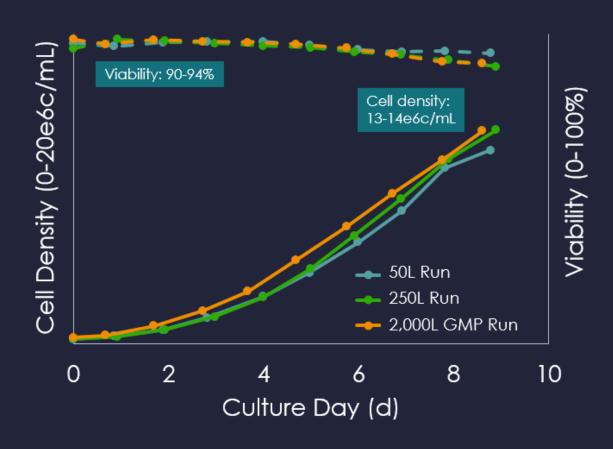
Supply to support large patient populations

Proprietary portfolio of GMP analytical methods to confirm product quality, potency and consistency

- Largest scale GMP production completed for exosome therapeutics
- Codiak Clinical Manufacturing Plant available summer 2020

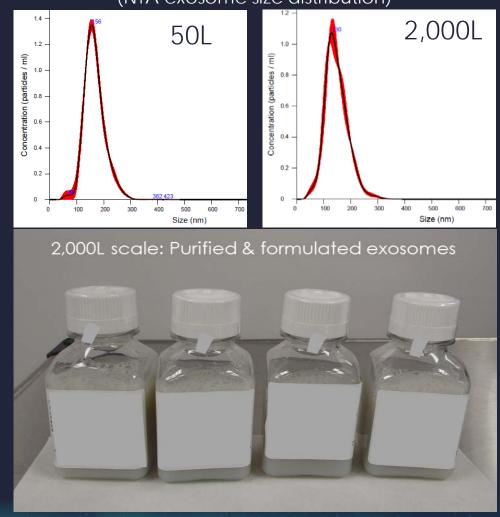


## Reproducible Operation Up to 2,000L Scale Under GMP



- Successful scale up 50L > 250L > 2,000L
- High degree of reproducibility at all scales

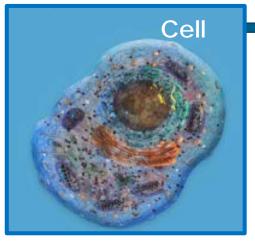
High & consistent quality of purified product (NTA exosome size distribution)





## The SLTx<sup>™</sup> Product Platform: From Cell Function to Functional Cure

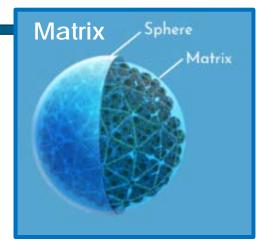
### Shielded Living Therapeutics™ - IP across the platform



**Human cell lines** selected for safety, durability, efficacy

- Engineered to express high levels of desired protein
- Straightforward to manufacture





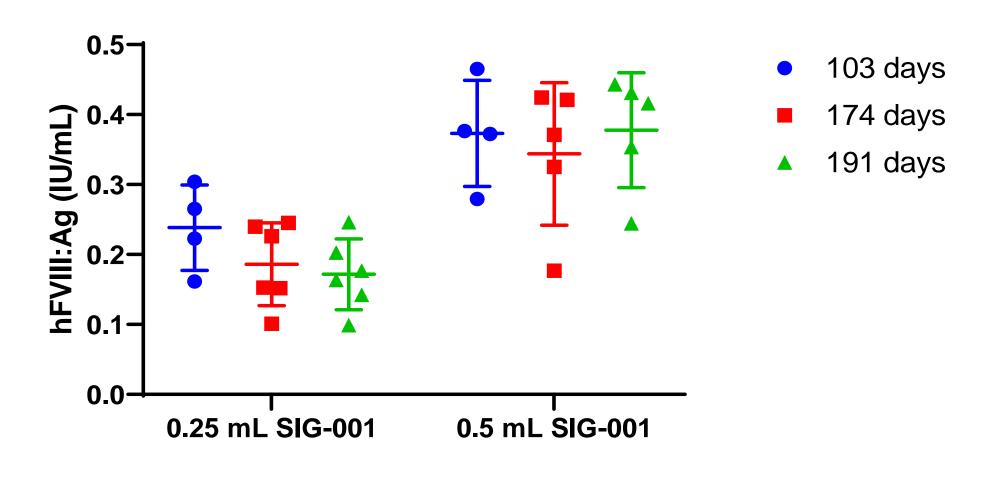
### Biocompatible matrix

- Afibromer<sup>™</sup> hydrogel shields cells from immune attack and fibrosis
- Allows oxygen & nutrients in; therapeutic proteins out



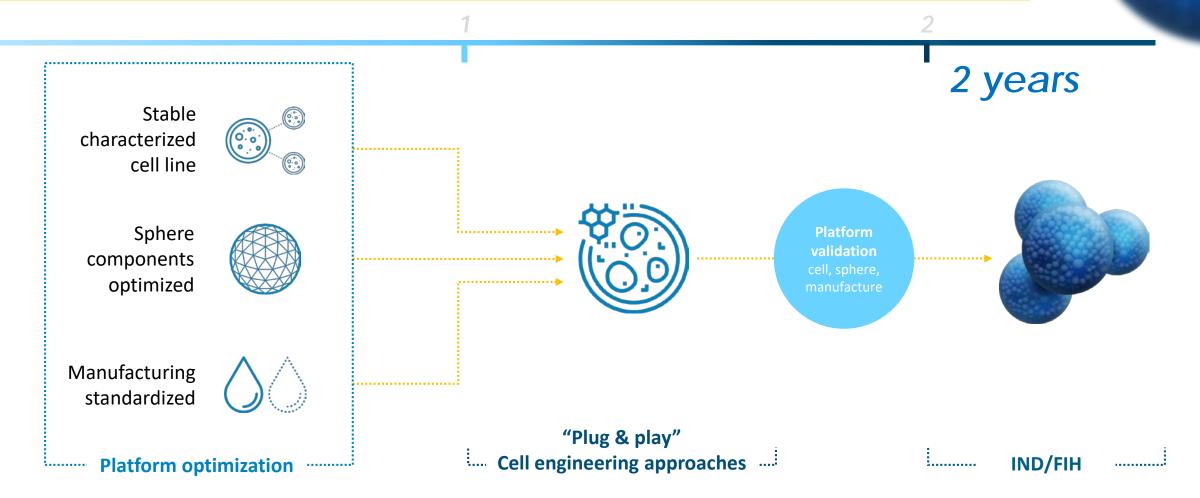
## **Unprecedented Durability:**

Demonstrated 6 Months of human factor VIII (hFVIII) Plasma Levels in Mice





## SLTx<sup>™</sup> is a Modular Platform: Rapid Transit from Concept to Clinic





## Pioneering an Innovative and Scalable Automated Encapsulation System



## Functional Cure To Patients With Chronic Diseases



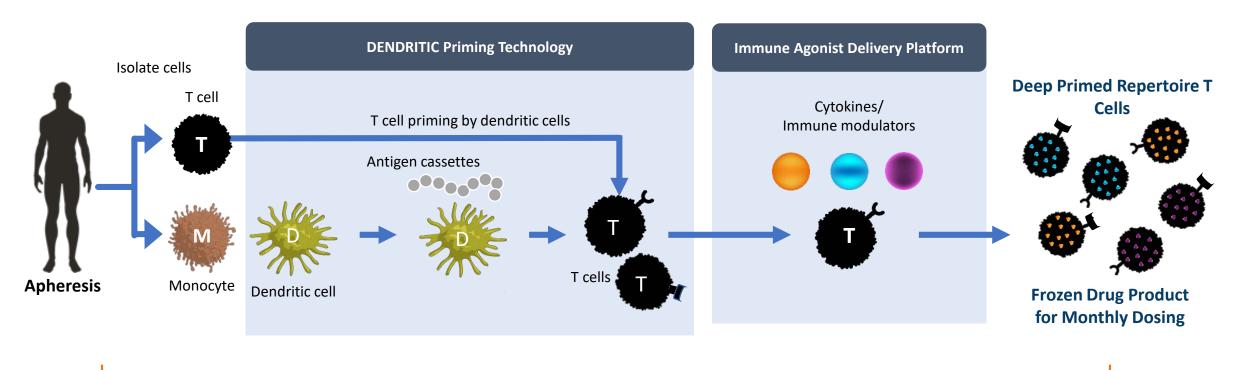
### Shielded Living Therapeutics™

- Unique approach to treating chronic disease
- Extensive validation and direct translation to the clinic
- Cost effective to scale
- Initiating our first in human trial in Q3 20



## **Adoptive Cell Therapy: Dendritic Priming of Autologous T Cells**





**Single In Vivo Process Enables Repetitive Dosing** 

- Proprietary Enhanced T cell Activation Process –
- Surface Anchoring of Immune modulators –
- Single, high yielding platform –

Broad T cell repertoire against multiple antigens, optimized T cell phenotypes

Targeted delivery of potent immune agonists to tumors

No genetic engineering, cost efficient, scalable



## **Novel First Products in Cellular Therapeutics: PRIME IL-15**



#### PRIME IL-15 T CELLS

Delivering a Cytokine Directly to a Tumor Using the Intrinsic Homing Ability of the T Cell

Antigen Primed Multi-Clonal T Cells with IL-15 Payload

IL-15 Nanogel

IL-15 Nanogel

IL-15-Fc

Cleavable Crosslinker

#### NOVEL DESIGN

- Designed for slow, consistent release by hydrolysis
- Highly precise and reproducible IL-15 loading on T cells
- Slow IL-15 release stimulates the T cell for 2+ weeks

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- T cells proliferate in vivo for an extended periods of time
- No associated toxicity enables outpatient-dosing
- Killing is limited to tumor tissues



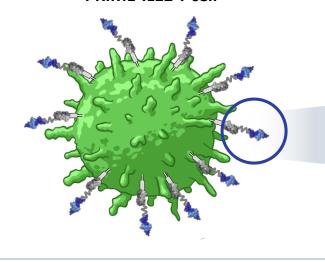
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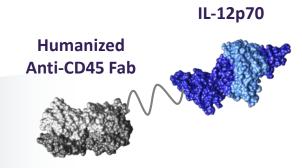


#### **IL-12 PRIMED T CELLS**

Delivering a Potent Immunomodulator to Engage a Broad Immune Response

PRIME-IL12 T cell





#### NOVEL DESIGN

- Developed releasable tethering to enable paracrine activity
- Engineered for cellular hitchhiking
- Optimized for directed, controlled and local activation of immune cells

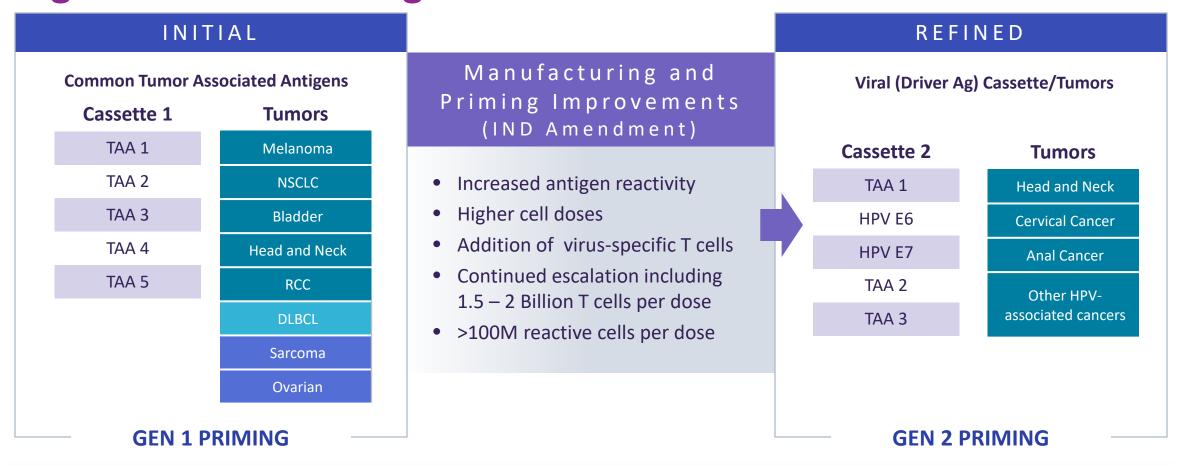
#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Enhances T cell activity
- More efficacious than T cells alone
- No associated toxicity issues
- Killing of diseased tissues



## Product Tailored to Manufacture the Right T Cell Clones for the Right Patient at the Right Dose



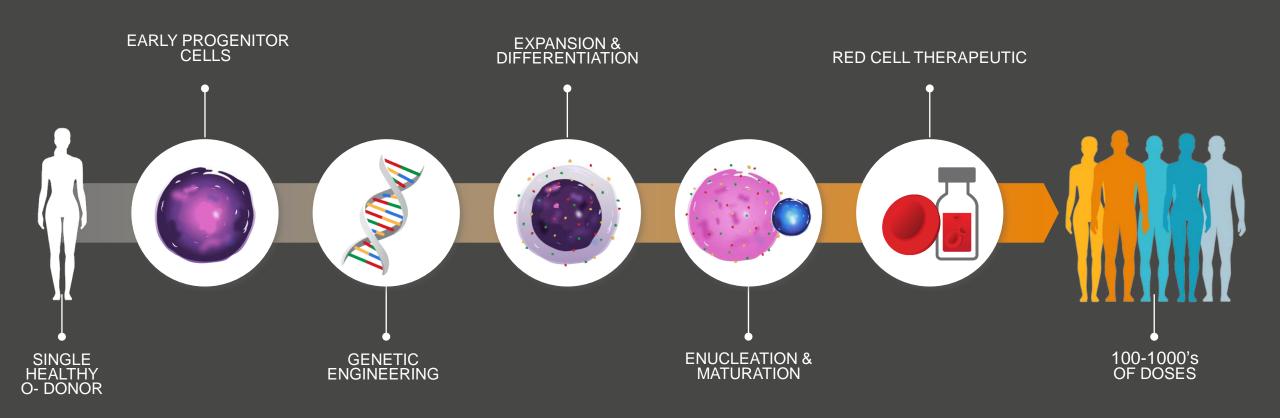


Ongoing Refinement of Both Antigens in Each Cassette and Included Patient Population



## The Promise of Red Cell Therapeutics™: Highly Potent, Allogeneic and Off-the-Shelf

#### RED PLATFORM®





## Rubius Engineering Red Cells To Drive Unique Biology Across Multiple Therapeutic Areas

#### TRANSFORMATIONAL SCIENCE

## **CANCER** Cell OR NK Cell Signal 1 CANCER / INFECTIOUS Signal 2/3 **DISEASE** Cytokine **AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES**

#### **UNIQUE BIOLOGY**

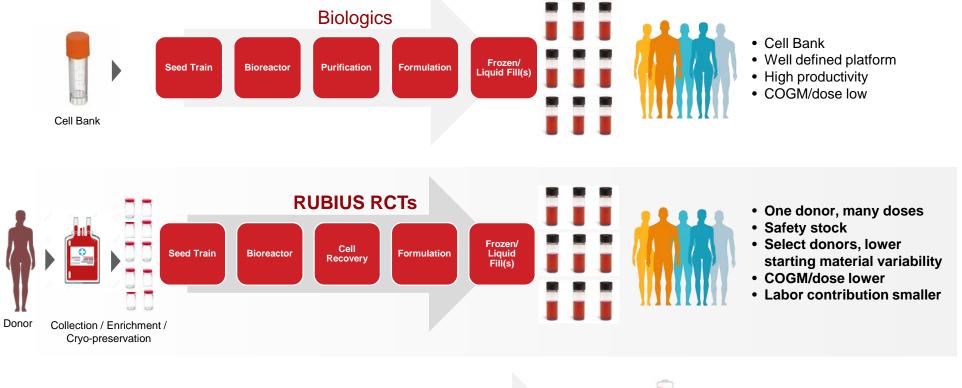
Combination immune cell agonists with native synergy safely delivered

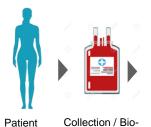
Potent, targeted T cell responses by mimicking natural APC-T cell biology

Tolerance induction for suppression that is disease- or antigen-specific



## Rubius RCT Process resembles Biologics process





Collection / Biopreservation

#### **AUTOLOGOUS**

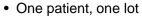






**Formulation** 





- No safety stock, no errors
- · Starting material variability
- · Speed is critical
- COGM/dose high
- COI
- Labor intensive



## Rigorous Approach To Technical Innovation And Supply Continuity Initiatives – Focus Areas

#### **Process Definition**



- Achieve significant improvements in volumetric productivity
  - Incorporate new technologies and analytical platforms
  - Optimize transduction efficiency, media, recovery operations
  - Decouple Drug Substance and Drug Product with a Freezing Step

#### **Operations**



- Lower operational costs and support an expanding pipeline
  - Incorporate automation and enabling PAT technologies
  - Rapid Safety Testing Technologies
  - Scale-up the process similar to biologics with disposables (50L to 200L to 1000L scale up)

#### Sourcing



- Raw Materials for ensuring safety and supply continuity for pipeline
  - Enhance apheresis network and CD34+ cell supply
  - Reduce animal derived RMs and move to chemically defined



Media, Transduction, Feed, Process, Analytical, PAT Innovation

Separation, Concentration, Rapid Safety & Release Testing, PAT Innovation





# Flagship Pioneering