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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 28, 2022

TCR² THERAPEUTICS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

001-38811 (Commission File Number) 47-4152751 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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	Common Stock	TCRR	The Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC
			of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this
			Emerging growth company

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On September 28, 2022, TCR² Therapeutics Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release titled "gavo-cel Continues to Demonstrate Clinical Benefit in Solid Tumors with Additional RECIST Reponses in Ovarian Cancer and Mesothelioma." A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information under this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, is being furnished herewith and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Phase 1 Topline Results

On September 28, 2022, the Company announced positive topline results from the Phase 1 portion of the Company's gavo-cel Phase 1/2 clinical trial for mesothelin-expressing solid tumors, with some patients still being monitored for clinical response or stable disease.

As of the September 9, 2022 data cutoff, 32 patients (including 23 mesothelioma, eight ovarian cancer and one cholangiocarcinoma) had received a single gavo-cel infusion in the Phase 1 portion of the clinical trial. The patients were heavily pretreated with a median of five prior lines of therapy, including immune checkpoint inhibitors in 66% of patients and mesothelin-directed therapies in 19% of patients. Following identification of a dose-limiting toxicity (DLT) at dose level (DL) 5 (5x108 cells/m² following lymphodepletion) in September 2021, the study proceeded to a dose de-escalation portion, first at DL3.5 (3x108 cells/m² following lymphodepletion) using a split-dosing approach, and subsequently at DL3 (1x108 cells/m² following lymphodepletion) which was declared the recommended Phase 2 dose (RP2D). No new DLTs were observed.

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Summary of trial conduct, baseline characteristics and gavo-cel dose:

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Corporate Presentation

The Company from time to time presents and/or distributes to the investment community slide presentations to provide updates and summaries of its business. On September 28, 2022, the Company hosted a conference call and webcast to discuss topline results from the Phase 1 portion of the gavo-cel Phase 1/2 clinical trial for mesothelin-expressing solid tumors. A copy of its "Gavo-cel Phase 1 Presentation" slide presentation is being filed herewith as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference. The Company undertakes no obligation to update, supplement or amend the materials attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

Statements contained under this Item 8.01, including Exhibit 99.2, regarding matters that are not historical facts are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Because such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such statements include, but are not limited to: including express or implied statements regarding the Company's expectations for the Phase 2 clinical trial of gavo-cel and the Phase 1/2 clinical trial of TC-510, including expected progress and timing of updates; the Company's expectations for the safety and efficacy of, and enhancements to, gavo-cel, TC-510 and the Company's other product candidates including compared to other T-cell therapy approaches; the Company's expectations regarding the estimated patient populations and related market opportunities in gavo-cel, TC-510's and the Company's other product candidates' targeted indications; the Company's expectations regarding manufacturing of gavo-cel, TC-510 and the Company's other product candidates, the Company's expectations regarding its development programs and IND-enabling studies; the Company's expectations regarding expansion opportunities for its TRuC platform; and the Company's expectations regarding its financial position.

Any forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations of future events and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially and adversely from those set forth in or implied by such forward-looking statements. Risks that contribute to the uncertain nature of the forward-looking statements include, without limitation: uncertainties inherent in clinical studies and in the availability and timing of data from ongoing clinical studies; whether interim results from a clinical trial will be predictive of the final results of a trial; the possibility that positive results from preclinical studies and correlative studies may not necessarily be predictive of the results of the Company's planned clinical trials, including the Phase 2 clinical trial of gavo-cel and Phase 1/2 clinical trial of TC-510; the risk that the results from the Phase 2 clinical trial of gavo-cel and Phase 1/2 clinical trial of TC-510 will not support further development and marketing approval; the risk that the Company may be unable to gain approval of gavo-cel, TC-510 and the Company's other product candidates on a timely basis, if at all; the risk that the Company has over-estimated the potential patient population for its product candidates, if approved; the risk that the current COVID-19 pandemic will impact the Company's clinical trials and other operations; and other risks set forth under the caption "Risk Factors" in the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, most recent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and its other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. All forward-looking statements contained in this presentation speak only as of the date on which they were made. The Company undertakes no obligation to update such statements to reflect events that occur or circumstances that exist after the date on which they were made.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

Description

99.1 Press release issued by TCR2 Therapeutics Inc. on September 28, 2022.

99.2 <u>Copy of TCR2 Therapeutics Inc. slide presentation dated September 28, 2022.</u>

104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

TCR2 THERAPEUTICS INC.

By: <u>/s/ Eric Sullivan</u>
Name: Eric Sullivan
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: September 28, 2022



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- Completed Phase 1 clinical trial establishes gavo-cel monotherapy as the first anti-mesothelin cell therapy to demonstrate tolerability and clinical benefit

- Second RECIST partial response in ovarian cancer supports broad potential of gavo-cel

- Consistent tumor regression in 28 of 30 (93%) evaluable patients with disease control rate of 77%

- Progression-free survival of 5.6 months and overall survival of 11.2 months suggest durability of benefit in mesothelioma

- Phase 2 portion of trial underway implementing multiple approaches to further improve clinical outcomes

- TCR² to host a conference call on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 8:00a.m. ET

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., September 28, 2022 – TCR² Therapeutics Inc. (Nasdaq: TCRR), a clinical-stage cell therapy company with a pipeline of novel T cell therapies for patients suffering from solid tumors, today announced positive topline results from the Phase 1 portion of the gavo-cel Phase 1/2 clinical trial for mesothelin-expressing solid tumors, with some patients still being monitored for clinical response or stable disease.

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"We believe our Phase 1 clinical data already position gavo-cel as a first- and best-in-class anti-mesothelin monotherapy with a near-term opportunity during Phase 2 to further improve the depth and durability of clinical benefit by using it in combination with immune checkpoint inhibitors and redosing strategies. These are remarkable data in the context of solid tumors where there have been significant challenges with current CAR-T therapies. I am particularly excited by this second RECIST response in ovarian cancer as it supports the meaningful clinical activity of gavo-cel in a large patient population. Additionally, we continue to observe consistent tumor regression for heavily pre-treated patients with mesothelioma for whom limited options are available," said Garry Menzel, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of TCR² Therapeutics. "As a result, we have narrowed our focus in the short-term to our three core programs, gavo-cel, TC-510 and TC-520, so that we can maximize the number of patients with access to our investigational therapies."

"The results of the Phase 1 trial underscore the potential clinical value of gavo-cel in a very heavily pretreated patient population that are receiving our engineered T cells as their sixth line of therapy on average," said Alfonso Quintás-Cardama, M.D., Chief Medical Officer of TCR2 Therapeutics. "gavo-cel has demonstrated a manageable safety profile at the RP2D, induced RECIST responses in every indication studied to date, and has provided a promising survival signal among patients with mesothelioma as well as encouraging preliminary efficacy data in ovarian cancer. These results clearly support the further development of gavo-cel in the Phase 2 portion of the study where we believe that the combination with checkpoint inhibitors and the ability to retreat patients with additional doses of gavo-cel will allow us to increase patients' exposure to gavo-cel, potentially translating into even higher response rates and improved durability of benefit."

"We have already dosed a number of patients in combination with checkpoint inhibitors, including patients with ovarian cancer, in the randomized Phase 2 portion of the trial and look forward to providing ongoing progress updates on the various arms of the study as well as following the remaining patients still on the Phase 1 portion. We are clearly delighted that patients with various cancers continue to derive meaningful benefit from gavo-cel," added Dr. Menzel.

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About the Phase 1/2 Clinical Trial in Advanced Mesothelin-Expressing Solid Tumors

The Phase 1/2 clinical trial (NCT03907852) is evaluating the safety and efficacy of gavocabtagene autoleucel ("gavo-cel"; previously known as TC-210), TCR2's T cell receptor fusion construct directed against mesothelin. The trial is enrolling patients with either mesothelin expressing non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), ovarian cancer, cholangiocarcinoma, or malignant pleural/peritoneal mesothelioma (MPM). The Phase 1 dose escalation portion of the clinical trial utilized a modified 3+3 design with four increasing gavo-cel doses. At each dose, gavo-cel was tested in two separate dose levels: first without lymphodepletion and then following lymphodepleting chemotherapy.

In the Phase 2 portion of the clinical trial, patients will receive gavo-cel at the recommended Phase 2 dose (1x108 cells/m² following lymphodepletion). A total of 75 patients will be treated in the MPM cohort and a total of 20 patients will be treated in each one of the following indications: ovarian, NSCLC and cholangiocarcinoma. In the MPM cohort, patients will be randomized to receive either single agent gavo-cel, gavo-cel in combination with OPDIVO and YERVOY® (nivolumab), or gavo-cel in combination with OPDIVO and YERVOY® (patients enrolled in the ovarian cancer, NSCLC or cholangiocarcinoma cohorts will all receive gavo-cel in combination with OPDIVO.

About Mesothelin-Expressing Solid Tumors

Mesothelin is a cell-surface glycoprotein highly expressed in a wide range of solid tumors, including malignant pleural/peritoneal mesothelioma, ovarian cancer, cholangiocarcinoma, breast cancer, and others. Overexpression of mesothelin is associated with poorer prognosis in some cancers due to its active role in both malignant transformation and tumor aggressiveness by promoting cancer cell proliferation, invasion, and metastasis. Of the wide range of solid tumors expressing mesothelin, non-small cell lung cancer, ovarian cancer, mesothelioma and cholangiocarcinoma represent a patient population up to 81,000 annually in the United States alone.

TCR² Therapeutics Conference Call and Webcast

TCR² Therapeutics will host a conference call and webcast on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 8:00am E.T. In order to participate in the conference call, please register at https://bit.ly/3BTJ9Z7. Participants can register via this link up to ten minutes prior to start time. The webcast and presentation will be made available on the TCR² Therapeutics website in the Investors section under Events at investors.tcr2.com/events. Following the live audio webcast, a replay will be available on the Company's website for approximately 30 days.

About TCR2 Therapeutics

TCR² Therapeutics Inc. is a clinical-stage cell therapy company developing a pipeline of novel T cell therapies for patients suffering from solid tumors. The Company is focused on the discovery and development of product candidates against novel and complex targets utilizing its proprietary T cell receptor (TCR) Fusion Construct T cells (TRuC®-T cells). The TRuC platform is designed to specifically recognize and kill cancer cells by harnessing signaling from the entire TCR, independent of human leukocyte antigens (HLA). For more information about TCR², please visit www.tcr2.com.

Forward-looking Statements

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potential improvements in efficacy, safety and durability in the Phase 2 portion of the gavo-cel trial, expectations regarding future growth and prospects, future clinical development plans and anticipated timing of data updates, the development of the Company's TRuC-T cells, their potential characteristics, applications and clinical utility, and the potential therapeutic applications of the Company's TRuC-T cell platform.

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While we may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, we assume no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements except to the extent required by applicable law. Although we believe the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Accordingly, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. No representations or warranties (expressed or implied) are made about the accuracy of any such forward-looking statements.



Agenda

- Phase 1 Key Takeaways | Garry Menzel, PhD
- Gavo-cel Phase 1 Data | Alfonso Quintás-Cardama, MD
- KOL: Gavo-cel Experience in the Clinic | Raffit Hassan, MD
- KOL: Standard of Care in Mesothelioma | Patrick Forde, MD
- Gavo-cel Phase 2 Trial Design | Garry Menzel, PhD
- Q&A



Phase 1 Key Takeaways

Efficacy Data

- 93% Heavily pretreated patients that experienced tumor regression
- 77% Disease Control Rate (DCR)
- New RECIST Responses in ovarian cancer (29% ORR), MPM (21% ORR)
- MPM: 5.6 PFS, 11.2 OS

Safety Data

- RP2D: manageable safety profile and reversible adverse events
- Most frequent Grade ≥ 3 AE: CRS in 15% of patients

Path Forward

- Ovarian Cancer: earlier focus due to encouraging early activity
- MPM: potential frontline setting if CPI combo improves durability of benefit
- NSCLC: expansion opportunity with new MSLN threshold

Baseline Established

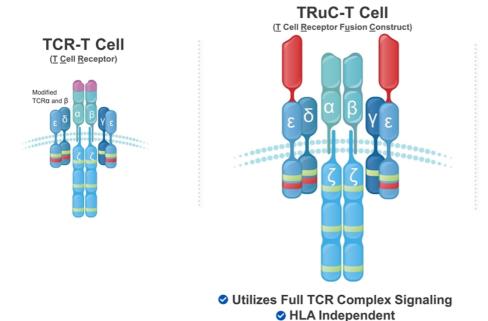
Additional strategies in the Phase 2 clinical trial are designed to improve preliminary profile

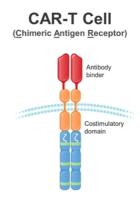
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DCR, Disease Control Rate; ORR, Overall Response Rate; PFS, Progression Free Sunival; OS, Overall Sunival; RP2D, Recommended Phase 2 Dose; AE, Adverse Event; CRS, Cytokine Release Syndrome; MPM, Malignant Pleural/Periton

TRuCs Represent Advancement Upon Existing T Cell Therapies



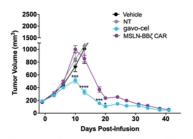




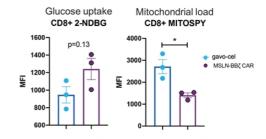
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Preclinically, TRuCs Show Superiority Over CARs

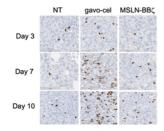
Superior Tumor Control vs. CAR-Ts



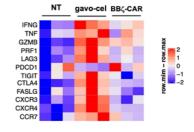
Optimal Metabolic Profile for Enhanced Fitness



Superior Intratumoral Infiltration



Higher Gene Expression Associated with T Cell Activation and Migration





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Clinically, gavo-cel Has Shown Activity Where Others Have Failed

First Anti-Mesothelin Cell Therapy to Demonstrate Tolerability and Clinical Benefit







74 Patients treated with anti-mesothelin CAR-T monotherapy



Total RECIST Responses reported



Patients evaluable treated with gavo-cel (TRuC-T cell) monotherapy

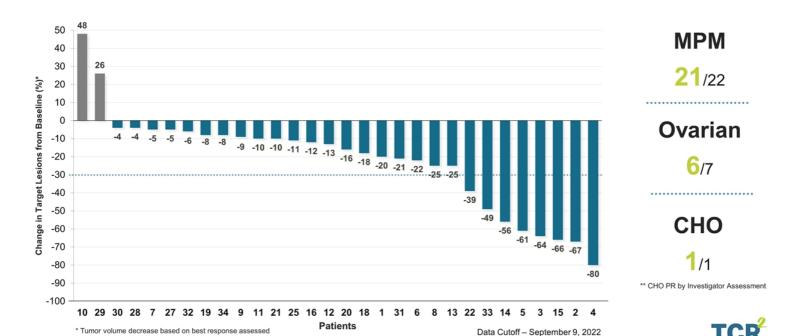


Total RECIST Responses reported



¹Maus et al., 2013, Cancer Immunol. Res.; ³Beatty et al., 2014, Cancer Immunol. Res.; ³Hass et al., 2019, Mol. Therapy.; ⁴www.med.upenn.edu/cellicon2021/assets/user-content/documents/tanyi.pdf; ⁵Adusumilli et al., 2021, Cancer Discovery; ⁰Wang et al., 2021, Cell Mol. Immunol.

gavo-cel Achieved Consistent Tumor Regression in 93% of Evaluable Patients



Promising Signal in Platinum Refractory Ovarian Cancer

Ovarian Highlights

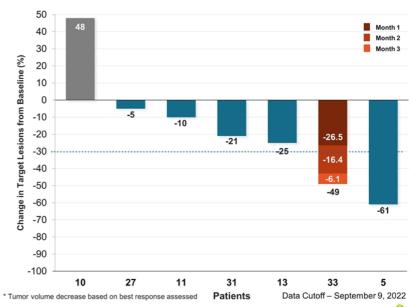
- 6/7 patients experienced tumor regression
- 2/7 patients experienced RECIST partial responses
- Most recent RECIST response (Patient 33) is ongoing at month 4; experiencing continuous monthly improvement of radiological response

Efficacy Data

ORR: 29% (gavo-cel + LD)

PFS: 5.8 months

OS: 8.1 months





DRR, Overall Response Rate; PFS, Progression Free Survival; OS, Overall Survival; LD, Lymphodepletion

Patient 33 – Platinum Refractory Ovarian Cancer

Partial Response (RECIST v1.1), Tumor Regression Deepened Over 3 Months (49%)

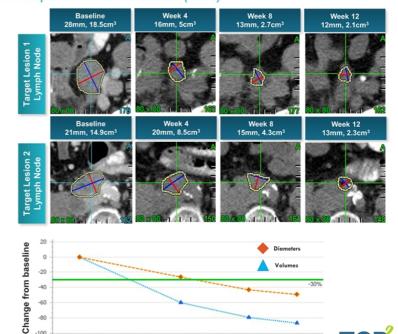
66-year-old female,

High grade, Stage IV serous ovarian cancer

- TP53 mutated
- Total abdominal hysterectomy, bilateral salpingooophorectomy, omentectomy
- Carboplatin/paclitaxel
- Bevacizumab/Paclitaxel
- Bevacizumab maintenance
- Weekly Paclitaxel

Enrolled in gavo-cel Clinical Trial

- Lymphodepletion with Flu/Cy
- gavo-cel at 1x10⁸/m² (RP2D)



Days from gavo-cel infusion

TCR

Phase 1 Data Support a Path Forward as Mesothelioma Leader

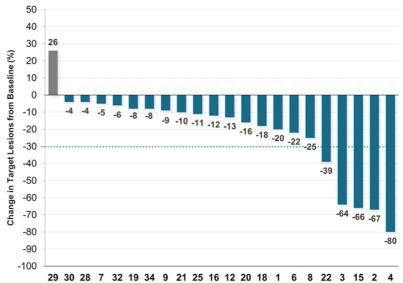
MPM Highlights

- 21/22 patients experienced tumor regression
- 5/22 patient partial responses by target lesion assessment; 4/22 experienced RECIST partial responses
- 1 patient experienced complete metabolic response

Efficacy Data

ORR: 21% (gavo-cel + LD)

PFS: 5.6 monthsOS: 11.2 months



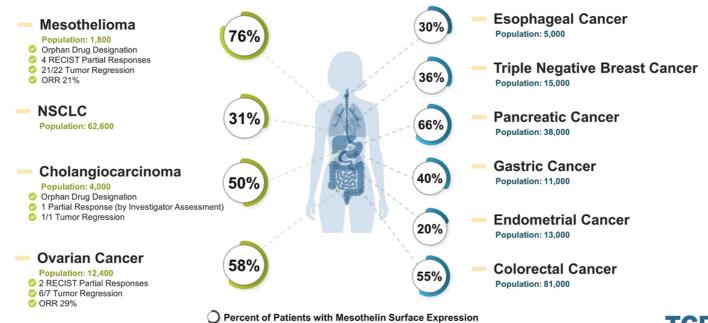
Patients

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Significant Potential Opportunity in Mesothelin-Expressing Solid Tumors

~215,000 Patients Across Multiple Target Indications



NSCLC, Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer, ORR, Overall Response Rate Refs: Inaguma 2017, SEER Statistics, Morello 2016, Tozbikian 2014



Phase 2 Modifications Aim to Further Improve Outcomes and Patient Access





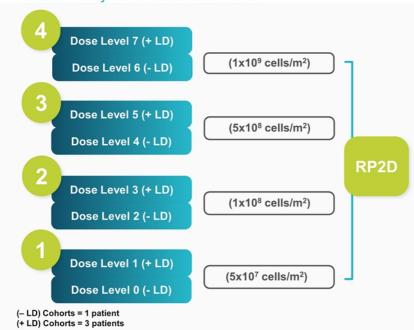
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Phase 1 Data



gavo-cel Phase 1 Trial in MSLN+ Solid Tumors

Phase 1 Objective: Determine RP2D



Phase 1: Dose Finding

Indications

- MPM
- Ovarian cancer
- NSCLC
- Cholangiocarcinoma

Mesothelin Expression

- IHC assay
- Central lab (Roche/Ventana)
- o Cut-off: ≥50% 2+/3+

Lymphodepletion (LD)

- o Fludarabine: 30 mg/m² x4d
- Cyclophosphamide: 600 mg/m² x3d



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Patient Tumor Characteristics

				RF2U					
Dose Level (gavo-cel dose) No. Patients	DL 0 (no LD) 5x10 ⁷ /m ² n=1	DL 1 5x10 ⁷ /m² n=8	DL 2 (no LD) 1x10 ⁸ /m ² n=1	DL 3 1x10 ⁸ /m² n=13	DL 3.5 3x10 ⁸ /m² n=5	DL 4 (no LD) 5x10 ⁸ /m ² n=1	DL 5 5x10 ⁸ /m² n=3	Overall n=32 (%)	
Age, Median (Range)	61	70 (36-84)	46	59 (28-70)	63 (43-69)	67	52 (37-66)	63 (28-84)	
Diagnosis	1 MPM	7 MPM 1 Ovarian	1 MPM	6 MPM, 6 Ovarian 1 Cholangio	4 MPM, 1 Ovarian	1 MPM	3 MPM	23 MPM 8 Ovarian 1 Cholangio	
MSLN 2+/3+	90	72 (55-100)	90	70 (50-95)	75 (50-92)	60	65 (65-73)	70 (50-100)	
Median No. Prior Rx	8	5	9	5	7	7	4	5 (1-13)	
Prior ICI, n (%)	1 (100)	6 (75)	1 (100)	6 (46)	4 (80)	1 (100)	2 (66)	21 (66)	
Prior Anti-MSLN Therapy, n (%)	1 (100)	1 (13)	1 (100)	1 (8)	2 (40)	0	1 (33)	6 (19)	
Bridging Therapy, n (%)	0	6 (75)	0	12 (92)	5 (100)	1 (100)	1 (33)	25 (78)	

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Grade ≥3 Treatment Emergent Adverse Events

				RP2D				
Adverse Event	DL 0 (no LD) 5x10 ⁷ /m² n=1 (%)	DL 1 5x10 ⁷ /m² n=8 (%)	DL 2 (no LD) 1x10 ⁸ /m ² n=1 (%)	DL 3 1x10 ⁸ /m² n=13 (%)	DL 3.5 3x10 ⁸ /m ² n=5	DL 4 (no LD) 5x10 ⁸ /m ² n=1 (%)	DL 5 5x10 ⁸ /m² n=3 (%)	Overall n=32 (%)
Hematologic								
Lymphopenia	0	8 (100)	0	13 (100)	5 (100)	0	3 (100)	29 (91)
Neutropenia	1 (100)	8 (100)	0	13 (100)	5 (100)	1 (100)	3 (100)	31 (97)
Thrombocytopenia	0	2 (25)	0	2 (15)	1 (20)	0	2 (67)	7 (22)
On Target / On Tumor								
CRS	0	2 (25)	0	2 (15)	1 (20)	0	3 (100)	8 (25)
HLH/ MAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neurotoxicity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
On Target / Off Tumor								
Pericarditis / Pericardial effusion	0	0	0	0	1 (20)	0	0	1 (3)
Pleuritis / Pleural effusion	0	0	0	1 (8)	1 (20)	0	0	2 (6)
Peritonitis / Ascites	0	0	0	1 (8)	0	0	0	1 (3)
Other								
Pneumonitis	0	1 (13)*	*0	0	3 (60)	0	1 (33)	5 (16)
Sepsis	0	1 (13)	0	0	0	0	0	1 (3)
Hemorrhage	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 (33)*	1 (3)

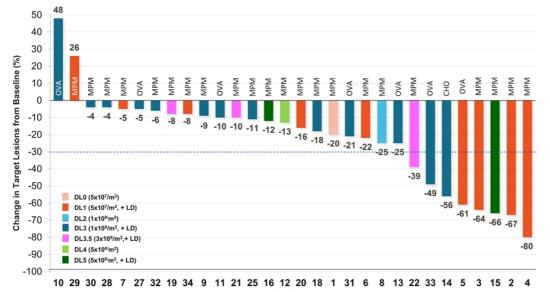
*Dose Limiting Toxicity Data Cutoff – September 9, 2022



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Consistent Tumor Regression in Patients with gavo-cel

Tumor Regression in 93% of Patients, Disease Control Rate 77%



Blinded Independent Central Review

	All	gavo-cel + LD
ORR	20%	22%
MPM ORR	18%	21%
Ovarian ORR	29%	29%

DCR = PR or SD lasting at least 3 months

* Tumor volume decrease based on best response assessed

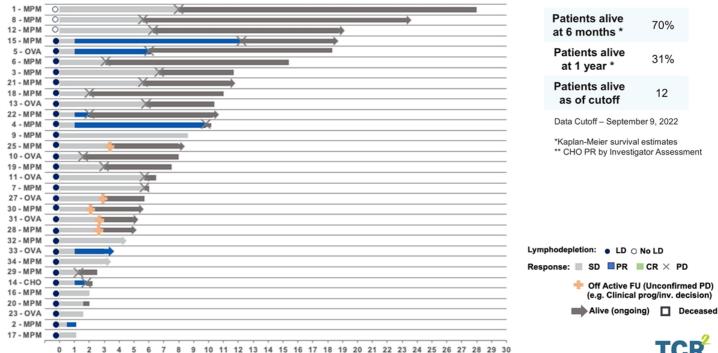
Patients

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DL, Dose Level; LD, Lymphodepletion; DCR, Disease Control Rate; ORR, Overall Response Rate; PR, Partial Response; SD, Stable Disease

Patient Response and Follow-up as of September 9th, 2022

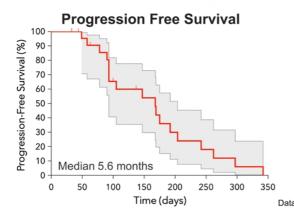


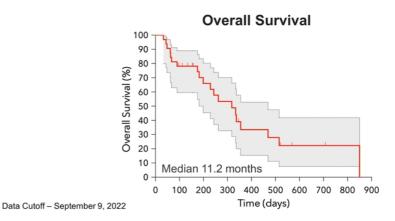


Months

Survival in Mesothelioma

ORR 21%, PFS 5.6 Months, OS 11.2 Months





Study	n	ORR (%)	PFS (mo)	OS (mo)
Vinorelbine	98	3.1	4.2	9.3
vs Supportive Care ¹	56	1.8	2.8	9.1
Pembrolizumab		22	2.5	10.7
vs Vinorelbine or Gemcitabine ²		6	3.4	12.4
Nivolumab	221	11	3	10.2
vs Placebo ³	111	1	1.8	6.9

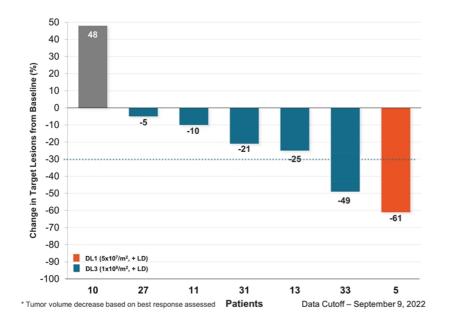
Benchmarks in Second Line Post Platinum-Based Therapy

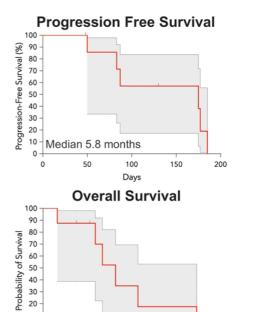
- 1. Fennell et al Phase 2 VIM Study. ASCO 2021
- Popat et al Phase 3 PROMISE-meso Study. Ann Oncol 2020
 Fennell et al Phase 3 CONFIRM Study. Lancet Oncol 2021



Survival in Ovarian Cancer after gavo-cel Infusion

ORR 29%, PFS 5.8 Months, OS 8.1 Months





10 Median 8.1 months

200

300

Time (days)

400

100

Patient 5 – Platinum Refractory Ovarian Cancer

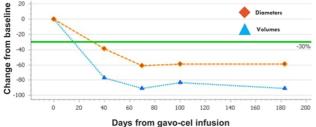
Partial Response (RECIST v1.1), Tumor Regression (61%)

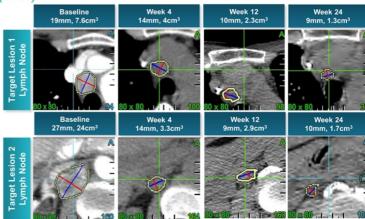
70-year-old female High grade, Stage IV serous ovarian cancer

- TP53^{R248Q}, CCNE1 amplified, wild type BRCA1/2
- Failed 6 prior lines of chemotherapy

Enrolled in gavo-cel Clinical Trial

- Lymphodepletion with Flu/Cy
- gavo-cel at 5x10⁷/m² (Dose Level 1)

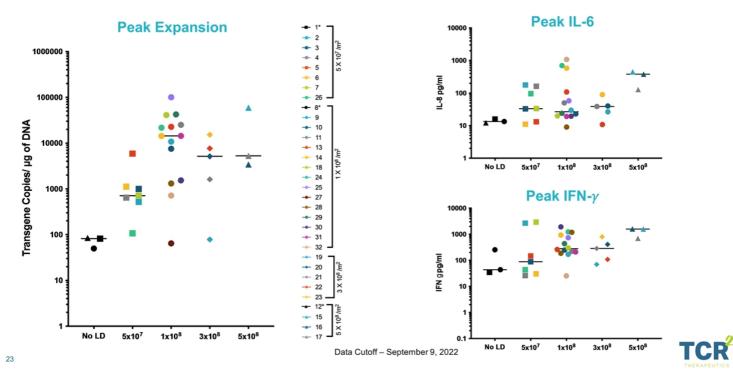






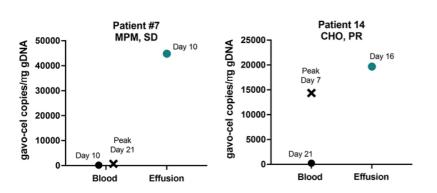
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gavo-cel Displayed Dose-Dependent Expansion and Cytokine Release

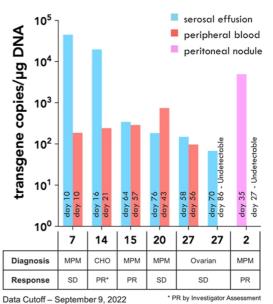


Intratumor Infiltration and Persistence Greater Than in Blood

TRuC-T Cell Migration and Infiltration Evident from Serous Effusions



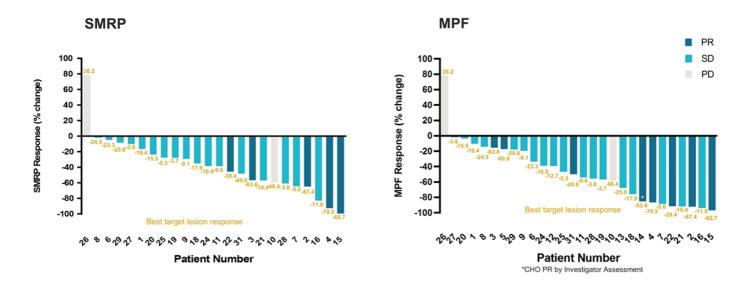
Analysis performed in a subset of patients (n=6); all analyzable samples showed detectable levels of gavo-cel, but not all showed increased expansion at disease sites



* PR by Investigator Assess



gavo-cel: SMRP and MPF Data vs. Best Target Lesion Response



Patients with baseline levels of SMRP in normal range were excluded

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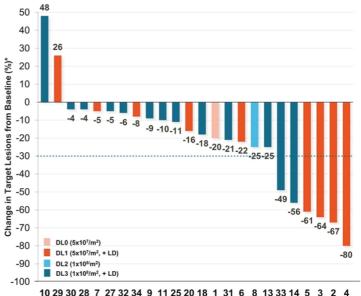
Phase 2 Trial

Trial Modifications & Design



Clinical Activity At or Below gavo-cel RP2D

- Manageable safety profile
- Clinical activity at ≤RP2D in 3/3 tumor indications
- 5 RECIST PRs
- Multiple patients near 30% tumor regression



10 29 30 28 7 27 32 34 9 11 25 20 18 1 31 6 8 13 33 14 5 3 2 4 **ERP2D Patients** Data Cutoff – September 9, 20:

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* Tumor volume decrease based on best response assessed

DL, Dose Level; LD, Lymphodepletion; RP2D, Recommended Phase 2 Dose; PR, Partial Response

Phase 2 Incorporates Four Changes Aiming to Boost Patient Outcomes

Broadening Patient Access

1 Increased Patient Eligibility with New MSLN Threshold for NSCLC and Cholangiocarcinoma

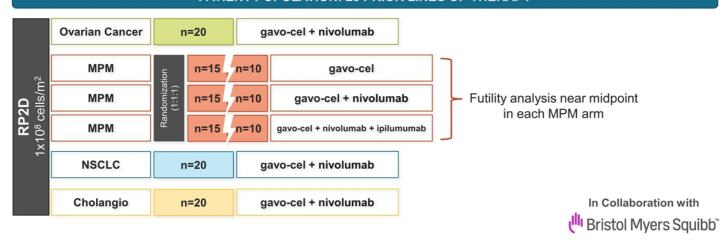
Durability and Persistence

- 2 Redosing (LD + gavo-cel)
- 3 Checkpoint Inhibitor Combinations
- 4 Limit Prior Lines of Therapy ≤5



Phase 2 Expansion Cohorts in MSLN+ Solid Tumors

PATIENT POPULATION: ≤5 PRIOR LINES OF THERAPY



Key Objectives

- Primary: ORR (RECIST v1.1), DCR (ORR+SD)
- Secondary: PFS, OS

Mesothelin Expression

- MPM, Ovarian: ≥50%, 2+/3+
- NSCLC, Cholangio: ≥50%, 1+/2+/3+

Retreatment

- Patient with a confirmed response (i.e. PR or CR) and then exhibits symptoms or signs of PD
- Patients with SD for at least 8 weeks



Increase in Patient Eligibility with New MSLN Threshold

New Threshold:

≥50% tumor cells irrespective of MSLN intensity (1+/2+/3+)



Data based on internal analysis in September 2022



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Redosing Allowed from 12 Weeks, Could Deepen Patient Responses

Based on gavo-cel Phase 1 manufacturing experience:

100%

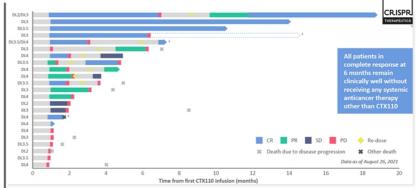
Patients had <u>2 doses</u> from one manufacturing run

97%

Patients had <u>3 doses from</u> one manufacturing run

46%

Patients eligible for a redosing based on Phase 2 protocols



CRISPR Highlights:

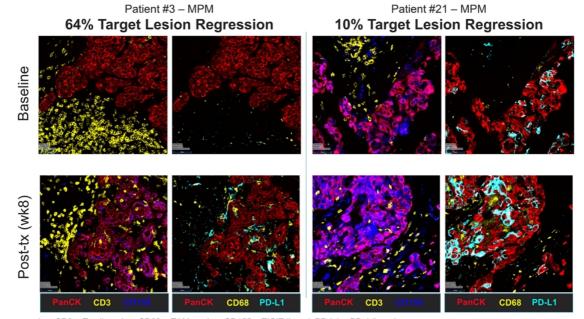
- Evaluated safety and efficacy of CTX110 with the option of as second consolidation dose in aggressive 2L+ LBCL; n=29
- Option for 2nd CTX110 infusion with LD following disease progression
- 5 out of 8 patients receiving a second dose saw an improved response

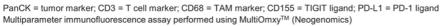
Source: CRISPR public materials, Trial: NCT04035434 (CARBON)



CPIs Expected to Improve Activity of TRuC-T Cells

Immunoinhibitory Mechanisms May Play A Role in Resistance







Refocused Pipeline to Deliver Near-Term Clinical Data

Program	Indication(s)	Target	Enhancement / Combo	Discovery	Lead Optimization	IND Enabling	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Oncology									
gavo-cel	Ovarian cancer (Treating)	MSLN	Checkpoint inhibitor						
gavo-cel	MPM (Treating)	MSLN	Checkpoint inhibitor						
gavo-cel	NSCLC (Enrolling)	MSLN	Checkpoint inhibitor						
gavo-cel	Cholangiocarcinoma (Next wave)	MSLN	Checkpoint inhibitor						
TC-510	Ovarian cancer, MPM,Pancreatic, Colorectal, TNBC	MSLN	PD-1 switch						
TC-520	RCC, AML	CD70	IL-15						



