



# ACTIVATING THE PATIENT'S IMMUNE SYSTEM TO FIGHT CANCER

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# THE IMMUNO-ONCOLOGY REVOLUTION

- > **500,000** patients treated per year
- > **3,000** ongoing clinical trials
- > **40%** of US cancer patients eligible
- > **10** approved products



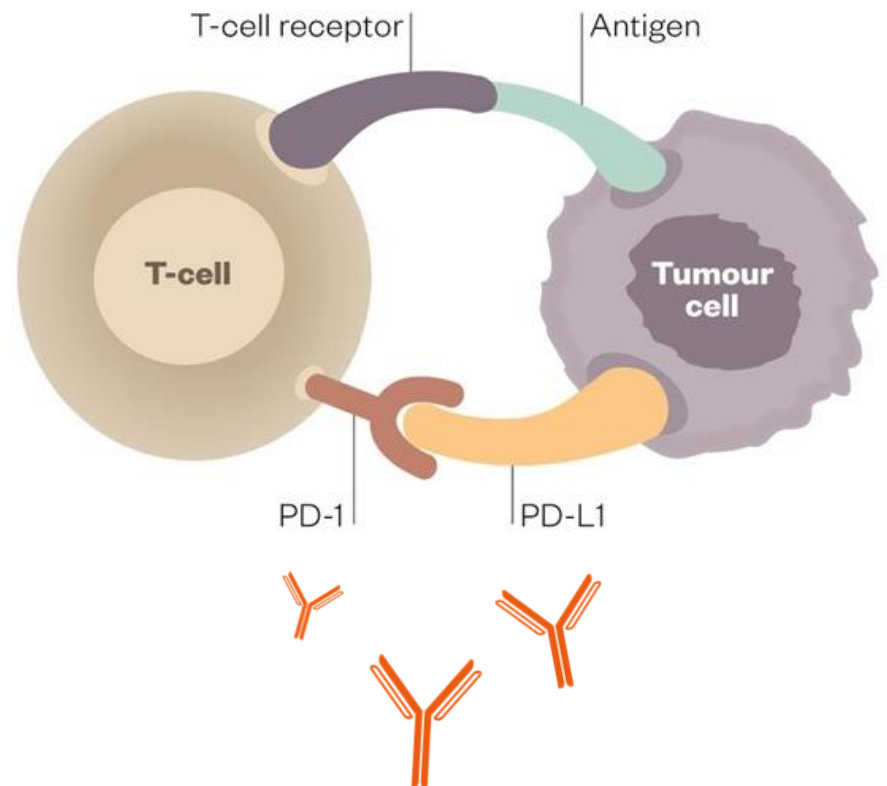
# FIRST GENERATION IMMUNO-ONCOLOGY: CHECKPOINT INHIBITORS

**Cornerstone** of current  
cancer treatment

**Deep and durable** responses

**\$25b** annual sales globally

**8 products** approved to date,  
many more in development



# *THE CHALLENGE:*

## MAKE PD1 CHECKPOINT INHIBITORS WORK FOR MORE PATIENTS

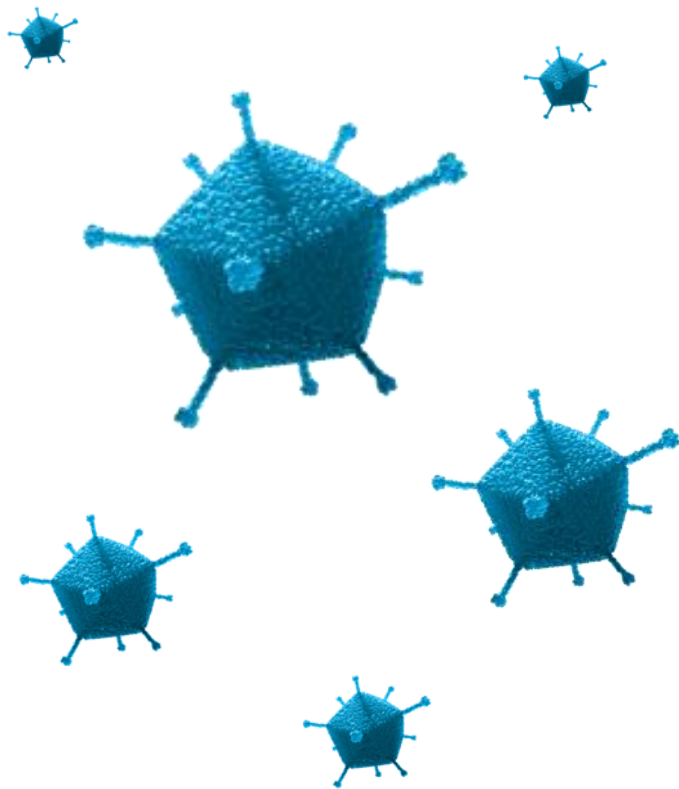


**0-40%** of treated patients  
respond

**>50%** of responding  
patients relapse

**1** PD1 checkpoint inhibitor  
monotherapy not sufficient

# THE SOLUTION: IMMUNE ACTIVATION BY TARGOVAX'S ONCOLYTIC VIROTHERAPY ONCOS



**Reverses** immuno-suppressive  
defence mechanisms in the tumor

**Primes** the patient's T-cells to  
target cancer cells

**Delivers** immune stimulatory  
payloads

# TARGOVAX DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE

Product candidate	Preclinical		Clinical			2022 Milestones
	Discovery	IND-enabling	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3 / pivotal	
ONCOS-102 local delivery	PD1 Refractory Melanoma Combination w/anti PD1		Multi-cohort trial in planning			4Q 2022 / 1Q 2023 Initiation of phase 2 trial
	Mesothelioma Combination w/pemetrexed/cisplatin					1H 2022 Full study data at scientific conference
	Metastatic Colorectal cancer Combination w/anti PDL1					1H 2022 Clinical data at scientific conference
Mutant KRAS immunotherapy	Multiple Myeloma TG01 / QS-21					2H 2022 Initiation of clinical trial
circular RNA ONCOS vectors						2H 2022 Pre-clinical proof-of-concept data

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Lead clinical program:  
ONCOS-102

# PD1 REFRACTORY MARKET OPPORTUNITY

GROWING UNMET NEED WITH INCREASED ANTI-PD1 USE

## Incidence

~100,000 new stage III/IV cases of malignant melanoma per year in the major markets

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## Unresectable

~50% recur and become unresectable  
Total ~50,000 patients per year

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## PD1 resistance

~50% of cases become PD resistant  
Total ~**25,000 patients per year**

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## Addressable

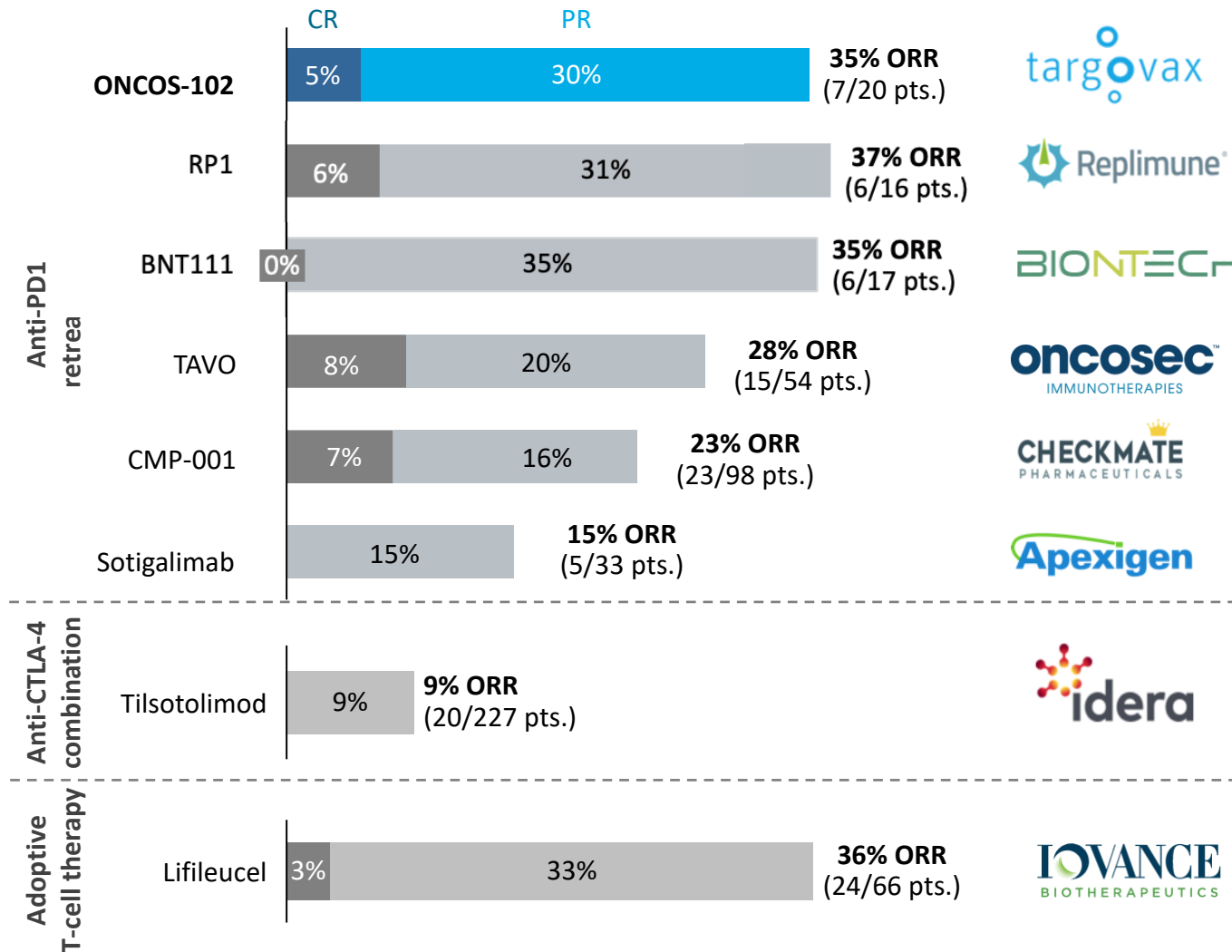
**Estimated 10,000 – 20,000 patients per year**  
addressable with intra-tumoral therapies

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## Other PD1 resistance

**>100,000 patients per year lung cancer**  
**>50,000 patients per year head and neck**

# ONCOS-102 HAS DEMONSTRATED HIGHLY COMPETITIVE ORR OF 35% IN PD1 REFRACTORY MELANOMA

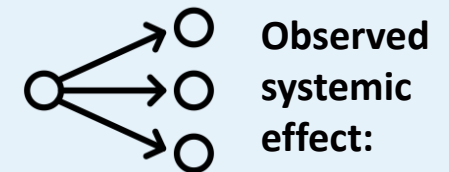
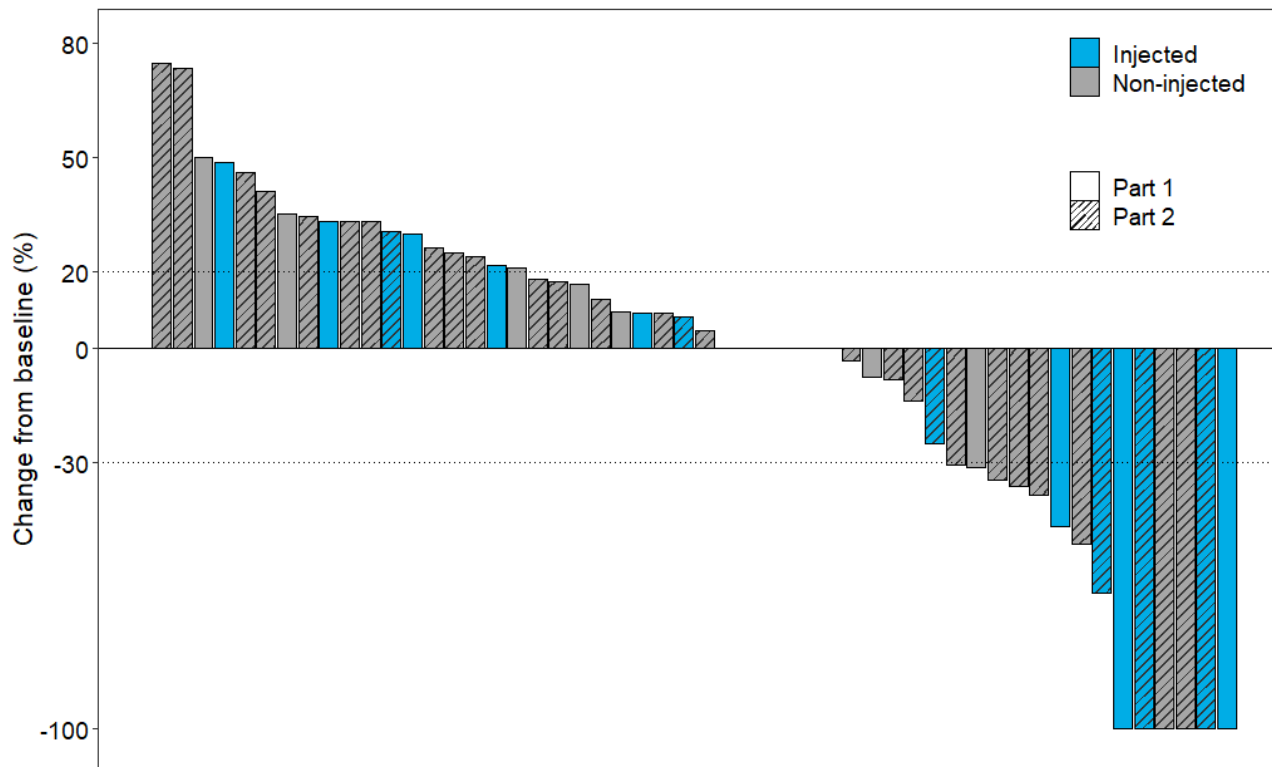


# MULTIPLE EXAMPLES OF SYSTEMIC (ABSCOPAL) EFFECT

NON-INJECTED LESIONS COMPLETELY DISAPPEARED IN TWO PATIENTS

## Response in individual tumors

% change from baseline; injected and non-injected target lesions



- **12 of 36 (33%)** non-injected target lesions reduced in size
- **8 of 15 (53%) patients** had reduction in non-injected target lesions
- **4 of 15 patients (27%)** with abscopal Partial Response according to RECIST 1.1 tumor shrinkage criteria

# CASE EXAMPLE: PARTIAL RESPONSE IN PATIENT REFRACTORY TO BOTH T-VEC AND ANTI-PD1

Tumor response, 2 of 2 injected lesions

Baseline

Week 3

Week 9

Week 18

Week 27 (EoS)

Lesion 1 of 2



Lesion 2 of 2



Progression on pembrolizumab

3x ONCOS-102  
(no pembrolizumab)

3x ONCOS-102 &  
2x pembrolizumab

3x ONCOS-102 &  
5x pembrolizumab

3x ONCOS-102 &  
8x pembrolizumab

## Patient characteristics

Tumor stage at enrolment:

IV  
T4a, N1b, M1

Prior therapies:

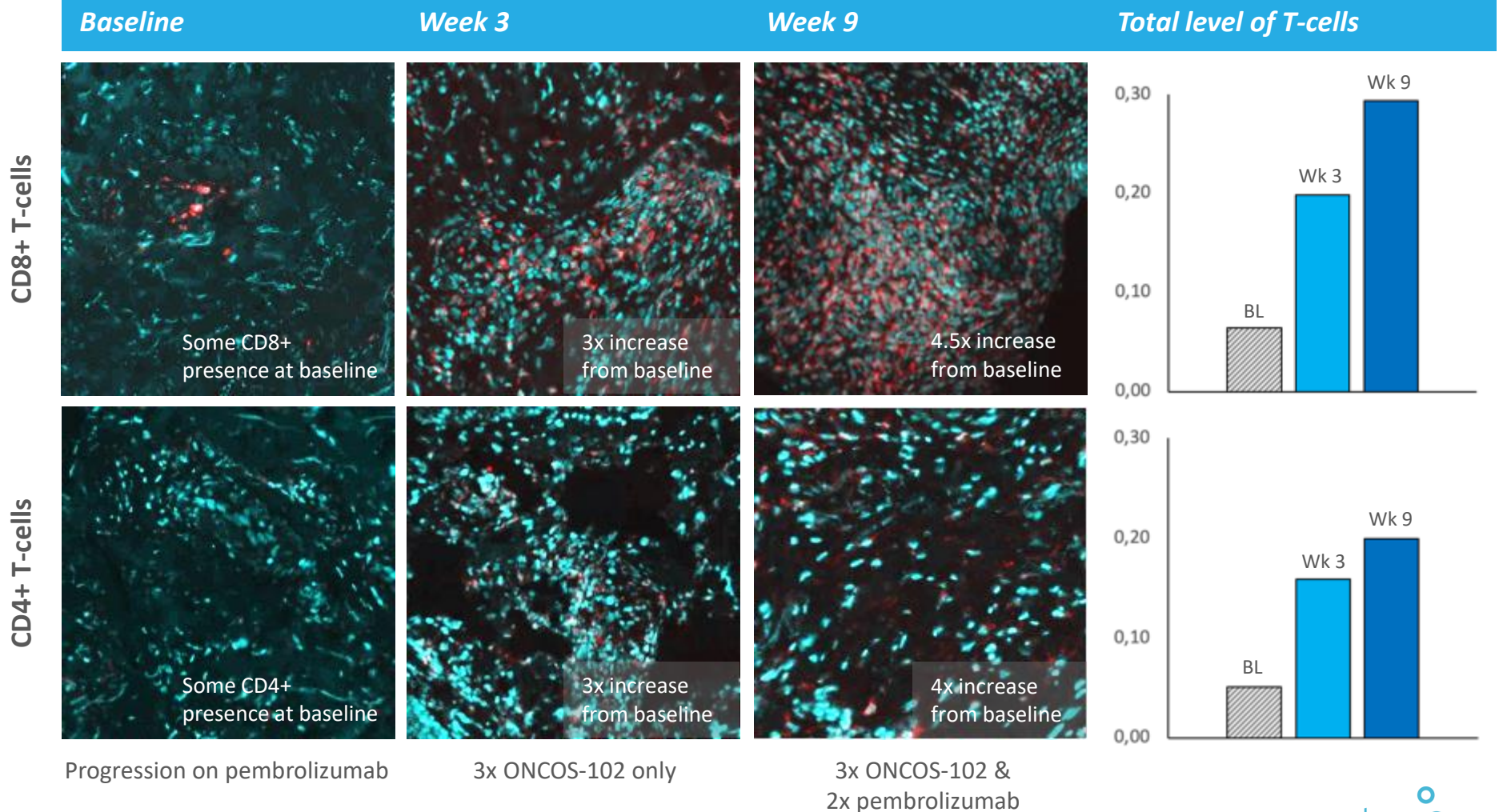
Surgery  
Talimogene-laherparepvec (T-vec)  
Ipilimumab  
Pembrolizumab

RECIST 1.1:

PR, week 9-27

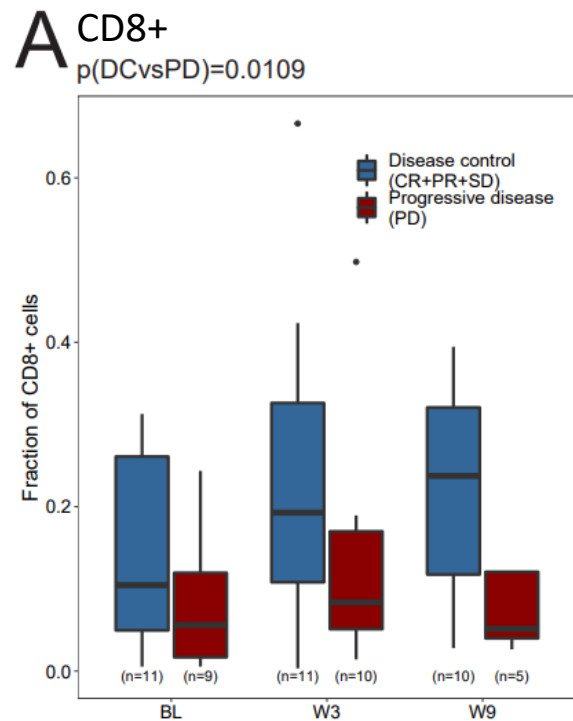
# CASE EXAMPLE: PARTIAL RESPONSE PATIENT REFRACTORY TO T-VEC – T-CELL INFILTRATION

T-cell infiltrate, 1 of 2 injected lesions



# STRONG INCREASE IN INFILTRATION OF T-CELLS IN RESPONDING PATIENTS

Multiplex immunofluorescence – T-cells



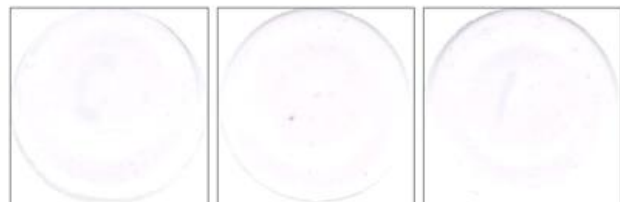
# EVIDENCE OF SYSTEMIC TUMOR CONTROL BY ANTIGEN-SPECIFIC T-CELLS

## T-cell specificity; PBMC IFN $\gamma$ elispot

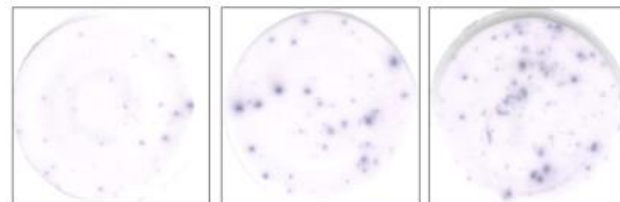
Patient w/ complete response

Baseline Week 3 Week 9

Control



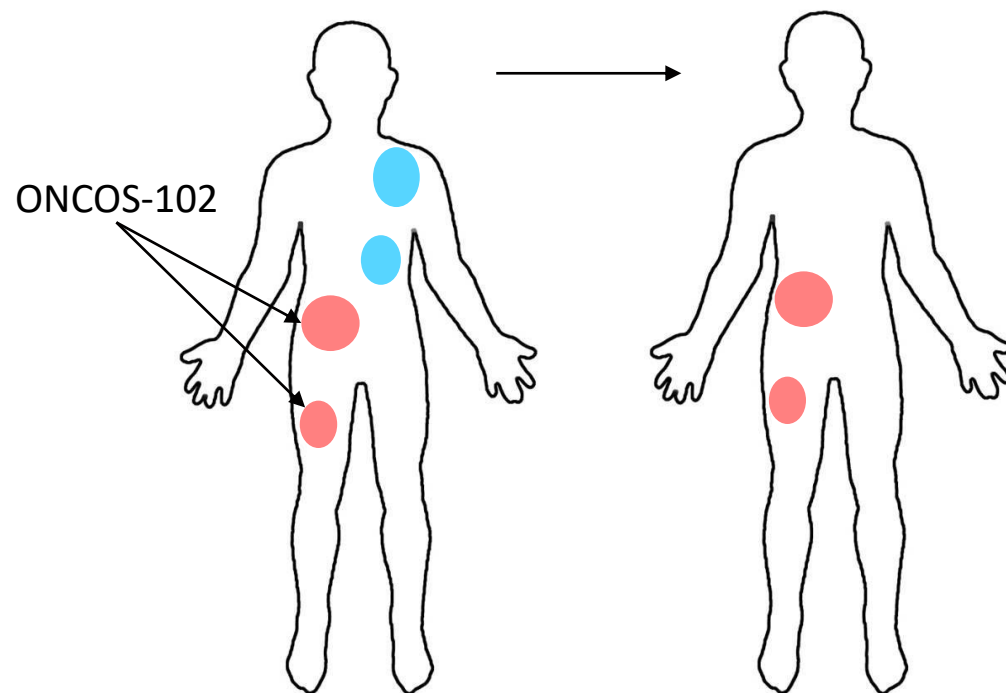
MAGE-A1



- Sustained tumor antigen-specific T-cell responses observed in several patients by elispot analyses of PBMCs

## Genetic analyses; biopsy DNaseq

- ONCOS-102 injected  $\beta$ 2m loss-of-function
- Not ONCOS-102 injected  $\beta$ 2m wild type



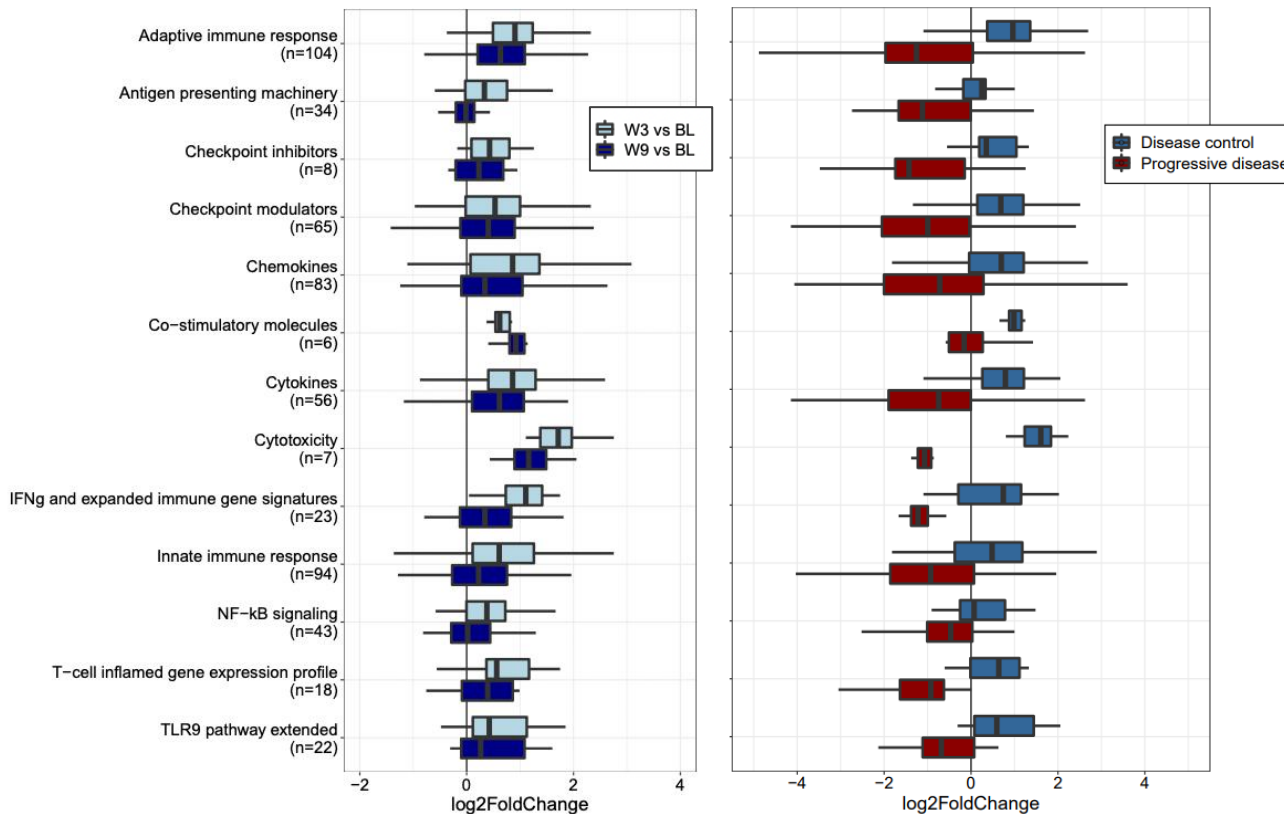
- $\beta$ 2m-deficiency only observed in progressing patients
- One patient with  $\beta$ 2m-deficient injected lesions showed response in non-injected  $\beta$ 2m wild type lesions

# GENE EXPRESSION DATA CONFIRMS IHC OBSERVATIONS AND DETAILS BROAD PRO-INFLAMMATORY TUMOR RE-PROGRAMING

## Activation of immune related gene signatures

Week 3 & 9 vs. Baseline

DCR vs. progression



*All patients: Broad activation of immune gene signatures relative to BL*

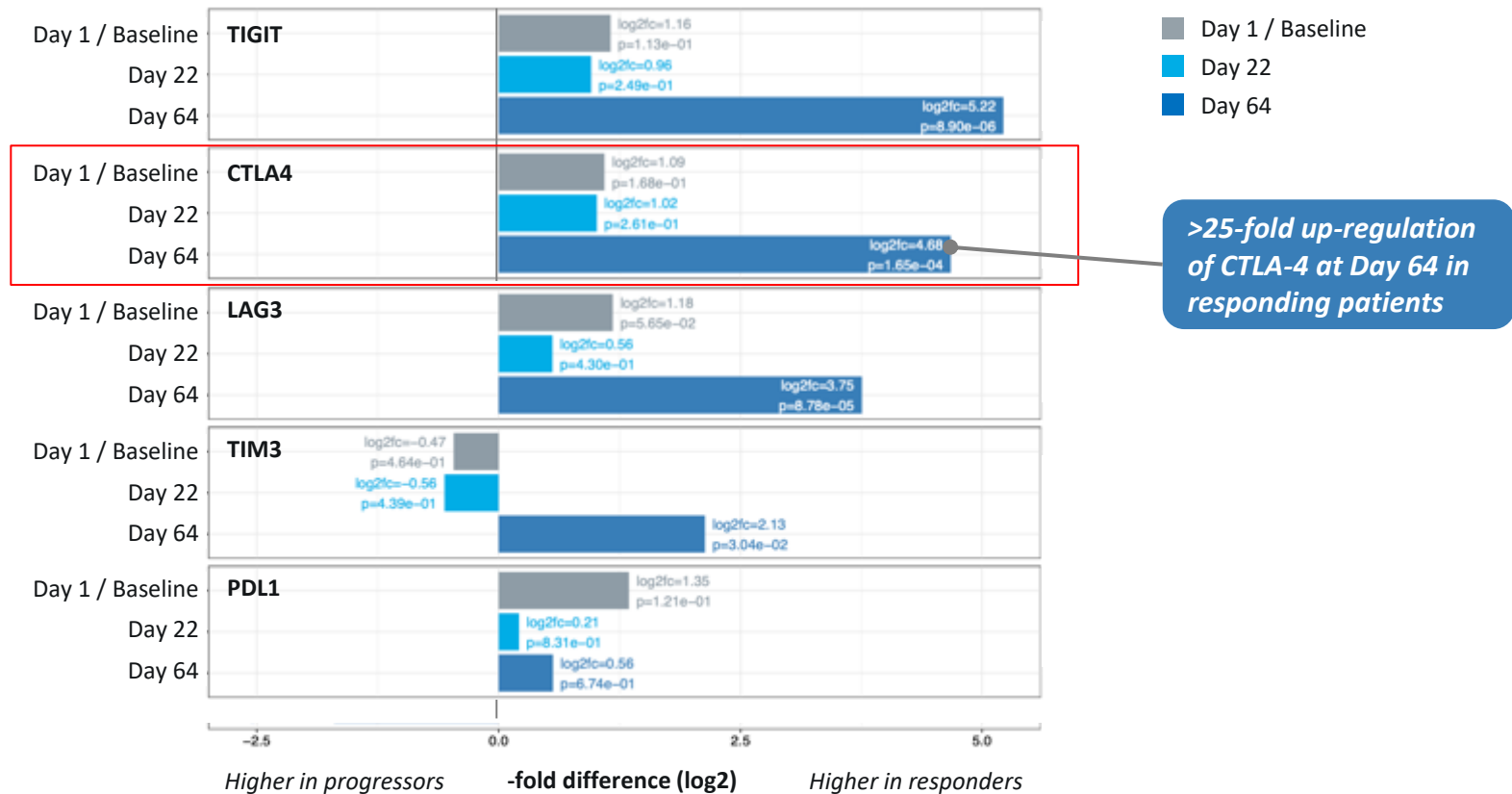
*Responders vs. non-responders: Immune gene activation only persists in responders at week 9*

## RNAseq gene expression insights:

- Pro-inflammatory “hot” tumor remodeling by multiple pathways
- “Hot” tumor remodeling persists at least until week 9, following 6 ONCOS-102 injections
- Immune gene activation **strongest and most persistent in responders**
- Strong activation of **cytotoxicity** and increased expression of **chemokines and cytokines**

# CTLA-4 IS STRONGLY UPREGULATED IN RESPONSE TO ONCOS-102 IN MELANOMA

Expression of immune checkpoint inhibitors, tumor biopsy RNAseq, difference in PR vs. PD patients



# STRONG RATIONALE FOR COMBINING ONCOS-102 WITH A CTLA-4 CHECKPOINT INHIBITOR



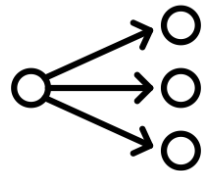
**Reverse  
immuno-  
suppression**

*CTLA-4 blockade depletes inhibitory regulatory T-cells both within the tumor and systemically*



**Enhance anti-  
tumor T-cell  
priming**

*CTLA-4 blockade enhances the priming of tumor-specific cytotoxic T-cells*

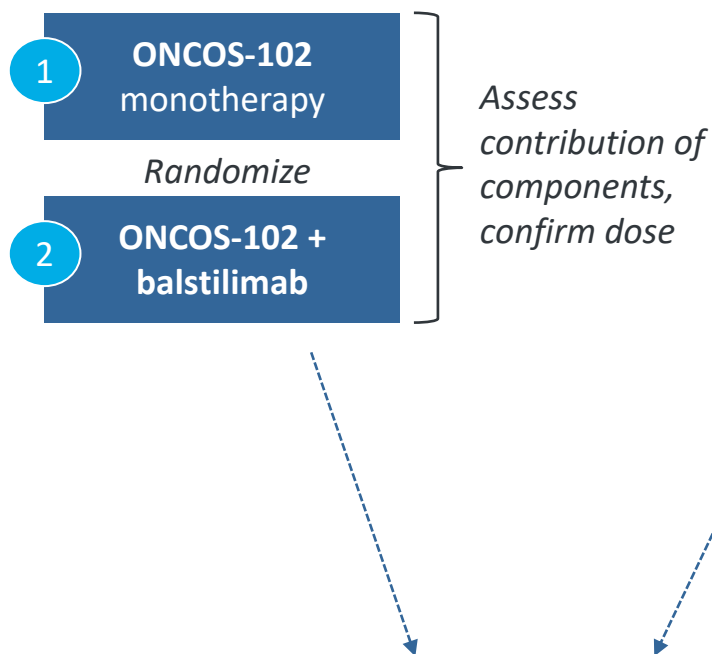


**Boost  
systemic  
activity**

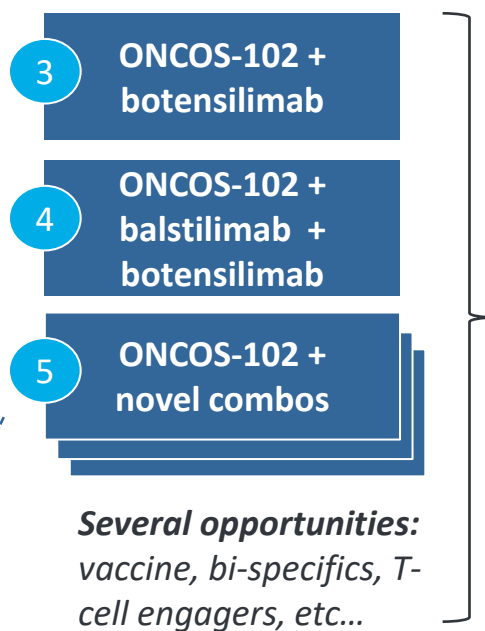
*Enhanced tumor-specific T-cell priming leads to better systemic effect*

# NEXT STEP: MULTI-COHORT PHASE 2 TRIAL TO INCLUDE ONCOS-102 + ANTI-CTLA-4 COMBINATION

## Part 1 – run-in



## Part 2 – multi-cohort extension



**agenus** collaboration:

Balstilimab: anti-PD-1  
Botensilimab: Fc-enhanced anti-CTLA-4

- Identify best combinations to further boost response rates beyond 35% ORR
- Simon's two stage design
- Maximize opportunities for future partnering

*The cohorts can independently form the basis for subsequent registrational trial(s)*

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## Circular RNA pipeline program

# RNA-BASED THERAPEUTICS FACE SEVERAL CHALLENGES

## *Challenges for RNA-based therapies*

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*RNA is chemically unstable*

*Efficient delivery of RNA drugs remains a major obstacle*

*Challenging to achieve sufficient spread and penetration into tumors*

***ONCOS solves these issues through a clinically validated DNA based delivery system that ensures local RNA expression and persistence in the tumor micro-environment***

# EMERGING CIRCULAR RNA TECHNOLOGY OPENS NOVEL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ONCOS PLATFORM

Article | 30 September 2011 | **FREE ACCESS**

## miRNA-dependent gene silencing involving Ago2-mediated cleavage of a circular antisense RNA

Thomas B Hansen, Erik D Wiklund, Jesper B Bramsen, Sune B Villadsen, Aaron L Statham, Susan J O'Keefe, Jørgen Kjems

circRNA  
discoverers are in  
the Targovax team



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## Natural RNA circles function as efficient microRNA sponges

Thomas B. Hansen, Trine I. Jensen, Bettina H. Clausen, Jesper B. Bramsen, Bente Finsen, Christian K. Damgaard & Jørgen Kjems

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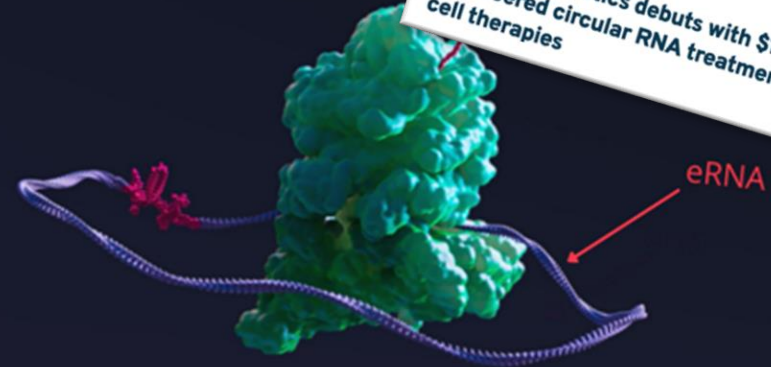
## As RNA remains hot, Flagship's Laronde raises \$440m for a new class of medicines

By Anissa Gardizy Globe Staff, Updated August 30, 2021, 6:30 a.m.

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Orna Therapeutics debuts with \$100M, engineered circular RNA treatments to rival cell therapies



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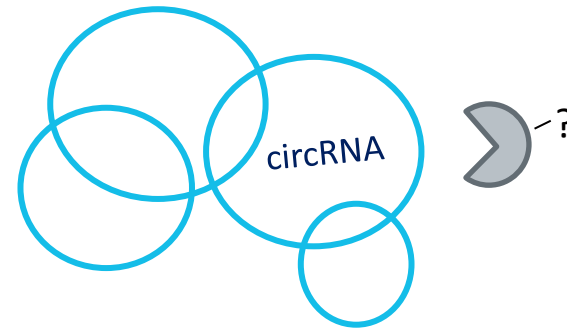
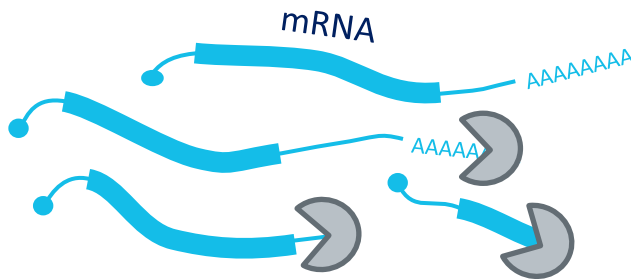
**Flagship**  
Pioneering

# CIRCULAR RNA HAVE MULTIPLE ADVANTAGEOUS CHARACTERISTICS AS ANTI-CANCER THERAPEUTICS

*Reducing oncogenic microRNAs*

*Production of proteins of choice*

**Circular RNA is resistant to exonuclease degradation**

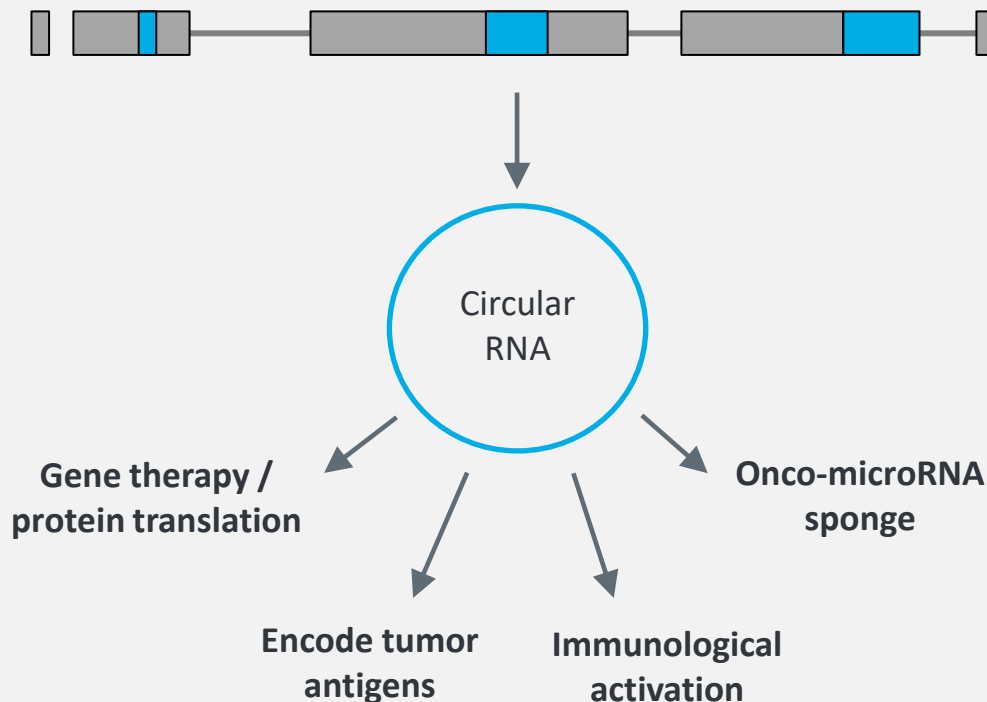


*Transcriptional regulation of target genes to promote cancer cell death*

*Immunological activation through pattern recognition receptors (TLR)*

# ONCOS PROVIDES A VERSATILE, CLINICALLY VALIDATED, VECTOR SYSTEM FOR CIRCULAR RNA DELIVERY

## Novel ONCOS circRNA vectors



*Highly versatile delivery system*

## Near term objectives for circRNA program:

- Validate advantages of circRNA
- In vitro proof-of-concept data by 2H 2022
- Solidify IP portfolio
- Generate and assess novel circONCOS product candidates
- Establish external collaborations

# TARGOVAX' ADVANTAGE IN HOT CIRCULAR RNA SPACE

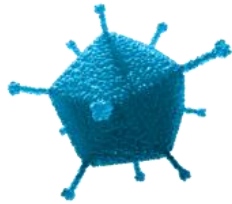
- **Delivery system:** The ONCOS platform provides a clinically validated delivery platform for circRNA
- **Mechanistic insights:** Targovax has deep understanding of ONCOS activity based on clinical patient tumor data
- **Manufacturing:** AdV manufacturing capabilities are already in place at scale, which is not the case for circRNA
- **Team:** Targovax has recruited key expertise led by circRNA discoverer and pion  r Dr. Thomas Hansen

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## Corporate strategy

# MULTIPLE PATHS TO SIGNIFICANT VALUE CREATION

## Value creation strategy



**ONCOS-102**

### **Out-license ONCOS-102 based on data from melanoma multi-cohort trial**

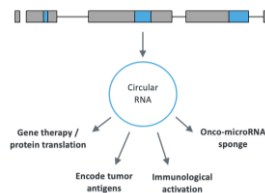
- Opportunity to “knock-it-out-of-the-park” with novel, differentiated scientifically based IO combinations
- Sufficient sizing to de-risk program for big pharma/biotech partners
- Trial design deals with new FDA-requirements



**KRAS program**

### **Establish collaboration studies for multiple shots on goal in KRAS cancers**

- Aim to initiate a portfolio of phase 1/2 trials with multiple collaboration partners in several cancer types, opening avenues for future partnering
- Combine TG vaccination with complementary immunotherapies and KRAS G12C inhibitors



**Circular RNA**

### **Pursue early pre-clinical circRNA partnering to expand into new indications**

- IP portfolio strategy to enable broad circONCOS platform
- Demonstrate applicability for different types of payloads and disease settings
- Capitalize on current circRNA momentum

# 1Q FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

## Key figures

Net cash flow in 1Q

**- 32 / - 3.1**

NOK million

USD million

Cash at end of 1Q

**150 / 15.6**

NOK million

USD million

Market cap

**300 / 30**

NOK million

USD million

Daily value traded

Average last 12 months

**2.3 / 0.2**

NOK million

USD million

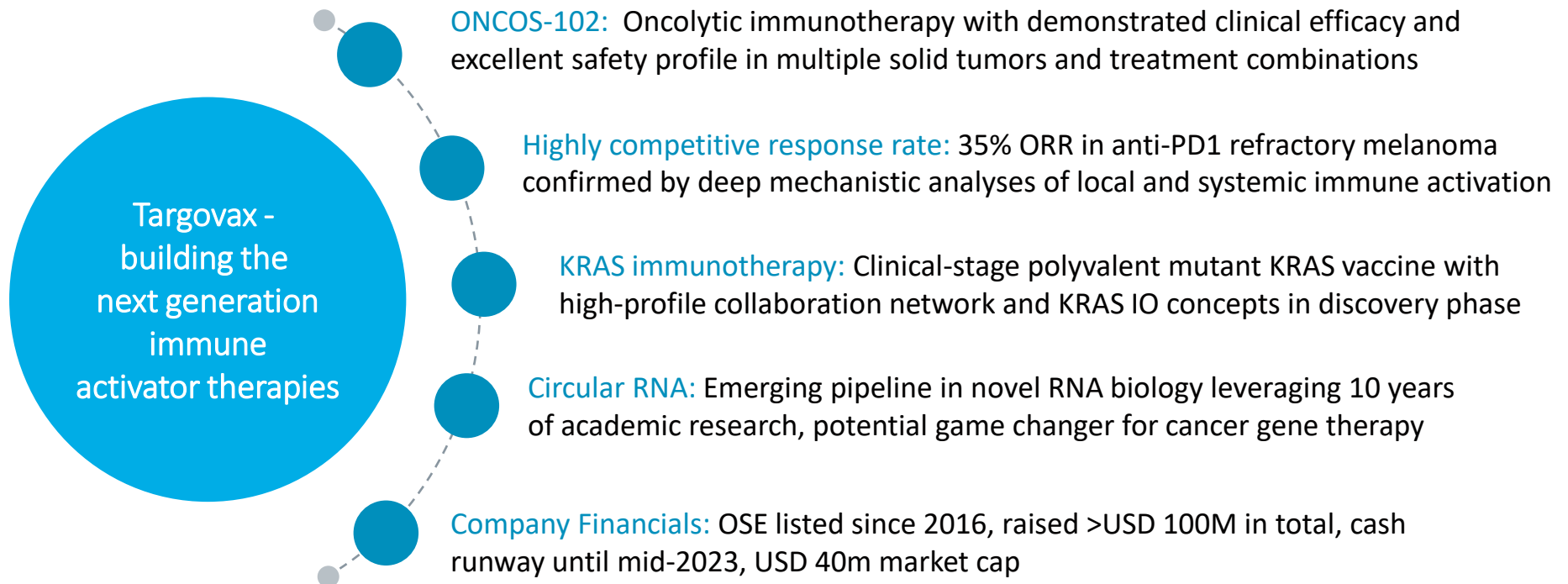
## Shareholder base

Estimated ownership<sup>1</sup>

Shareholder	Shares million	Ownership
Avanza Bank AB (nom.)	14.7	7.8 %
HealthCap	12.4	6.6 %
FJARDE AP-FONDEN	8.7	4.6 %
ABN Amro Global (nom.)	6.5	3.4 %
Nordnet Bank AB	5.3	2.8 %
Goldman Sachs & Co (nom.)	5.2	2.8 %
Nordea	4.5	2.4 %
RadForsk	4.4	2.3 %
Bækkelaget Holding	4.2	2.3 %
Danske Bank (nom.)	2.7	1.4 %
<b>10 largest shareholders</b>	<b>66.8</b>	<b>36.4 %</b>
Other shareholders (6 289)	119.7	63.6 %
<b>Total shareholders</b>	<b>188.3</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>

<sup>1</sup> As per 29 April 2022

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# STRONG, INTERNATIONAL SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM WITH A VERSATILE RANGE OF BACKGROUNDS



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