# **Building a Leading ADC- Focused Company**

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### **PYXS: Building the Next Leading ADC-Focused Company**

ADC-Focused with Opportunistic Bets in I/O

Clinical-Stage
Portfolio with 2024
Data Catalysts

Deeply Experienced Team with Proven Track Record in Both Pharma and Biotech Strong Balance Sheet with \$158.5M in Cash Provides Runway into 2H 2026



### **Executive Leadership Team – Building the Next Leading ADC Company**



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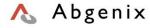
















PYXS Team Members Have Collectively Contributed to >60 Oncology Drug Approvals



## **Pipeline Focused on Difficult-to-Treat Tumors**

Program	Discovery	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	<b>Next Milestone</b>
Antibody-Drug	Conjugate (A	ADC)				
PYX-201 (anti-EDB)	Basket Trial –	10 solid tumor	types			Phase 1 Part 1 Prelim Data Fall 2024
Immuno-Onco	logy (I/O)					
PYX-106 (anti-Siglec-15)	Basket Trial – 9 s	olid tumor types				Phase 1 Part 1 Prelim Data 2H24
PYX-107	Melanoma					Davisad
sotigalimab (CD40 agonist)	Liposarcoma (LPS	Paused				



## PYX-201 is a First-in-Concept and First-in-Class ADC that Binds to EDB+FN within the Tumor Stroma and may Address Multiple Difficult-to-Treat Tumors

PYX-201 targets an antigen contained within the tumor stroma and releases its payload extracellularly, diffusing into nearby tumor cells

### Why target the stroma?

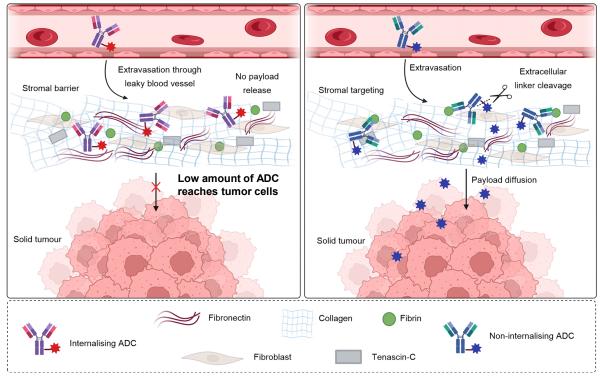
- The stroma provides a lifeline necessary for tumor growth in solid tumors
- Stroma includes the extracellular matrix, tumor vasculature, cancer-associated fibroblasts and mesenchymal stromal cells that make up the TME
- Provides protection, structural support, nutrition and waste product removal; can also enable drug resistance that allows tumor to survive

### How to target the stroma and kill cancer cells?

- EDB+FN is a protein upregulated in tumor stroma and associated with tumor growth, angiogenesis, and metastases
- As a result, EDB+FN is highly expressed in many solid tumors and has low expression in normal adult tissue
- PYX-201 targets the stroma via EDB+FN, then releases its toxic payload extracellularly in the tumor microenvironment, presumably diffusing into, and killing, nearby tumor cells

Classical ADCs cell surface targeting

PYX-201 stromal targeting



Source: Ashman, et al., Chem. Soc. Rev., 2022,51

Kadcyla (HER-2), Enhertu (HER-2), Padcev (Nectin-4), Elahere (FRa), Tivdak (TF), Trodelvy (TROP-2)

PYX-201 (EDB+FN)



### **Tumor Stroma is an Exciting Opportunity for ADC Modality**

Legacy canonical view that ADCs must be internalized by the tumor cell is untrue

• Many of the proteases found intracellularly in endosomes and lysosome are also found outside the cell and are involved in disease pathologies including cancer; tumor cell lines and mouse tumor models secrete proteases into the extracellular space that cleave the val-cit linker



 The tumor micro-environment (TME) is acidic (i.e., pH between 6.4 to 7.0) compared to normal physiologic pH of 7.4 and immune responses can be attenuated in an acidic TME



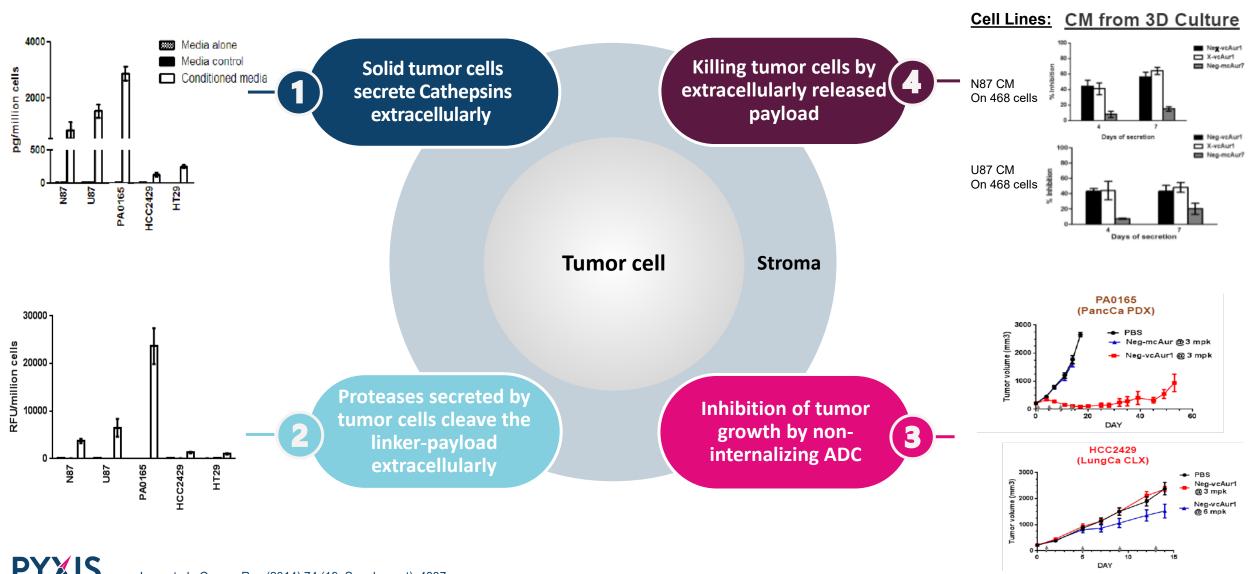
 The acidic TME has been exploited to develop therapeutic antibodies with tumor selective pHdependent antigen binding



The acidic environment and extracellular proteases in the tumor lead to release of the AUR-0101 (auristatin microtubule inhibitor) payload from PYX-201 in the tumor micro-environment



## Pfizer Researchers in 2014 Confirmed Conditions for Payload Cleavage Exist Outside the Tumor Cell in the Tumor Stroma



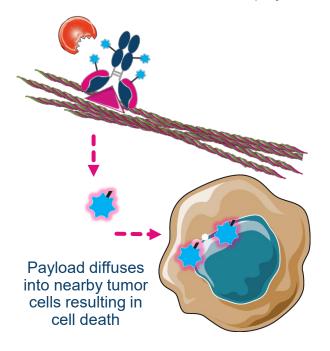


## PYX-201 Believed to Act Via Three Distinct Mechanisms to Deliver Powerful **Anti-Tumor Activity**



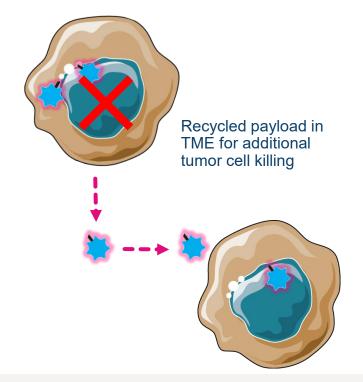
### **Payload Diffuses Into** & Kills Tumor Cells

Binding of PYX-201 to EDB+FN within the tumor stroma releases payload



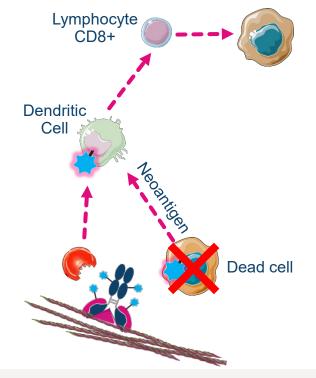


Tumor cell death results in payload re-release into TME for additional killing

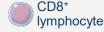




Released payload also potentiates immune cell infiltration into the tumor









(e.g., cathepsin)



Cleaved & active payload (auristatin)















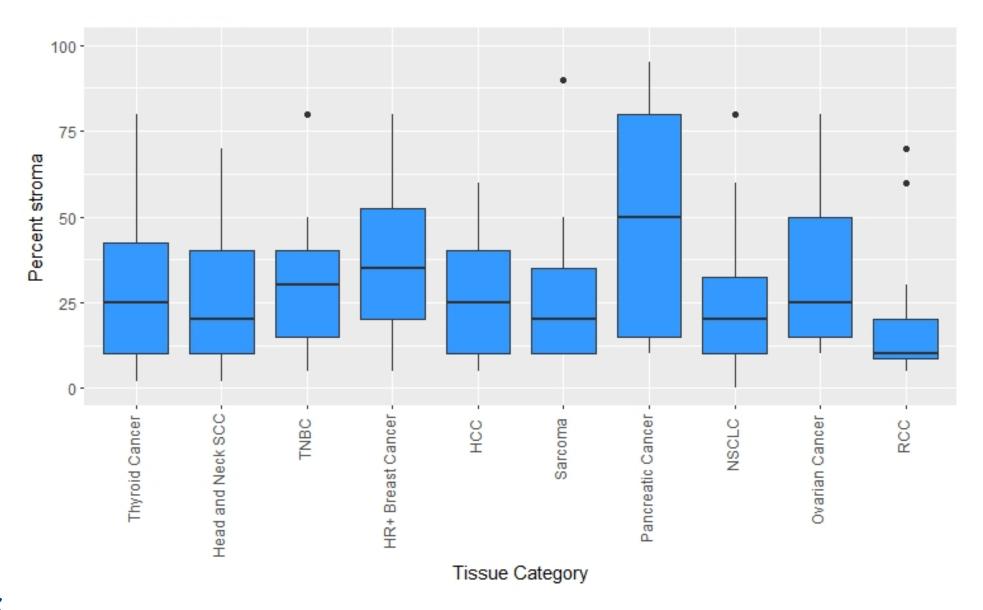


Tumor cell



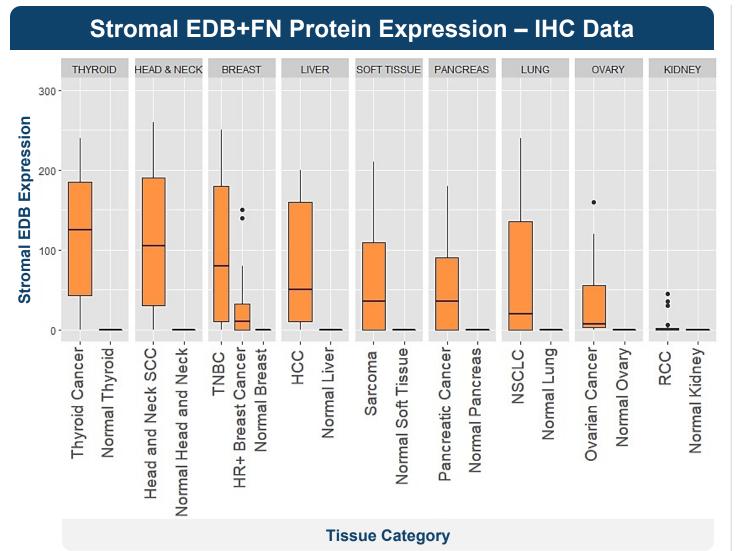


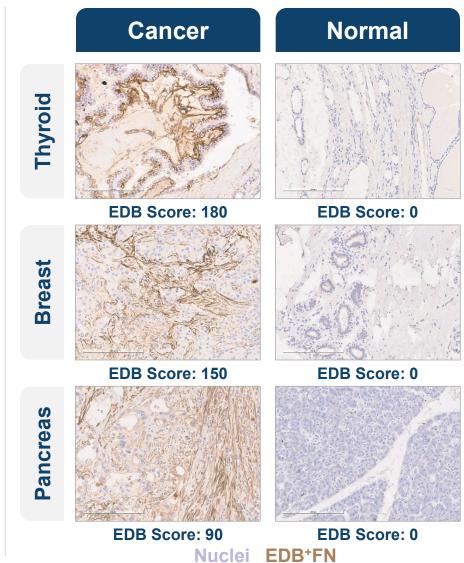
## **Volume of Stroma is Highly Variable by Tumor Type**





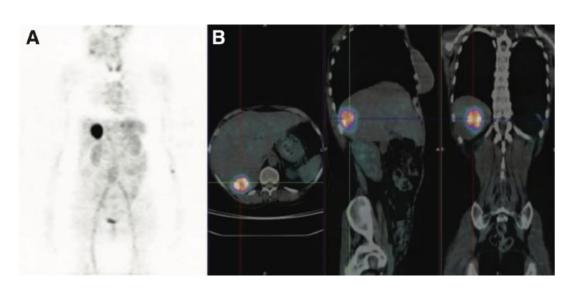
## Immunohistochemistry (IHC) Analysis Demonstrates EDB+FN Protein is Highly Differentially Expressed in Tumor Stroma

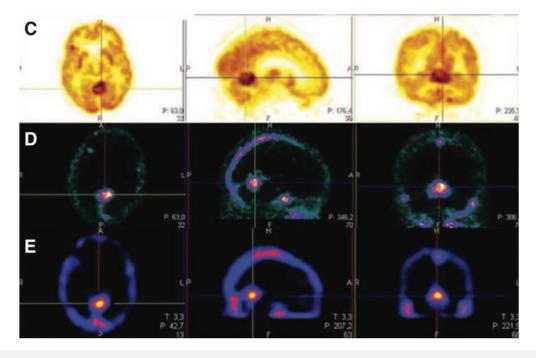




## An EDB-targeted Radio-Conjugate Selectively Accumulates in Tumor with No Accumulation in Normal Tissues

PET imaging using radiolabeled target-antibody fragment shows selective accumulation in hepatic and CNS lesions





### Α

PET image 24 hours p.i., showing a hepatic lesion with high antibody uptake.

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Corresponding transaxial, sagittal, and coronal projections PET/CT fusion images.

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FDG PET image of a lesion in the cerebellar region (transaxial, sagittal, and coronal projections).

#### D

Corresponding PET images from the diagnostic phase with radio-labeled antibody (24 hours p.i.).

#### Ε

SPECT images posttherapy from the use of radio-labeled antibody (24 hours p.i.).



### **ADC Technical Improvements of PYX-201 vs Other ADCs**

- Conjugation: Engineered cysteine residues allow for a target DAR of 4 without disrupting the inter-chain cysteine bonds that hold the antibody together
- Linker: Optimized val-cit linker that is more stable in circulation (i.e., reduced carboxylesterase cleavage) compared to val-cit linkers used in Adcetris, Padcev, etc.
- Payload: Optimized auristatin (AUR-0101) selected for enhanced cell permeability and bystander cell killing activity compared to MMAE. AUR-0101 also has improved metabolism and excretion properties compared to MMAE

Incorporating these three areas of technical improvement in PYX-201 demonstrated increased tolerability and stability with lower levels of free auristatin payload in circulation in non-clinical toxicology studies compared to traditional val-cit-MMAE ADCs

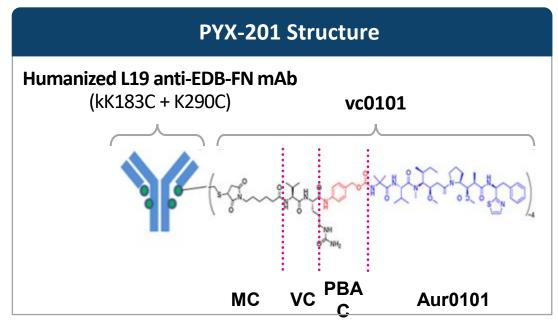


### **PYX-201** is Designed for Tolerability and Activity

## **PYX-201 Drug Design** EDB+FN (hulgG1) targeting mAb valine citrulline linker auristatin 0101 payloads (x4)

## **Key improvements of PYXS optimized ADC technology:**

- Monoclonal antibody uniquely directed at Extra-domain B of Fibronectin (EDB+FN) in the tumor stroma
  - Designed to reduce off-target effects and improve tolerability
- Carries four Auristatin 0101, microtubule depolymerizing inhibiting payloads
  - Maximizes tumor-killing and potency
  - Predictable, uniform drugantibody ratio (DAR) of 4
- Site-specific, cathepsin-cleavable, valine citrulline linkers
  - Optimized to improve stability in circulation and reduce free payload

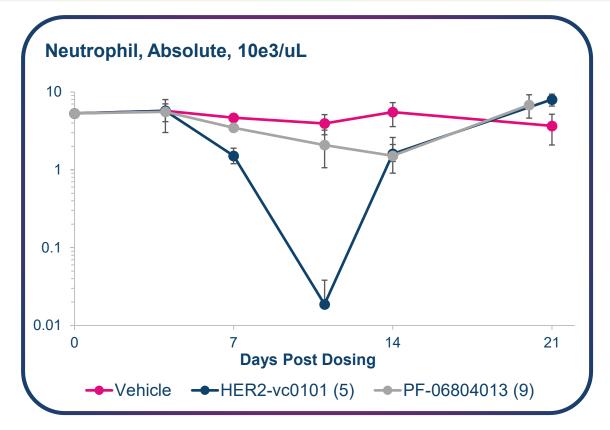


MC-VC-PABC linker construct utilizes a maleimidocaproyl (MC) spacer, a protease (cathepsin)-sensitive dipeptide, valine-citrulline (VC), a self-immolative spacer, para-amino benzyloxycarbonyl (PABC) coupled with the optimized auristatin – Aur0101



### Potential for Improved Technical Profile of PYX-201 vs. Competitors

Enhanced tolerability in NHP at 10–12 mg/kg (preclinical publications for the HER-2 and EDB ADCs) compared to approved older generation val-cit-MMAE ADCs in NHP of 3 mg/kg (i.e., Adcetris, Padcev etc.)



 Minimal effect on neutrophils in NHP with the site-specific HER2 ADC (PF-06804013) at twice the dose (9 vs. 5 mg/kg) as compared to a conventional HER2-vc0101 ADC that induced neutropenia Summary of EDB-ADC Single-Dose Pharmacokinetics in Mouse and Nonhuman Primate (NHP, Cynomolgus Monkey)

Model	Dose (mg/kg)	Analyte	C <sub>max</sub> (µg/mL)	AUC <sub>O-tau</sub> (µg*h/mL)	Terminal $t_{\frac{1}{2}}$ (day)	ADC/Ab (%)
Mouse	3	Ab 59.6 3		3,820	4.0	90
		ADC	62.4	3,450	3.4	
NHP	6	Ab	159	16,250	6.6	84
		ADC	148	13,700	5.9	
		Payload	0.00012	0.034	NA	NA
	12	Ab	258	24,800	6.1	98
		ADC	268	24,450	5.8	
		Payload	0.00046	0.096	NA	NA

**Note:** Mouse tau = 336 hours; NHP tau = 504 hours. **Abbreviations:** AB = antibody; NA = not applicable.

- PYX-201 is highly stable in circulation in mouse and NHP
- Very low levels of free payload in NHP demonstrating increased stability of the modified val-cit linker

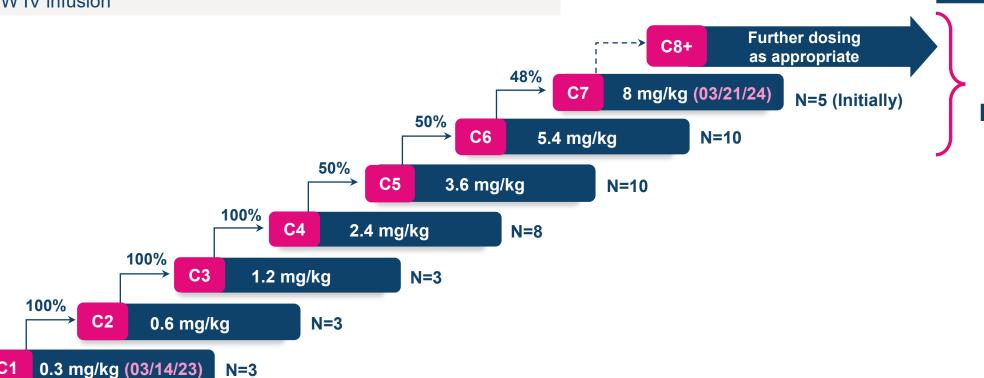


### PYX-201 Ongoing Phase 1 Part 1 Dose Escalation Solid Tumor Trial Design

Dose escalation to continue until MTD

### **Part 1 Design and Approach**

- Determine MTD using Bayesian optimal interval (BOIN) design
- Analysis of paired biopsies pre/post treatment (fresh where available)
- 18 sites US, Belgium, Spain
- 42 patients as of May 2024
- Q3W IV infusion



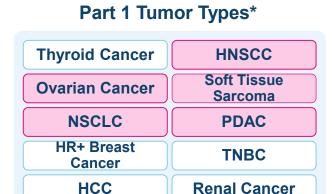
Part 2 Dose Optimization and Part 3 Cohort

Expansion

16 patients to be dosed by Fall disclosure

## PYX-201-101: Ongoing Open-Label Phase 1 Dose Escalation Study with 10 **Solid Tumor Types, Enriched for 5 Histologies**

Preliminary data expected Fall 2024



### Part 1 Dose Escalation (Underway)

Evaluate safety, tolerability and pharmacokinetics of PYX-201

**Determine maximum tolerated** dose (MTD) using Bayesian optimal interval (BOIN) design

### Part 2 Dose Optimization/ **Indication Selection**

- **Dose Optimization**
- Analysis of paired biopsies
- Other preclinical work

### **Part 3 Cohort Expansion**

**Expansion cohort(s) in** selected tumor type(s) TBD (Simon 2 stage design)

### Part 1 **Objectives**

### **Primary**

- Safety
- Tolerability
- MTD
- Determine doses for dose optimization

#### **Secondary**

- ORR, DCR, PFS, DOR
- PK/PD
- Cmax, Half-life
- Total antibody, Free payload, Tmax

### Part 2 **Objectives**

- Identify optimized dose
- Determine tumor type(s) for expansion

### Part 3 **Objectives**

- Further evaluate safety and tolerability within the setting of dedicated cohort(s)
- Collect efficacy data (ORR, DOR, DCR, PFS, OS and immunogenicity) within dedicated cohort(s)



## Anti-Siglec-15 (PYX-106): Potential Best-In-Class, Highly Differentiated Fully Human Antibody in NSCLC and Solid Tumors

Higher binding affinity leads to enhanced T cell responses at higher dose levels, empowering the immune system to kill and fend off cancer cells

**Demonstrates 10-fold higher affinity to human Siglec-15 than benchmark in development** 

Potent, dose-dependent reversal of Siglec-15-mediated T cell suppression ex vivo

Well-tolerated in preclinical studies with half-life of 7 days resulting in less frequent dosing

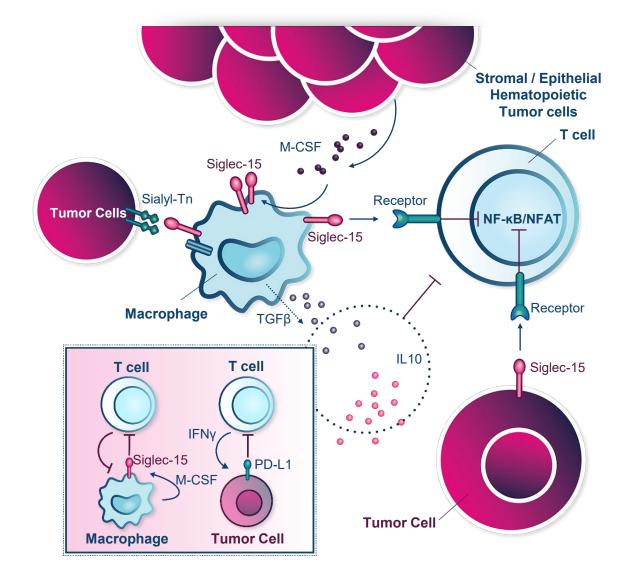
Potential for better exposure and no evidence of anti-drug antibody

Potential to combine with anti-PD-(L)1 or another immunotherapy



### PYX-106 May Address Anti-PD-(L)1 Non-responders in Several Tumor Types

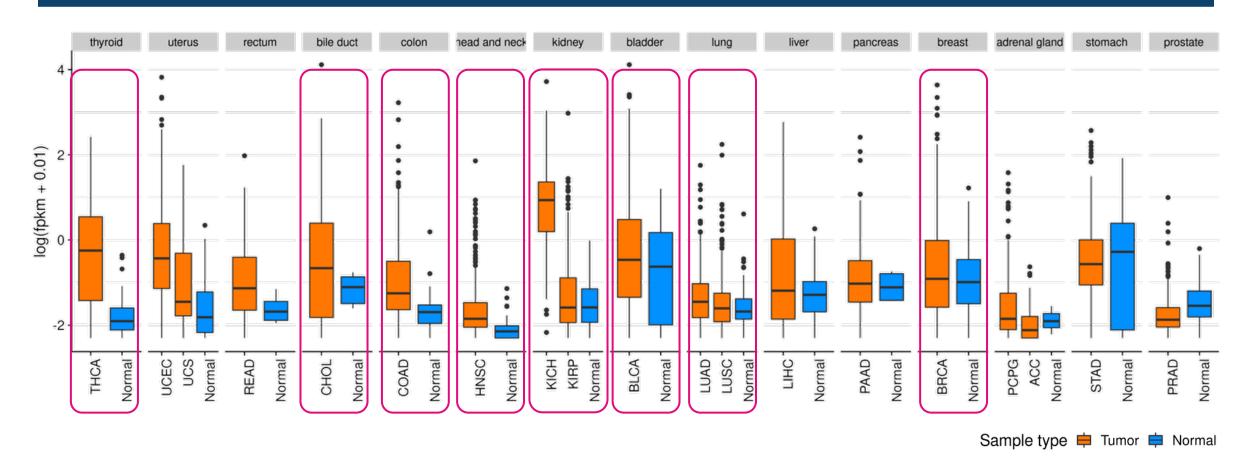
- PYX-106 is a fully human antibody targeting Siglec-15, a differentially expressed immune suppressor that may be a critical immune evasion mechanism in PD-L1-negative patients
  - Target has been de-risked in prior clinical studies
- High binding affinity to a unique epitope and high potency
- Well tolerated in preclinical studies with no evidence of anti-drug antibodies
- Potential to leverage biomarker analysis to target specific patient populations
- Exclusively licensed from Biosion in 2022 for worldwide rights outside of greater China





## PYX-106 Targets Siglec-15, Which is Differentially Upregulated in Multiple Solid Tumors

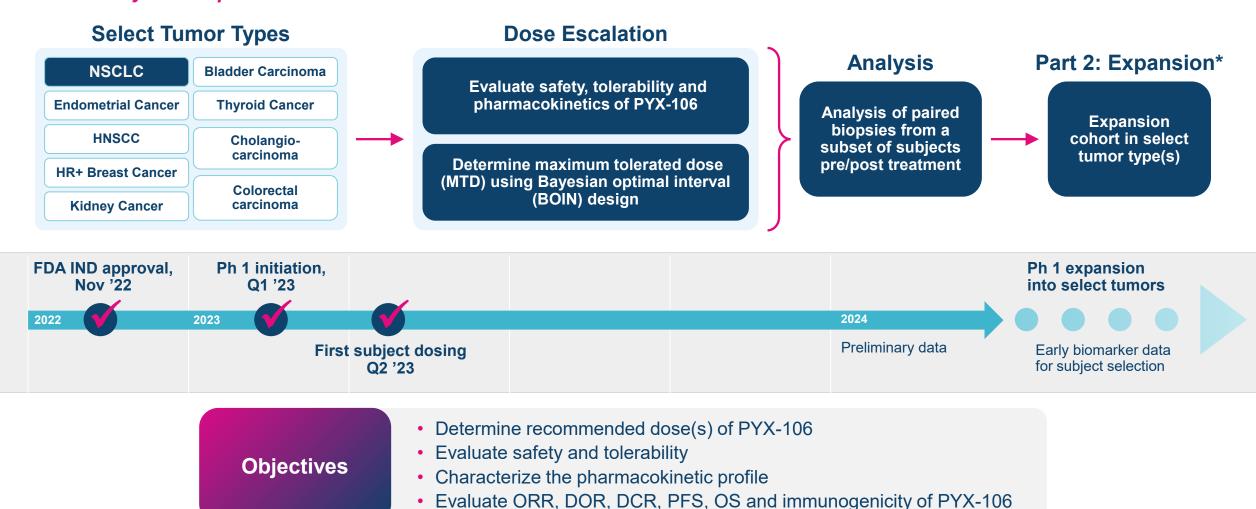
### Meaningful Differences in Siglec-15 Expression in Tumor vs. Normal





## PYX-106-101: An Open-label, Multicenter Phase 1 Study in Patients with Advanced Solid Tumors

Preliminary data expected in 2H 2024





<sup>\*</sup> The expansion phase will be triggered by a protocol amendment. The indications, dosing schedules, and assessment timepoints planned for the expansion phase will be determined based on clinical safety, efficacy, biomarker, and pharmacokinetic (PK) data obtained during the dose escalation phase.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**RBC Global Healthcare Conference in New York, May 14-15, 2024** 

**ASCO Annual Meeting in Chicago, May 31-June 4, 2024** 

**Jefferies Healthcare Conference in New York, June 5-6, 2024** 

Oppenheimer's Life Sciences Summit in New York, June 26-28, 2024

BTIG Virtual Biotechnology Conference on August 5-6, 2024

Wells Fargo Healthcare Conference in Boston, September 4-6, 2024

H.C. Wainwright Annual Global Investment Conference in New York, September 9-11, 2024



## **APPENDIX**

- Pfizer 2014 AACR poster on the Biology of the Extracellular Matrix
- Pfizer Data with Same Linker-Payload as PYX-201
- PYX-201 & ADC Toolkit
- PYX-106
- APXiMAB Platform & Sotigalimab



## Extracellular proteolytic cleavage of peptide-linked antibody-drug conjugates promotes bystander killing of cancer cells

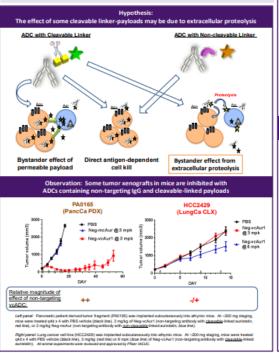
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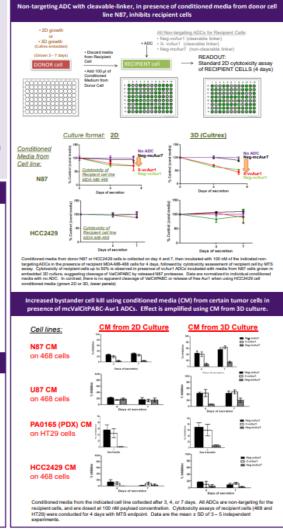


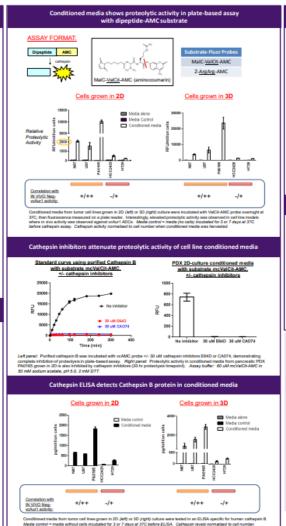
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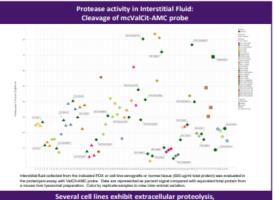
#### **BACKGROUND & ABSTRACT**

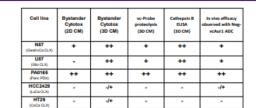
- Antibody drug conjugates (ADCs) are designed to deliver cytotoxic payloads to tumor cells via binding of antibody to surface antigen followed by internalization and intracellular drug release. Immunoconjugate linkers are typically categorized as noncleavable or deavable; a cleavable linker example is Y mcVaGIRPABC. X, with antibody Y, a dipeptide sequence with self-immotative PABC spacer, and cytotoxic payload X. This linker is known to be cleaved by endosomal/ lysosomal proteases such as cathepsins, releasing attached payload.
- In addition to intracellular processing of this linker, we report that conditioned media of cultured tumor cell lines is sufficient to promote extracellular cleavage of ADCs with dipeptide-linked payloads. ADCs incubated with conditioned media from cultured tumor cell lines causes cytotoxicity of antigen-negative recipient cells. Conditioned media also promoted cleavage of a dipeptide-based cleavable substrate with fluorescent probe. An ELISA also confirmed the presence of cathepoins in conditioned media.
- In all cases, the magnitude of the response was greatest when donor cells were grown in 3D culture. In contrast, minimal response was observed using conditioned media from other cancer cell lines.
- Complementing these studies, we demonstrated proteolytic activity in the interstitial fluid derived from tumors grown in athymic mice. Fluid extracted from xenograft tumors (cultured cancer cell lines and patient-derived tumors) demonstrated proteolytic activity using a cleavable-fluorescent linker-probe in a plate assay.











enhanced in 3D culture, which correlates with in vivo profile

#### CONCLUSIONS

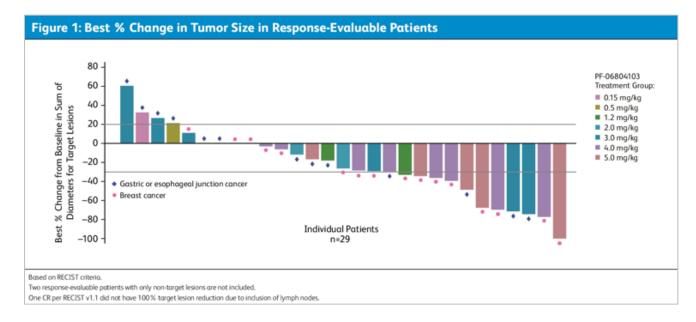
- Different levels of proteolytic activity were detected in the conditioned media of cultured cancer cell lines, assessed by cytotoxicity studies, proteolysis assays with ValCit-containing fluorescent substrate, and by cathepsin ELISA. These effects were enhanced when donor cells were grown in 3D cultures.
- > Proteolytic activity was detected in the interstitial fluid from cancer cell line xenografts and patient-derived xenografts implanted in athymic mice.
- These data are consistent with the reported secretion of cathepsins by cancer cells, and we now show that these proteases may mediate extracellular release of cytotoxic payloads from ADCs containing peptide-based cleavable linkers.
- Efficacy associated with non-targeting ADCs is sometimes attributed to pinocytosis and other non-specific uptake mechanisms; these extracellular proteolysis data suggest an alternative explanation for biological activity observed with non-targeting ADCs.
- Released permeable payload from extracellular cleavage of ADCs may promote the killing of proximal antigen-negative cancer cells in a heterogeneous tumor mass, providing a beneficial debulking effect.

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## PYX-201 Linker-Payload Combination *Pelidotin* was De-Risked in Prior Pfizer-run Clinical Trial in HER2 target



		PF-06804103 Dose							
	<2.0 mg/kg n=6	2.0 mg/kg n=4	3.0 mg/kg n=8	4.0 mg/kg n=8	5.0 mg/kg n=5	Total N=31			
Best overall response, n (%)*									
CR	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (12.5)	1 (20.0)	2 (6.5)			
PR	1 (16.7)	0 (0.0)	2 (25.0)	4 (50.0)	3 (60.0)	10 (32.3)			
SD	3 (50.0)	4 (100.0)	4 (50.0)	3 (37.5)	1 (20.0)	15 (48.4)			
PD	2 (33.3)	0 (0.0)	2 (25.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	4 (12.9)			
ORR, %	16.7	0	25.0	62.5	80.0	38.7			

- Ph1 dose-escalation study of a novel anti-HER2
   ADC constructed using the FACT platform showed
   promising efficacy and generally manageable toxicity
   profile at doses significantly higher than currently
   approved auristatin ADCs
- PF-06804103, a HER2-targeted ADC, was evaluated by Pfizer with same linker-payload combination as for PYX-201
  - -DAR = 4
  - Higher tolerable dose levels achieved (4-5 mg/kg) compared to traditional vc-MMAE-based ADCs (~1.8 mg/kg)
- Anti-tumor activity was demonstrated at doses beginning at 1.2 mg/kg with a trend of dose-dependent antitumor effect



### Safety Insights from Pfizer's HER2 Phase 1 Trial

"An MTD was not reached on the basis of the DLT criteria; 3.0 mg/kg lacked a relative degree of activity and 5.0 mg/kg was determined to be intolerable, although no DLTs were reported at 5.0 mg/kg dosing. Therefore, 4.0 mg/kg was initially selected to be the Part 2 dose, with flexibility in the protocol to reduce to a lower dose (e.g., 3.0 mg/kg) if the observed toxicity of 4.0 mg/kg was determined to be too high. As the trial enrolled, a data-driven decision was made to explore both 3.0 and 4.0 mg/kg PF-06804103 doses in Part 2." - Pfizer

4 subjects had DLT at 3mg/kg or 4 mg/kg that were subsequently resolved

- 2 subjects out of 28 subjects at 3mg/kg:
   1 subject Grade 3 non-serious TRAE of arthralgia;
  - 1 subject Grade 3 serious TRAE of neuralgia and musculoskeletal pain which was associated with drug withdraw
- 2 subjects out of 36 subjects at 4mg/kg:
   1 subject Grade 2 TRAE ejection fraction decrease;
  - 1 subject Grade 3 TRAEs of arthralgia myalgia and fatigue

Maximum Tolerated Dose (MTD) was not reached based on the DLT criteria 5mg/kg was intolerable although no DLT was observed at 5mg/kg dose

		Part 1A							Part 2A					
				HER2+ BC o	or GC			Total	HER	2+ BC	HR+ HEF	R2-Low BC	Total	Total
PF-06804103 doses, mg/kg	0.15	0.5	1.2	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	0.15-5.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	3.0-4.0	0.15-5.0
N	2	2	2	4	16	15	6	47	5	14	12	15	46	93
With any adverse event	1 (50.0)	1 (50.0)	1 (50.0)	4 (100.0)	15 (93.8)	15 (100.0)	6 (100.0)	43 (91.5)	5 (100.0)	14 (100.0)	10 (83.3)	15 (100.0)	44 (95.7)	87 (93.5)
Alopecia	0	0	0	4 (100.0)	4 (25.0)	10 (66.7)	3 (50.0)	21 (44.7)	1 (20.0)	5 (35.7)	6 (50.0)	9 (60.0)	21 (45.7)	42 (45.2)
Fatigue	0	0	1 (50.0)	2 (50.0)	9 (56.3)	4 (26.7)	4 (66.7)	20 (42.6)	2 (40.0)	5 (35.7)	4 (33.3)	1 (6.7)	12 (26.1)	32 (34.4)
Neuropathy peripheral	0	0	0	0	8 (50.0)	3 (20.0)	3 (50.0)	14 (29.8)	0	1 (7.1)	2 (16.7)	4 (26.7)	7 (15.2)	21 (22.6)
Peripheral sensory neuropathy	0	0	0	2 (50.0)	3 (18.8)	6 (40.0)	2 (33.3)	13 (27.7)	1 (20.0)	7 (50.0)	3 (25.0)	5 (33.3)	16 (34.8)	29 (31.2)
Decreased appetite	0	0	0	1 (25.0)	4 (25.0)	5 (33.3)	2 (33.3)	12 (25.5)	2 (40.0)	2 (14.3)	3 (25.0)	2 (13.3)	9 (19.6)	21 (22.6)
Myalgia	0	0	0	0	5 (31.3)	5 (33.3)	2 (33.3)	12 (25.5)	0	7 (50.0)	4 (33.3)	5 (33.3)	16 (34.8)	28 (30.1)
Rash	0	0	0	0	3 (18.8)	5 (33.3)	2 (33.3)	10 (21.3)	2 (40.0)	6 (42.9)	3 (25.0)	3 (20.0)	14 (30.4)	24 (25.8)
Weight decreased	0	0	0	0	3 (18.8)	4 (26.7)	3 (50.0)	10 (21.3)	1 (20.0)	4 (28.6)	2 (16.7)	3 (20.0)	10 (21.7)	20 (21.5)
Arthralgia	0	1 (50.0)	0	0	3 (18.8)	4 (26.7)	1 (16.7)	9 (19.1)	1 (20.0)	3 (21.4)	4 (33.3)	5 (33.3)	13 (28.3)	22 (23.7)
Stomatitis	0	1 (50.0)	0	0	2 (12.5)	4 (26.7)	2 (33.3)	9 (19.1)	1 (20.0)	4 (28.6)	3 (25.0)	2 (13.3)	10 (21.7)	19 (20.4)
Anemia	0	0	1 (50.0)	0	3 (18.8)	2 (13.3)	2 (33.3)	8 (17.0)	0	3 (21.4)	2 (16.7)	2 (13.3)	7 (15.2)	15 (16.1)
Diarrhea	1 (50.0)	0	1 (50.0)	0	2 (12.5)	2 (13.3)	2 (33.3)	8 (17.0)	1 (20.0)	1 (7.1)	0	5 (33.3)	7 (15.2)	15 (16.1)
Nausea	0	0	0	1 (25.0)	2 (12.5)	2 (13.3)	2 (33.3)	7 (14.9)	0	3 (21.4)	2 (16.7)	3 (20.0)	8 (17.4)	15 (16.1)

Note: Values are n (%). MedDRA v24.1 coding dictionary applied.

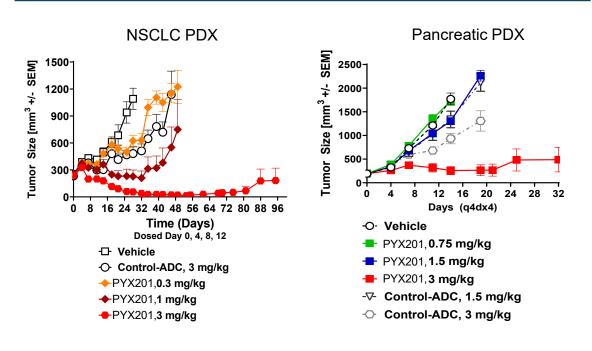
Abbreviations: BC, breast cancer; GC, gastric and gastroesophageal cancer; MedDRA, Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities; N, number of patients in each group.



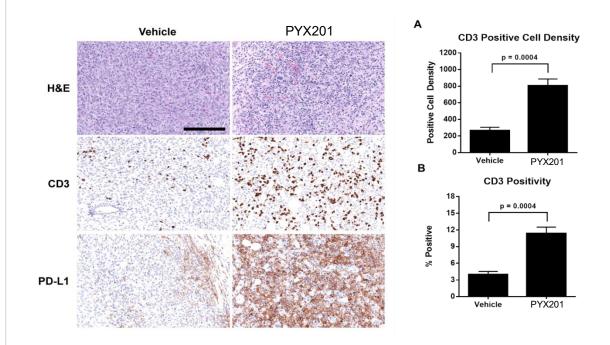
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### PDX Models Demonstrate Dose Dependent Anti-Tumor Activity of PYX-201

## PYX-201 is Highly Active in Patient-derived Xenograft (PDX) Models of NSCLC and Pancreatic Cancer

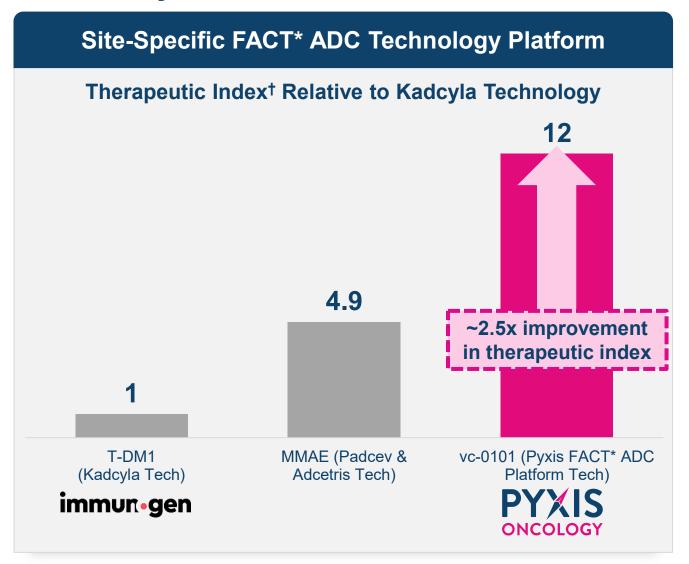


## PYX-201 Induces Immunogenic Cell Death & T cell Infiltration (CD3)





## Pyxis Oncology's ADC Platform Demonstrates Superior Therapeutic Index (TI) to Currently Marketed Auristatin Based ADC Products



- Preclinical studies testing trastuzumabbased ADCs demonstrate
  - FACT site-specific conjugation of vc-0101 to engineered cysteine residues exhibited significant improvement in TI

VS

- Conventional cysteine conjugation used in Adcetris and Padcev (Graziani, Molecular Cancer Therapeutics, 2020)
- Preclinical improvements in TI with the sitespecific conjugated vc-0101 trastuzumab ADC (PF-06804103) predicted
  - That the molecule would have enhanced anti-tumor activity and
  - Be tolerated at higher dose levels compared to traditional vc-MMAEbased ADCs



## Pyxis Oncology is Advancing ADC Technology to Create More Active, Better Tolerated Therapies

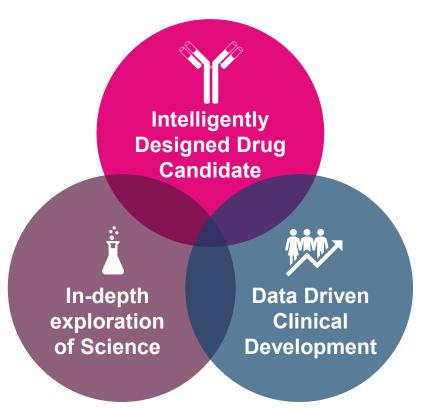
Limitations of First-Generation ADCs		F	PYXS ADC ToolKit Improvements
Less stable linkers can result in higher levels of free payload in circulation and off-target payload deposition	Linker improvements	<b>⊘</b>	More stable linkers can limit early payload release prior to reaching tumors
Random attachment of payloads to an antibody leads to a more inconsistent drug product and variable DAR	Site-specific conjugation chemistry	<b>②</b>	Site-specific conjugation leads to a more consistent drug product and more homogeneous DAR
Less permeable, less potent, lower bystander activity with first generation MMAE payloads	Payload improvements	<b>⊘</b>	Best-in-class auristatin payload AUR0101 engineered for better potency and permeability across cell membrane enables improved bystander effect
Often lower affinity, less specific antibodies	Antibody improvements	<b>⊘</b>	Generates novel, humanized antibodies to a target library, with high affinity and unique binding epitopes



DAR: Drug:antibody ratio

### **PYX-106: A Data Driven Anti-Siglec-15 Therapy**

Clinical strategy entrenched in the in-depth understanding of the dynamics between the drug candidate, the tumor microenvironment (TME) and patient impact



A Simultaneous and Multifaceted
Approach to Delivering an
Impactful Therapy



#### DIFFERENTIATED DRUG CANDIDATE FROM COMPETITOR

- Fully Human which may limit ADA formation and improve exposure
- Long half-life in monkeys, if similar in humans, would allow for less frequent dosing, maintain exposure and target engagement
- Stronger target binding to human Siglec-15 versus competitor (NC318)
- More potent reversal of Siglec-15-mediated T cell suppression ex vivo versus NC318

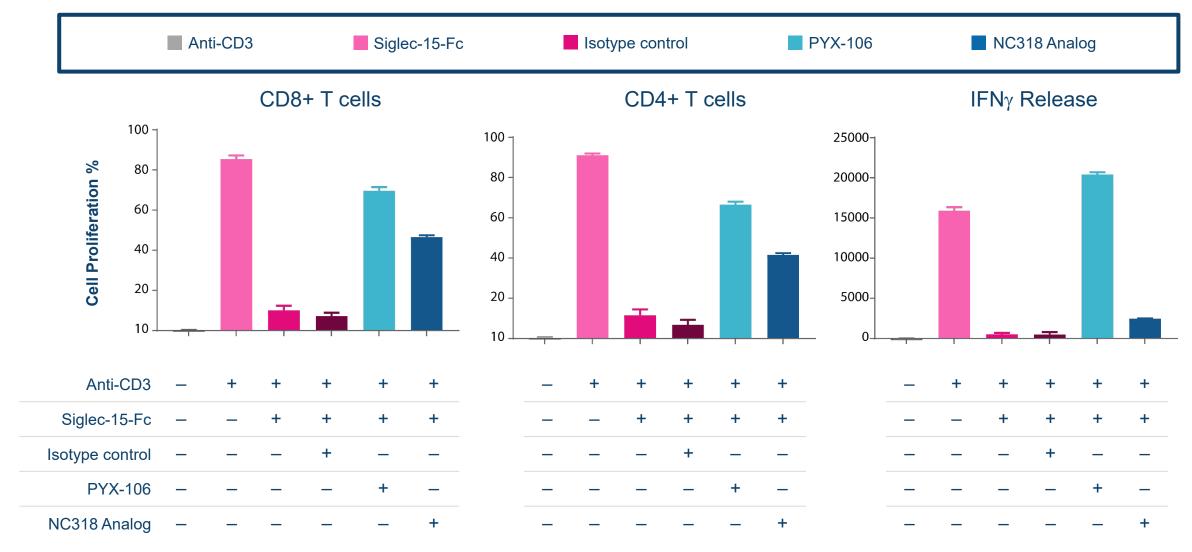
#### **ACTIONABLE DATA GENERATION AND ANALYSIS**

- Demystifying Siglec-15 as a Biomarker to comprehend the role of the target in tumorigenesis
- Discerning the TME to expand knowledge of immune related events during patient response to drug
- Deciphering drug dynamics (PK/PD) to better understand the MOA of the drug in targeting cancer

#### THOUGHTFULLY DESIGNED CLINICAL STRATEGY

- Diligent Indication Selection to ensure impact in unmet need tumors based on Siglec-15 expression
- Data-driven patient selection for prospective identification of responders
- Differentiated Clinical Development plan for delivering the highest patient benefit and impact

## PYX-106 Reverses Siglec-15 Mediated T-Cell Suppression and Increases IFN<sub>γ</sub> Release to Reinvigorate the Immune System

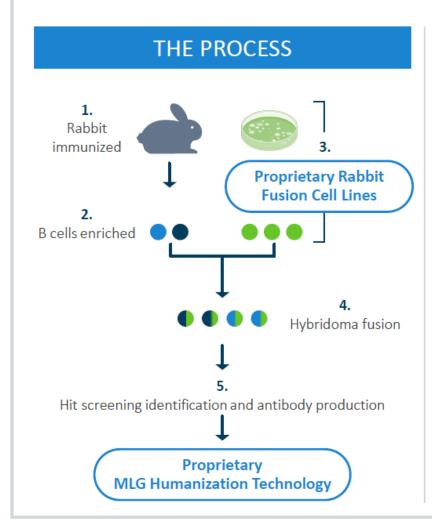




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## APXiMAB Platform Facilitates In-House Development of Antibodies to Support Novel ADC Generation via FACT Platform

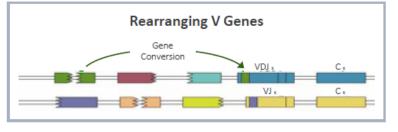
### RABBIT-DERIVED THERAPEUTIC ANTIBODIES

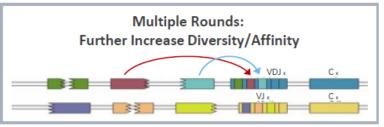


### **UNIQUE MECHANISM**

#### **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

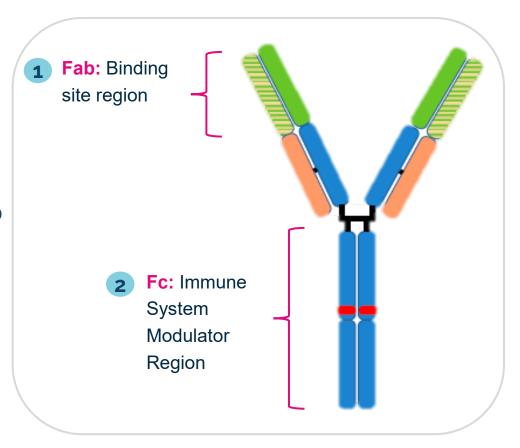


Important for therapeutic antibody binding and staying on target for extended duration



## PYX-107 (Sotigalimab) is a Potential First- and Best-in-Class CD40 Agonist in Phase 2 that Has Demonstrated Rapid, Deep and Durable Responses

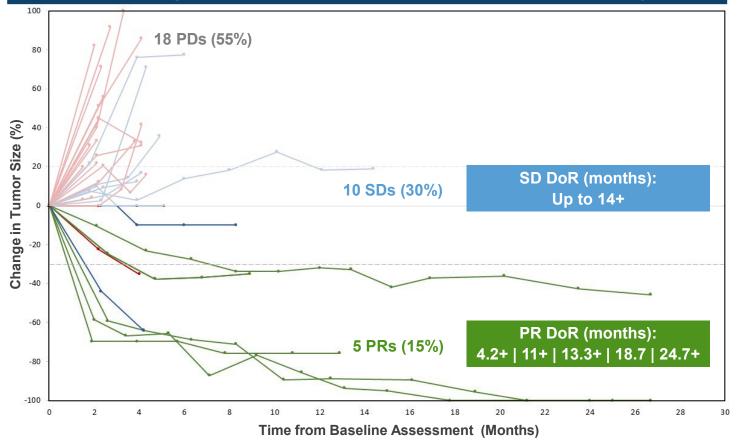
- Rationally designed with two key modifications for higher potency and improved tolerability
- Potential applicability across a variety of tumor types with high unmet need
- Compelling anti-tumor activity in difficult-to-treat metastatic melanoma patients, including those relapsed or refractory to PD-(L)1 and/or CTLA-4
  - No good treatment option exists for this growing patient population
- Favorable tolerability profile in combination with nivolumab
- Clinical development plan to be announced in Q4 2023





## Sotigalimab-Nivolumab Demonstrated Activity and Prolonged Responses in PD-1 Blockade Refractory Melanoma Patients in Phase 2 Trial

Duration of Response with Sotigalimab+Nivolumab in Patients Who Progressed on Prior PD-1/PD-L1 Blockade Therapy



### **Background**

- Patients (n=33) with relapsed/refractory metastatic melanoma with confirmed PD on anti-PD-1 mAb
- 24% received prior anti-CTLA-4

### **Results Summary**

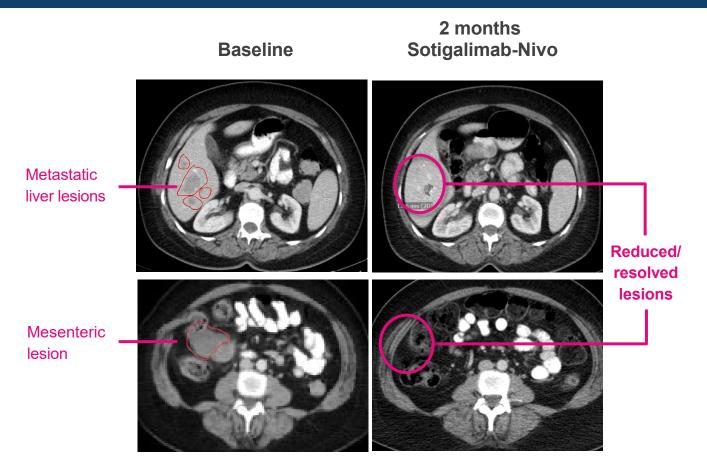
- Strong activity
  - 15.2% achieved partial responses (PR) and 30.3% showed stable disease (SD)
- Well tolerated
  - Grade ≥3 related TEAEs reported in two patients: transient increases of alanine aminotransferase (2 patients) and aspartate aminotransferase (2 patients)
- Rapid, deep and durable responses
  - SD up to 14+ months
  - 4/5 patients had ongoing PRs; median duration of response (DoR) not reached

Data from >500 patients collected across both company-sponsored trials and ISTs; IST data accumulated in a variety of tumor types, including metastatic melanoma, pancreatic, brain, renal, colorectal and ovarian cancer



## Case Study: Patient Achieved a Durable Partial Response (PR) and Resolution of All Lesions on Sotigalimab-Nivolumab

Patient Could Not Tolerate Ipilimumab and Had Highly Progressed, Metastatic Disease with Poor Prognosis and Limited Effective Treatment Options Remaining, with Discussions About Hospice as Next Step



- Strong activity: patient responded only 2 months after starting sotigalimabnivolumab (3 cycles of treatment)
- Good tolerability: patient completed
   ~11 months (15 cycles) of therapy
- Lasting durability: patient maintained a PR for 25+ months on study after treatment concluded
  - At 45.9+ months, the patient maintained their response, as observed by the PI



PI: principal investigator

### Results Demonstrate Favorable Tolerability Profile of Sotigalimab

Number (%) of subjects with related grade ≥3 TEAEs (in ≥2 subjects)

Study APX005M-002		Phase 1b						
					Melanoma Patient Cohort			
Related <sup>a</sup> Grade ≥3TEAE Preferred Term	DL1 (0.03 mg/kg) (N=3)	DL2 (0.1 mg/kg) (N=3)	DL3 <sup>b</sup> (0.3 mg/kg) (N=3)	C1 <sup>b</sup> (N=53)	C2 <sup>b</sup> (N=38)	C3A (N=I4)	C3B (N=28)	Total (N=139)
Alanine Aminotransferase Increased	0	0	0	1 (1.89%)	2 (5.26%)	0	2 (7.14%)	5 (3.60%)
Hypertension	0	0	0	4 (7.55%)	0	0	1 (3.57%)	5 (3.60%)
Gamma-glutamyltranferase Increased	0	0	0	2 (3.77%)	1 (2.63%)	0	1 (3.57%)	4 (2.88%)
Aspartate Aminotransferase Increased	0	0	0	1 (1.89%)	2 (5.26%)	0	0	3 (2.16%)
Dyspnoea	0	0	0	3 (5.66%)	0	0	0	3 (2.16%)
Amylase Increased	0	0	0	1 (1.89%)	1 (2.63%)	0	0	2 (1.44%)
Blood Bilirubin Increased	1 (33.33%)	0	0	1 (1.89%)	0	0	0	2 (1.44%)
Colitis	0	0	0	2 (3.77%)	0	0	0	2 (1.44%)
Cytokine Release Syndrome	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 (7.14%)	2 (1.44%)
Diarrhoea	0	0	0	2 (3.77%)	0	0	0	2 (1.44%)
Fatigue	0	0	0	1 (1.89%)	0	1 (7.14%)	0	2 (1.44%)
Hyperglycaernia	0	0	0	1 (1.89%)	0	0	1 (3.57%)	2 (1.44%)
Lipase Increased	0	0	0	1 (1.89%)	1 (2.63%)	0	0	2 (1.44%)
Pyrexia	0	0	0	0	1 (2.63%)	1 (7.14%)	0	2 (1.44%)



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> All 3 subjects from DL3 from phase 1b were also included in phase 2 C1 (1) and C2 (2)

### Sotigalimab vs. Other Advanced Clinical Stage CD40 Agonists (Not Exhaustive)

	Apexigen	Celldex	Roche	AbbVie	Seagen	BioNTech	Alligator Bioscience	Eucure
	sotigalimab <sup>1</sup>	CDX-1140 <sup>2</sup>	selicrelumab <sup>3</sup>	ABBV-927 <sup>1</sup>	SEA-CD40 <sup>4</sup> dacetuzumab	BNT-312 <sup>5</sup> (GEN1042)	mitazalimab <sup>1</sup> ADC-1013	YH003 <sup>6</sup> (Biocytogen)
Format	IgG1 humanized mAB	IgG2 fully human mAB	IgG2 fully human mAB	lgG1	lgG1	DuoBody- CD40x4-1BB	lgG1	IgG2 humanized mAB
Fc engineering	Modified to eliminate ADCC (S267E): Reduced FcgRIIIa binding	No	No	Modified to eliminate ADCC (V273Y): Reduced FcgRIIIa binding	Modified to increase ADCC (afucosylated): Increased FcgRIIIa binding	Modified to eliminate binding to Fcg receptors	No	
CD40 epitope	Competes with CD40L (binds cysteine-rich domain 2 [CRD2])	CRD1; not competing with CD40L	CRD1; not competing with CD40L	CRD1; not competing with CD40L	CRD1; not competing with CD40L	Not known	CRD1; not competing with CD40L	CRD1; not competing with CD40L
Requires cross- linking	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
FcγR dependent	Yes (FcgIlbR)	No	No	Yes (FcgllbR)	yes	No	Yes	
In-vitro activity	High	Weak	High		High	High	High	
In-vivo activity	No binding to mouse CD40	Yes	Yes, not tolerated		Yes	Yes, crosslinks CD40-expressing APC with 4-1BB- expressing T cells	Yes	
Development status	Phase 2	Ph 2 (De- prioritized by company		Phase 2		Phase 1/2		Phase 2

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