

Pyxis Oncology Acquisition of Apexigen

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Transaction Equips Pyxis Oncology with Promising Clinical Asset and Antibody Discovery Platform

Potential to significantly improve median progression-free survival (mPFS) in patients with LPS

- Commercially and clinically validated APXiMAB antibody discovery platform provides backbone to FACT platform for ADC creation
- Sotigalimab is a potential best-in-class CD40 agonist
- Licensing income/revenue stream from 5 licensed antibodies, one approved in 2019 and marketed by Novartis
- Cash runway remains into 1H 2025
- PYXS executive team to lead combined entity

PYX-201 and PYX-106 programs remain on track

Updated duration of response/PFS data for sotigalimab in DDLPS anticipated at ASCO

Transaction Details

Overview

- Definitive merger agreement wherein Pyxis Oncology will acquire Apexigen in an all-stock transaction
- For each share of Apexigen, Pyxis Oncology will issue 0.1725 shares of common stock at a fixed exchange ratio
 - Total of 4.4 million PYXS shares expected to be issued
- Pyxis Oncology shareholders to own approximately 90% of the combined company / Apexigen shareholders to own approximately 10%
- Implied valuation of \$0.64 per Apexigen share for total consideration of approximately \$16 million
- Pyxis Oncology executive team to lead the combined company

Financial Impact to Pyxis Oncology

- Cash runway anticipated to remain into 1H 2025 upon closing
- Royalty streams from 5 out-licensed APXiMAB assets

Conditions & Timing

- Closing subject to customary conditions, including the approval by a majority of Apexigen outstanding common shares
- Closing anticipated mid-2023

Complementary APXiMAB and FACT Platforms Accelerate Efficient Development of Next Generations ADCs

Addition of humanized antibody capability enables end-to-end ADC development in-house

APXiMAB Targeting Antibody Platform

Enables generation of novel antibodies against a library of targets with high affinity and unique binding epitopes

FACT Conjugation Chemistry

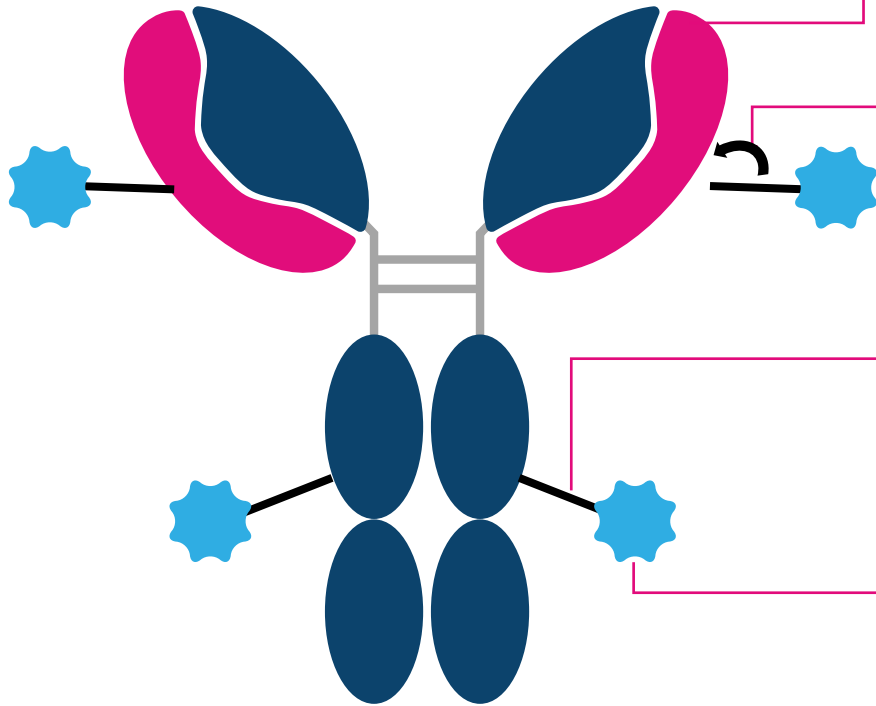
- Site specific conjugation enables more consistent drug antibody ratio (DAR)
- Improved plasma stability, limiting payload release in circulation

FACT Linker Library

- Expanded library of linkers with high stability in circulation
- Enable selective release at target side via enzymatic cleavage

FACT Optimized Payload

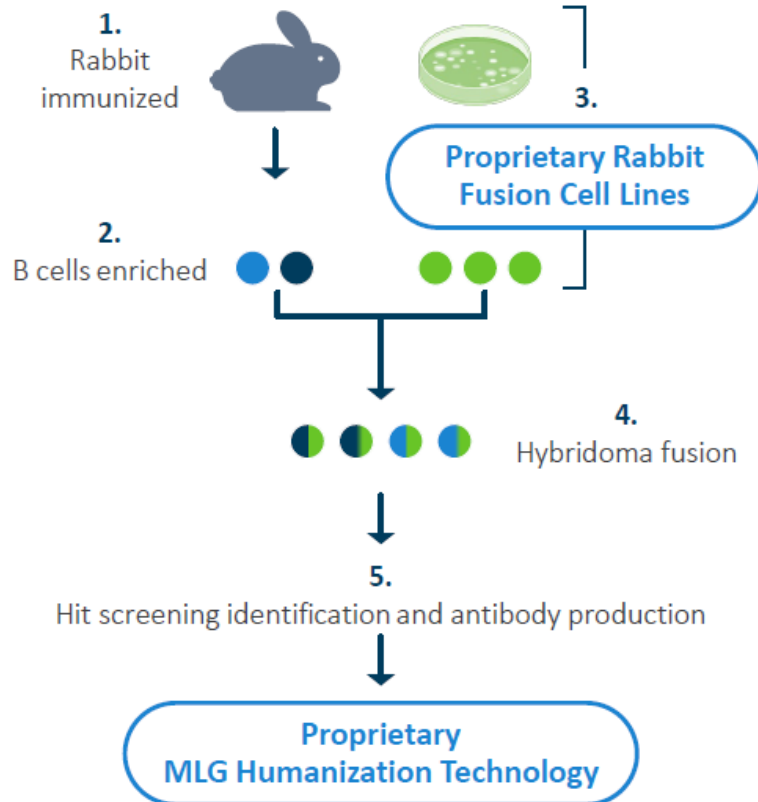
- Next-generation AUR-0101 payload with enhanced bystander activity
- Potentially increased potency and improved permeability across cell membrane



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

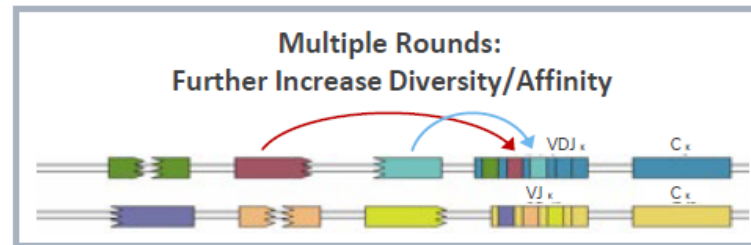
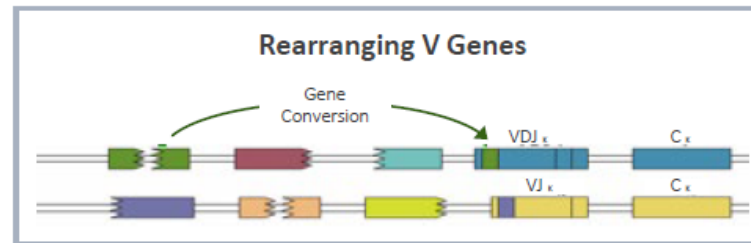
RABBIT-DERIVED THERAPEUTIC ANTIBODIES

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

Compelling
CASE STUDY

Patient treated with
sotigalimab achieved
a durable partial response
and resolution of all lesions
when treated with
sotigalimab-nivolumab

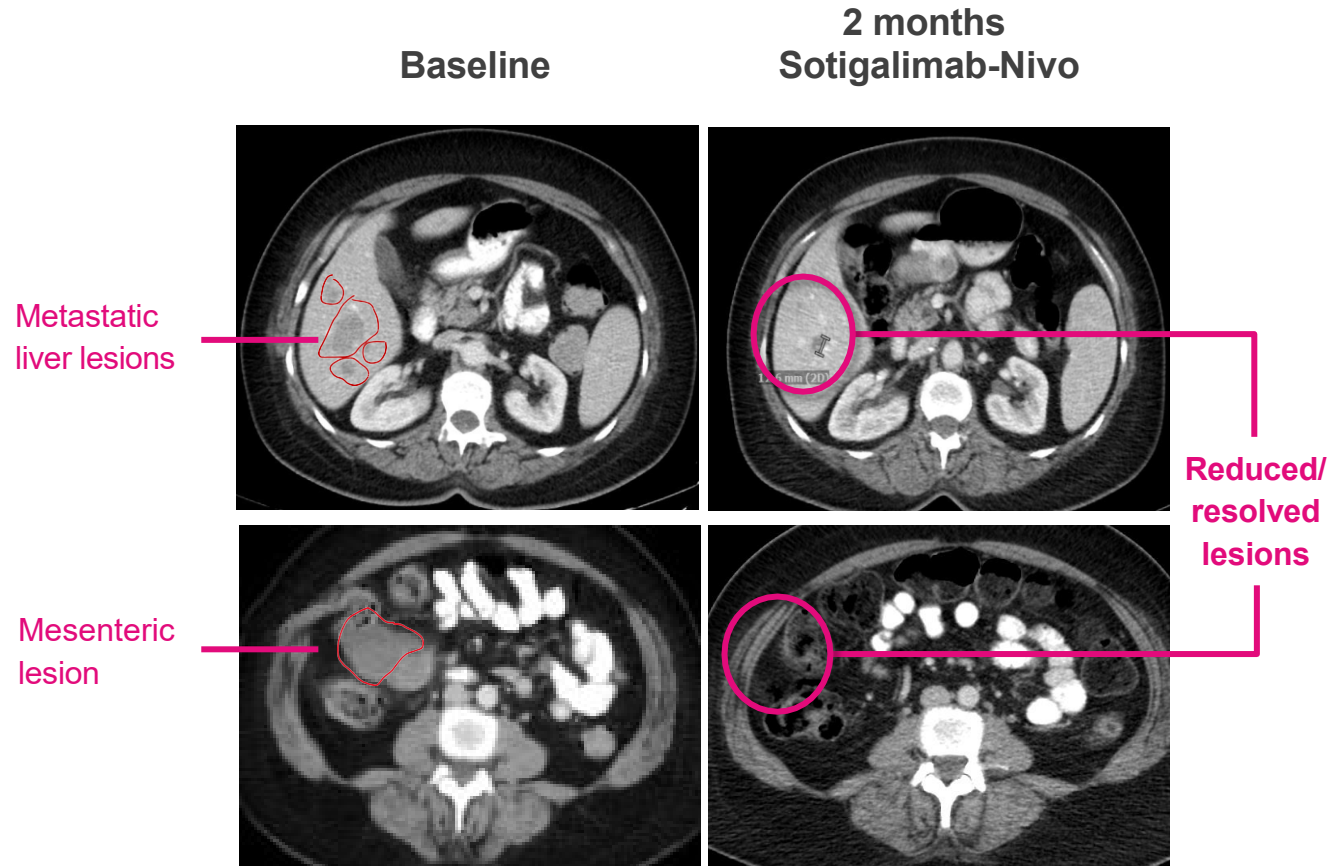
After surgery and radiation, a 54-year-old patient received ipilimumab-nivolumab but discontinued ipilimumab after 3 cycles because of poor tolerability

10 months later, the patient developed rapid disease progression in multiple sites while on nivolumab alone

Patient had highly progressed, metastatic disease with poor prognosis and limited effective treatment options remaining with discussions about hospice as next step

Patient enrolled in Phase 2 trial and dosed with sotigalimab 0.3 mg/kg and nivolumab 360mg IV Q3W

Patient Achieved a Durable Partial Response (PR) and Resolution of All Lesions on Sotigalimab-nivolumab, a Combination that Was Well Tolerated



- **Strong activity:** patient responded **only 2 months** after starting sotigalimab-nivolumab (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

CD40 Activation Triggers Immune Responses from Both the Innate and Adaptive Arms of the Immune System to Potentially Optimize Anti-tumor Activity

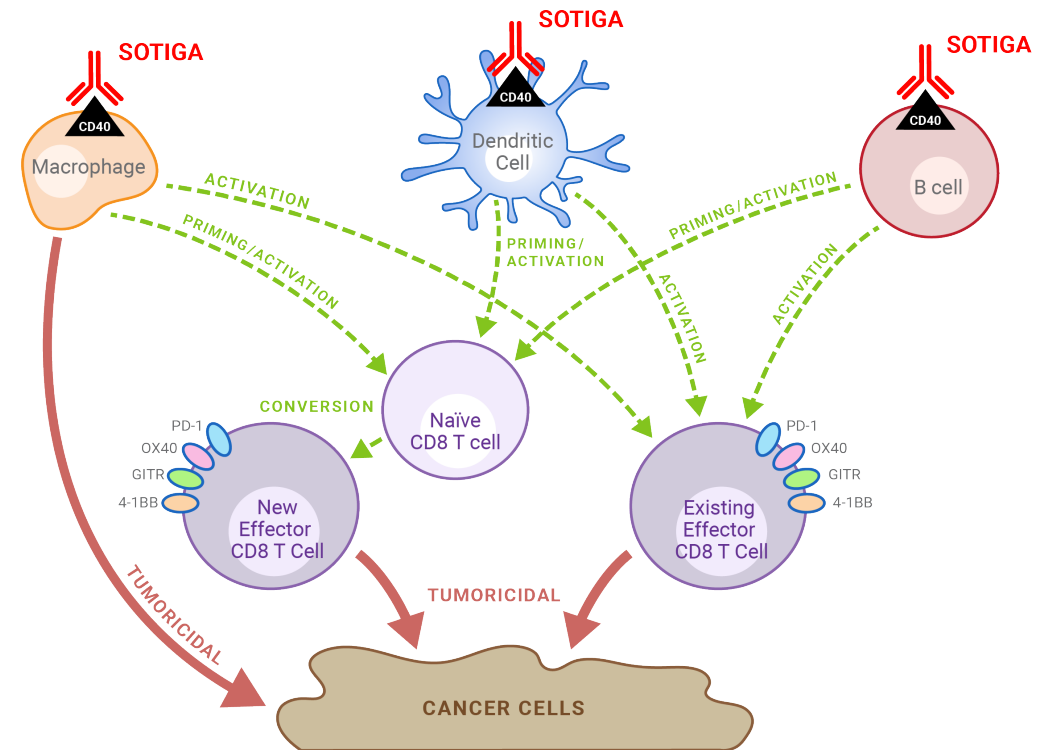
Activation leads to the conversion of a “cold” TME to a “hot” TME and could potentially enhance the efficacy of ICIs

Why Activate CD40?

Multiple paths to induce tumor cell death

- **Innate response** (e.g., macrophages)
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- **Adaptive response** (T-cell responses)
 1. Antigen-presenting cells (APCs) support priming and activation of T-cells, creating a pro-inflammatory tumor microenvironment (TME)
 2. Activates dendritic cells, the most important antigen-presenting cells (APC)
 3. Induces IL-12 to activate naïve T-cells

CD40 Cascade



Sotigalimab is Unlike Any Other CD40 Agonist in Development Because of Its Novel Design that Aims to Optimize Potency and Improve Tolerability

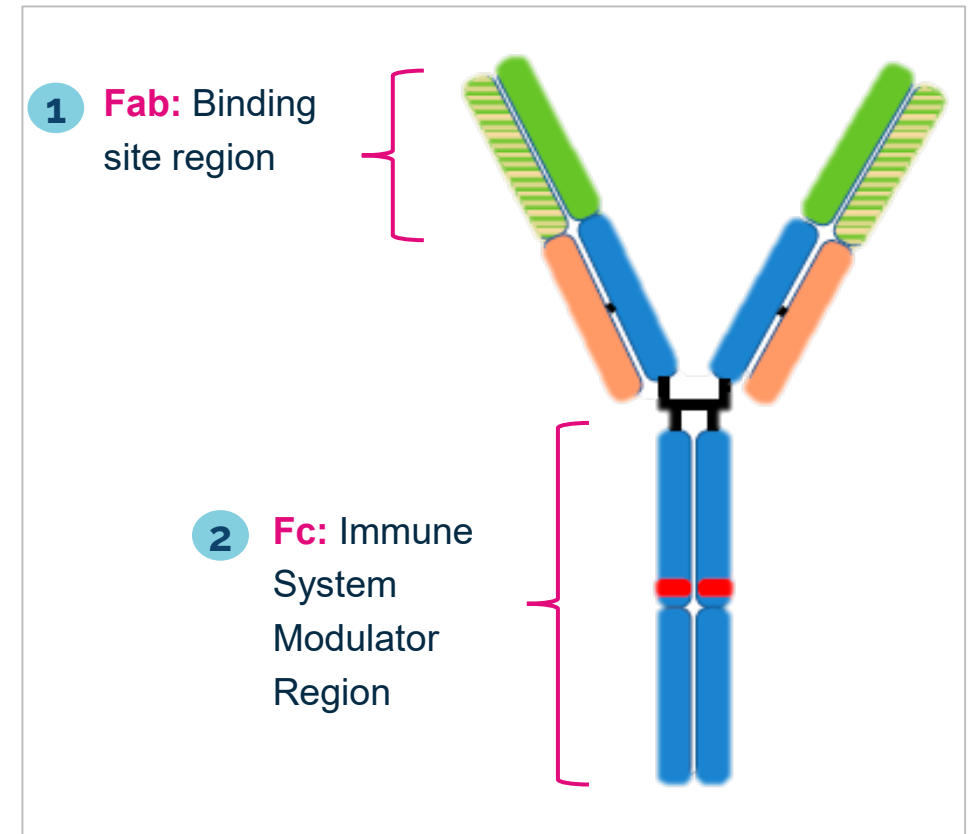
2 key modifications enable sotigalimab to elicit a robust anti-tumor response with an acceptable tolerability profile

1 Unique binding site to enhance immune response

- Sotigalimab mimics physiologic CD40 activation by binding to the same region as its natural ligand
- Potently induces IL-12 to activate naïve T-cells more effectively than others in class

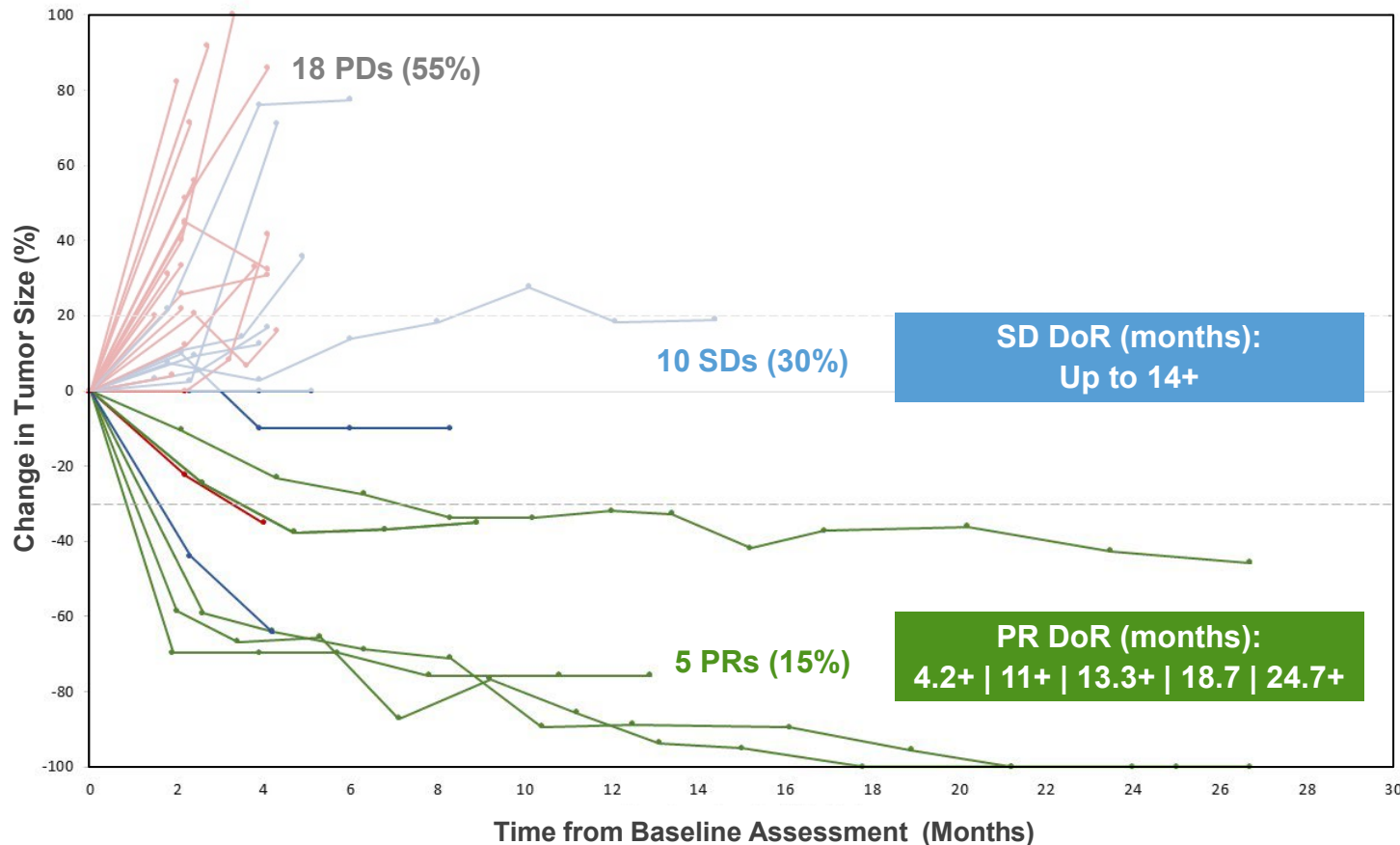
2 Modified Fc region boosts potency and improves tolerability

- Modified Fc region maximizes activity through receptor clustering
- Fc region engineered to eliminate antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity (ADCC) on APC



Sotigalimab-Nivolumab Demonstrates 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

Results Demonstrate Favorable Tolerability Profile of Sotigalimab

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

Study APX005M-002	Phase 1b			Phase 2 (0.3 mg/kg)				Total (N=139)
	DL1 (0.03 mg/kg) (N=3)	DL2 (0.1 mg/kg) (N=3)	DL3 ^b (0.3 mg/kg) (N=3)	C1 ^b (N=53)	Melanoma Patient Cohort C2 ^b (N=38)	C3A (N=14)	C3B (N=28)	
Related ^a Grade ≥ 3 TEAE Preferred Term								
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-glutamyltransferase 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%)
Hyperglycaemia	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%)

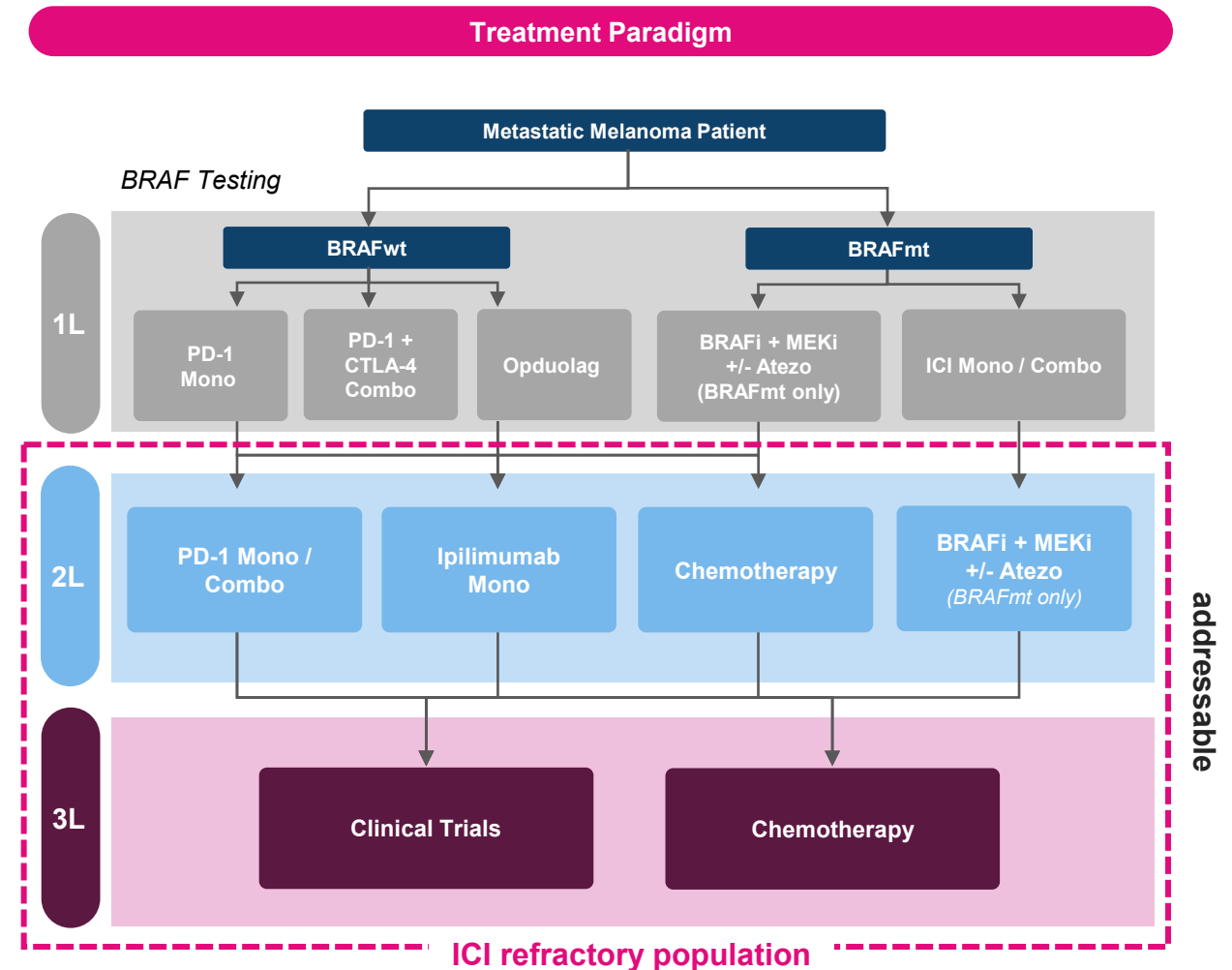
Abbreviations: C = cohort, DL = dose level, N = number of subjects enrolled, SAE= serious adverse event: TEAE = treatment-emergent adverse event

^a Regardless of the relatedness to nivolumab

^b All 3 subjects from DL3 from phase 1b were also included in phase 2 C1 (1) and C2 (2)

Patients with Melanoma Who Do Not Respond or Stop Responding to Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors (ICIs) Are a Rapidly Growing Population Where Sotigalimab Has Shown Response

- Majority of metastatic melanoma patients get treated frontline (1L) with an anti-PD1 and/or anti-CTLA-4 agent resulting in a **growing ICI refractory population starting as early as 2L**
 - 60–70% of patients do not experience an objective response to anti-PD1 therapy¹
 - Of those who respond, 20–30% demonstrate eventual tumor relapse¹
 - There are an estimated 9,000+ patients in the U.S. with 2L+(PD1 refractory) melanoma²
- No approved standard of care exists for patients who have failed both PD1 and CTLA4 therapy, a population that is rapidly growing and difficult to treat



*Treatment paradigm reflects US population

²Cancer MPact TE Melanoma 2021, Globaldata, SEER

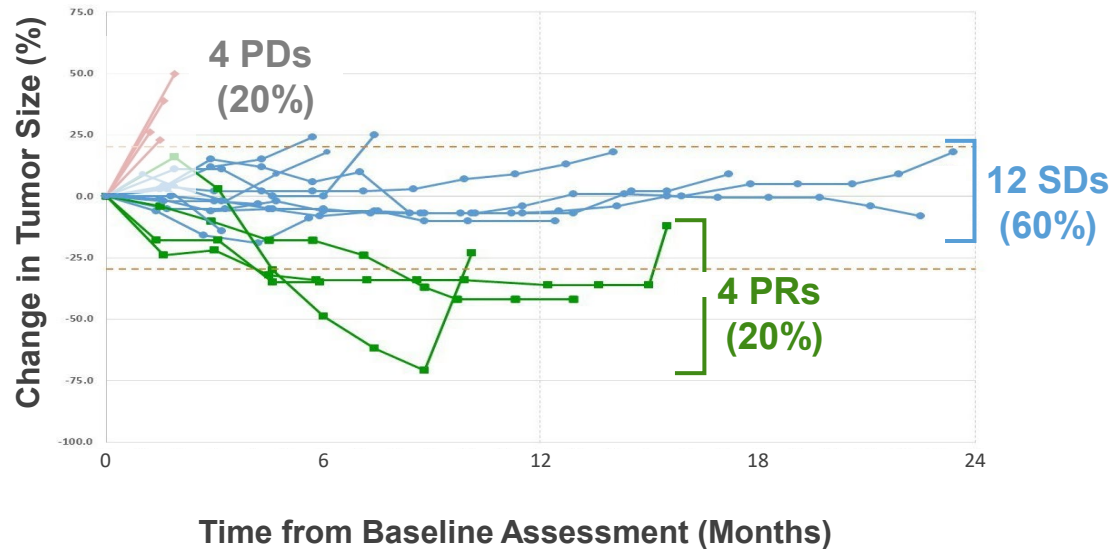
¹Bagchi et al., Annual review of pathology, 16, 223–249 (2021)

Figure source: NCCN guidelines, PI for all agents and GlobalData

Sotigalimab-Doxorubicin Demonstrates Robust Responses and Encouraging Tolerability Profile Across STS Subtypes

Potential to significantly improve median progression-free survival (mPFS) in patients with LPS

All STS subtypes¹ (n=20)

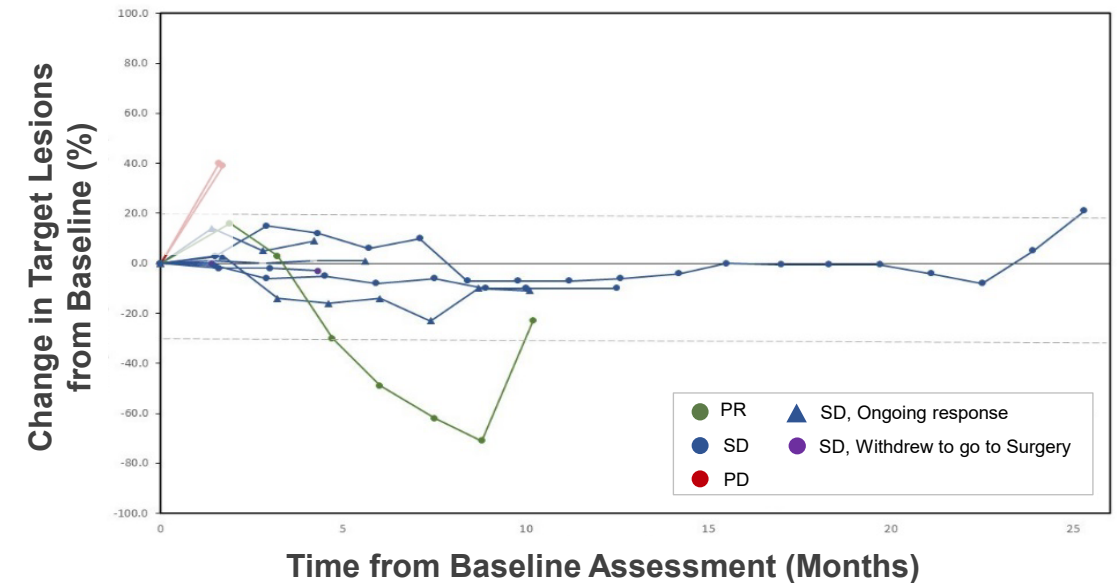


PR DoR: 1.3-11 months

SD DoR: 1.4-23.4 months

Data snapshot from Jan 2022: N=20 enrolled and evaluable

DDLPS² sub-analysis (n=10)



mPFS: 12.45 months (historically 2-5 months on dox alone)

Data snapshot as of Sept/Oct 2022

¹All subtypes excluding Kaposi sarcoma (KS) and gastroesophageal intestinal stromal tumor (GIST) plus 10 patients each with LPS, LMS or MFS/undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma (UPS)

²One of 10 patients remains unclassified

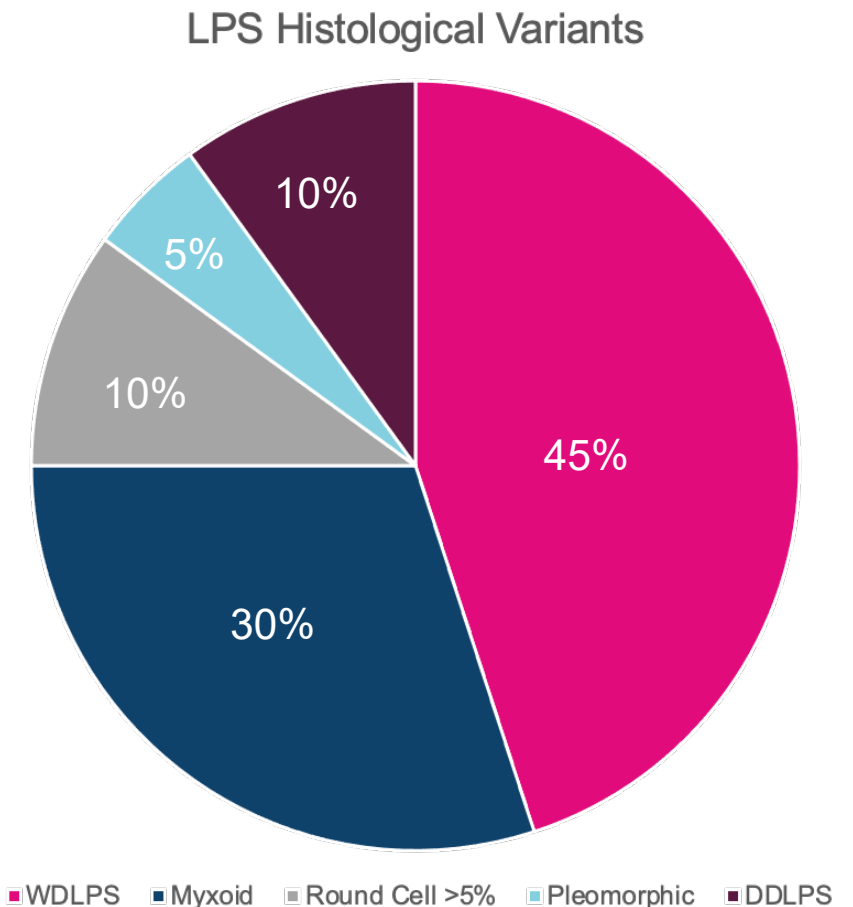
STS: soft tissue sarcoma

DDLPS: dedifferentiated liposarcoma

Sarcoma Has Seen Few Novel Advancements and Patients Need Improved Treatments with Fewer Side Effects

Single agent doxorubicin remains SOC despite dose-limiting cardiac toxicity

- Incidence of liposarcoma in the U.S. is ~3k¹
- Of the 4 major LPS subtypes, dedifferentiated (DD) LPS is difficult to treat and represents great unmet need
 - Response rate to chemotherapy in patients with DDLPS/well-differentiated (WD) LPS is ~11–24%²
 - Metastases can be observed in 20–30% of cases and typically develop in the lungs, which is associated with poor outcomes³
 - Most therapies are chemo-based with significant side effects and clinically poor mPFS (2-5 months)
- As patients progress, survival rapidly declines, highlighting the need for greatest impact at the earliest line of therapy



¹Kim, et al., BMC Cancer 9, 205 (2009)

²Chamberlain et al., *Future oncology*, 17(20), 2659–2670 (2021)

³Resag et al., *Cancers*, 14(19), 4578 (2022)

Sotigalimab Demonstrated Strong Activity, Durable Responses, and Encouraging Tolerability Profile Across Multiple Difficult-to-Treat Tumor Types

Cumulative clinical data highlight sotigalimab franchise potential

Sotigalimab in Melanoma

- Demonstrated rapid, deep and durable responses in difficult-to-treat population
- Evidence supporting its potential to rescue lack of IO responsiveness
- Opportunity to address a growing population of patients with limited treatment options

Sotigalimab in LPS

- Demonstrated durable activity across multiple STS subtypes
- Potential to significantly improve mPFS in LPS patients
- Opportunity to provide an innovative treatment to patients with limited treatment options and implement a faster to patient approach

Sotigalimab Across Multiple Tumor Types

- Powerful mechanism that can synergize with multiple classes of therapeutics
- Tolerability profile ideal for combination treatment regimens
- Opportunity to partner to drive development in additional indications

Post-close Pipeline Focuses on Multiple Difficult-to-Treat Tumors

Multi-modality portfolio with broad potential

Program	Class	Potential Indications	Discovery	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Next Milestone
Sotigalimab (CD40 agonist)	IO	melanoma						Begin Phase 2 dose-finding study in 2L melanoma in 2024
		liposarcoma (LPS)						Dedifferentiated liposarcoma (DDLPS) data anticipated in 2023
PYX-201 (anti-EDB)	ADC	e.g., breast, head and neck, lung, and thyroid cancer						Preliminary data in early 2024
PYX-106 (anti-siglec-15)	IO	e.g., bladder, cholangio-carcinoma, colorectal, and kidney cancer						First subject dosing 2Q23
Internal Discovery	ADC	solid and heme tumors						

Orphan Drug Designation (ODD) received for PYX-201 in pancreatic cancer and sotigalimab in soft tissue sarcoma

Pyxis Oncology Executive Team to Lead Combined Entity

Xiaodong Yang, CEO of Apexigen to support R&D transition at business combination closing



Lara Sullivan, MD
CEO



Pam Connealy, MBA
CFO & COO



Xiaodong Yang, MD, PhD
Founder & CEO, Apexigen
Supporting R&D Transition



Charlie Gombar, PhD
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Martina Molsbergen
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CTO (Interim)



Pyxis Oncology has strategically formulated a diverse leadership team with a proven track record of success, that strongly positions the organization to deliver meaningful impact to the industry and clinical oncology landscape.

Pyxis Oncology Organization with Proven Drug Development Experience

152 Total prior drug approvals/ launches

64 Prior Oncology drug approvals/launches

232 Number of prior biotech/ pharma companies

>104 Decades of biotech/ pharma experience

Significant Industry Contributions



Pharma-trained, Biotech-seasoned



Current Cash Runway Provides Meaningful Mid- to Near-Term Catalysts

DATA

- Poster presentation of Phase 2 sotiga data in advanced soft tissue sarcoma at upcoming ASCO
- Preliminary data expected in late 2023 / early 2024 for PYX-201 and PYX-106

CLINICAL

- PYX-201 planned expansion cohort initiation in 2Q23
- PYX-106 first subject, first dose in 2Q23
- PYX-106 planned expansion cohort initiation in 3Q23

UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS

- June: Jefferies Healthcare Conference presentation and 1x1s
- August: BTIG 7th Annual Global Biotechnology Conference
- September: Wells Fargo Healthcare Conference
- September: H.C. Wainwright 25th Annual Global Investment Conference

Acquisition of Apexigen Anticipated to Close Mid-2023

Q&A

Thank you

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Appendix

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



Celldex

Roche

AbbVie

Seagen

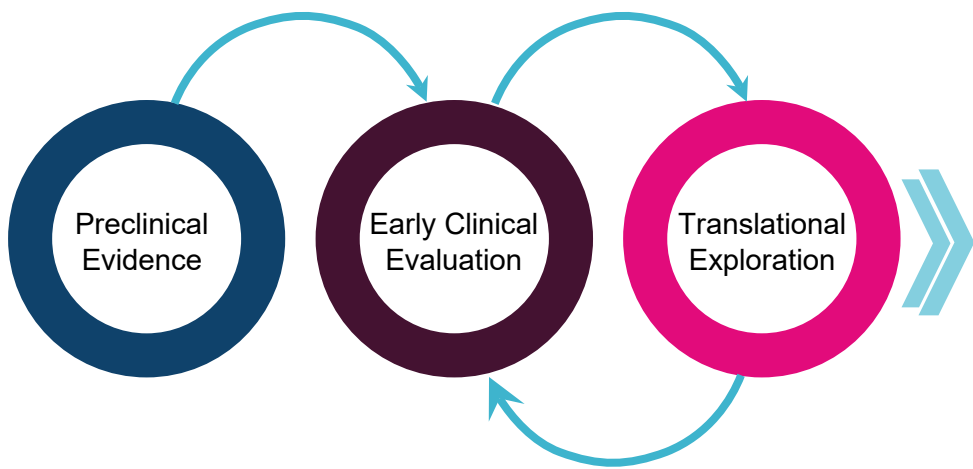
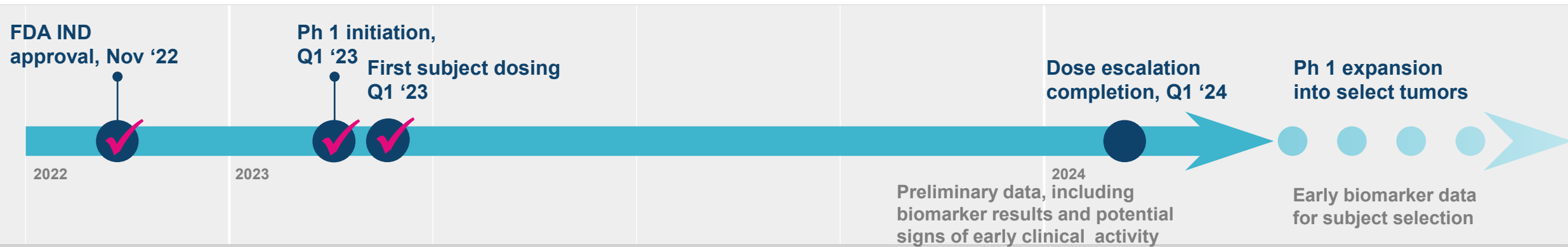
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Eucure

	sotigalimab ¹	CDX-1140 ²	selicrelumab ³	ABBV-927 ¹	SEA-CD40 ⁴ dacetuzumab	BNT-312 ⁵ (GEN1042)	mitazalimab ¹ ADC-1013	YH003 ⁶ (Biocytogen)
Format	IgG1 humanized mAB	IgG2 fully human mAB	IgG2 fully human mAB	IgG1	IgG1	DuoBody-CD40x4-1BB	IgG1	IgG2 humanized mAB
Fc engineering	Modified to eliminate ADCC (S267E): Reduced FcγRIIIa binding	No	No	Modified to eliminate ADCC (V273Y): Reduced FcγRIIIa binding	Modified to increase ADCC (afucosylated): Increased FcγRIIIa binding	Modified to eliminate binding to Fcγ 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 (FcγIIbR)	No	No	Yes (FcγIIbR)	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

PYX-201 Roadmap: Focus on Select EDB-FN Tumors Susceptible to Next-Generation Microtubule Inhibition

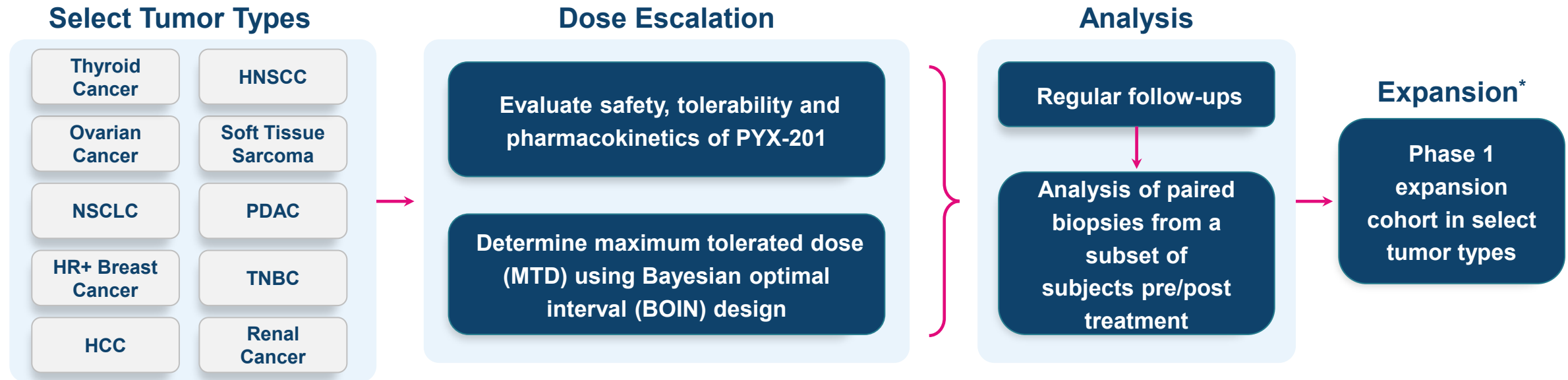


Synergizing Translational Research with Clinical Evidence to Enhance:

- **Indication Selection:** Utilizing a deep dive approach of evaluating tumor profiles to tubulin inhibitor sensitivity to select across a range of indications based on EDB-FN expression – early focus on low incidence and highly underserved tumors for rapid PoC generation
- **Subject Selection:** Robust biomarker strategy and early biopsy analysis to confirm preclinical data suggesting correlation of high EDB-FN expression to response and appropriate subject selection
- **Label Expansion:** Repurposing PoC and early indication data to expand subject reach in more prevalent cancers

PYX-201-101 Study Overview

First-in-Human, Open-label, Multicenter Study Evaluating PYX-201 in Subjects with Advanced Solid Tumors

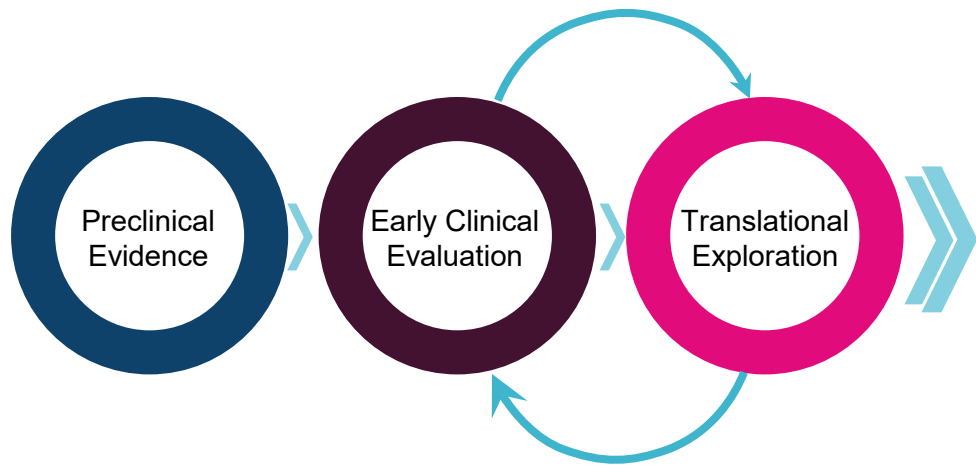
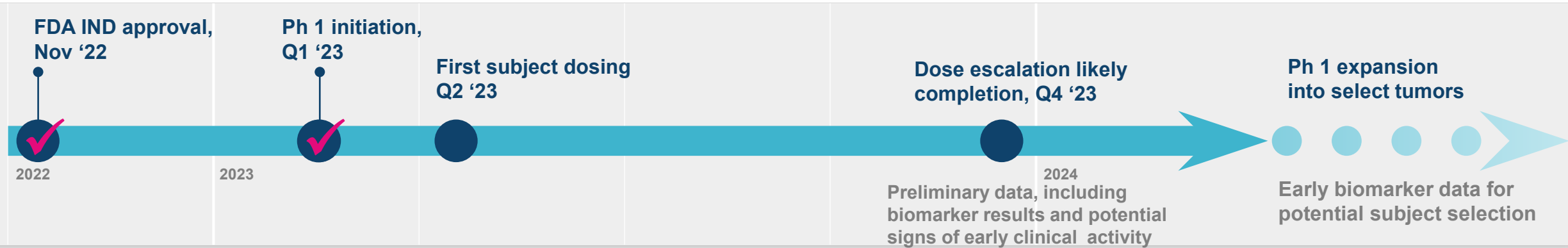


Objectives:

- Determine recommended dose(s) of PYX-201
- Evaluate safety and tolerability
- Characterize the pharmacokinetic profile
- Evaluate ORR, DOR, DCR, PFS, and OS
- Evaluate immunogenicity of PYX-201

PYX-106 Roadmap: Focus on a “Faster to Patient” Approach

Innovating through applied learnings, translational explorations and symbiosis between research and development

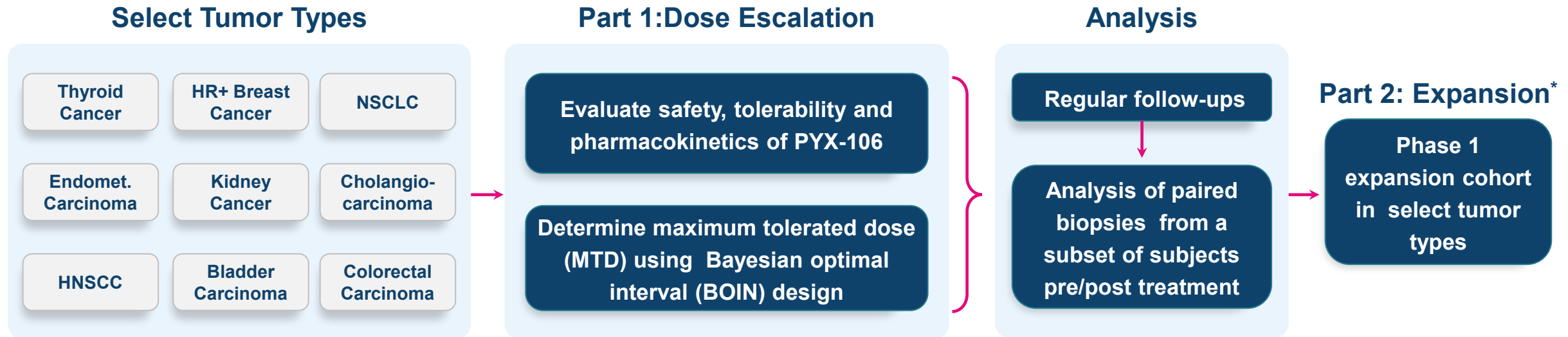


Synergizing Translational Research with Clinical Evidence to Enhance:

- Indication Identification: PoC generating/lean/fast to market high unmet need cancers that may respond to anti-Siglec-15 therapy
- Subject Selection: Robust biomarker strategy to better characterize target expression in tumor cells and macrophages and the immune landscape to identify subject segments likely to derive the most benefit from therapy
- Label Expansion: Repurposing PoC and early indication data to expand subject reach in more prevalent cancers
- Combination Strategy: Expand subject response and impact through additive efficacy

PYX-106-101 Study Overview

First-in-Human, Open-label, Multicenter Study Evaluating PYX-106 in Subjects with Advanced Solid Tumors



Objectives:

- Determine the recommended dose for Part 2
- Evaluate safety and tolerability
- Characterize the pharmacokinetic profile
- Evaluate ORR, DOR, DCR, PFS, and OS
- Evaluate immunogenicity of PYX-106