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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):  
September 17, 2021**

**TCR<sup>2</sup> 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)

**100 Binney Street, Suite 710  
Cambridge, Massachusetts**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**02142**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 949-5200**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock	TCRR	The Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☒

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On September 17, 2021, TCR2 Therapeutics Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release titled “TCR2 Therapeutics Announces Positive Interim Results from Ongoing Phase 1/2 Trial of Gavo-cel for Treatment Refractory Mesothelin-Expressing Solid Tumors.” 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.**

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 17, 2021, the Company hosted a conference call and webcast to discuss interim data from the ongoing Phase 1 portion of the gavo-cel Phase 1/2 clinical trial for mesothelin-expressing solid tumors. A copy of its “Gavo-cel Phase 1/2 Clinical Update” 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: express or implied statements regarding TCR2’s expectations for the Phase 1/2 clinical trials of gavo-cel and TC-110; TCR2’s expectations for the safety and efficacy of its product candidates and enhancements, including gavo-cel and TC-110, compared to current T-cell therapy approaches; TCR2’s expectations regarding the timing of determining an RP2D for gavo-cel; TCR2’s expectations regarding the estimated patient populations and related market opportunities in gavo-cel’s and TC-110’s targeted indications; and TCR2’s expectations regarding manufacturing of its product candidates.

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 TCR2’s planned clinical trials, including the Phase 1/2 clinical trials of gavo-cel and TC-110; the risk that the results from the Phase 1/2 clinical trials of gavo-cel and TC-110 will not support further development and marketing approval; the risk that TCR2 may be unable to gain approval of gavo-cel, TC-110 and its other product candidates on a timely basis, if at all; the risk that TCR2 has over-estimated the potential patient population for its product candidates, if approved; the risk that the current COVID-19 pandemic will impact TCR2’s clinical trials and other operations; and other risks set forth under the caption “Risk Factors” in TCR2’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 No.	Description
99.1	<a href="#">Press release issued by TCR2 Therapeutics Inc. on September 17, 2021.</a>
99.2	<a href="#">Copy of TCR2 Therapeutics Inc. slide presentation dated September 17, 2021.</a>
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.

**TCR<sup>2</sup> THERAPEUTICS INC.**

By: /s/ Mayur (Ian) Somaiya

Name: Mayur (Ian) Somaiya

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: September 17, 2021



## **TCR<sup>2</sup> Therapeutics Announces Positive Interim Results from Ongoing Phase 1/2 Trial of Gavo-cel for Treatment Refractory Mesothelin-Expressing Solid Tumors**

- Clinical activity observed in all three mesothelin-expressing tumor types treated
- Gavo-cel disease control rate (DCR) 81% with tumor regression in 15 of 16 evaluable patients
- Overall response rate (ORR) 31% in patients infused with gavo-cel following lymphodepletion
  - Meaningful survival benefit at 11.2 months for patients with refractory mesothelioma
- Recommended Phase 2 Dose (RP2D) being refined after identification of the Maximum Tolerated Dose (MTD)
  - TCR<sup>2</sup> to host a conference call on Friday, September 17 at 9:00a.m. ET

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Sept. 17, 2021** - TCR<sup>2</sup> Therapeutics Inc. (Nasdaq: TCRR), a clinical-stage cell therapy company with a pipeline of novel T cell therapies for patients suffering from cancer, today announced positive interim results from the ongoing Phase 1 portion of the gavo-cel Phase 1/2 clinical trial for mesothelin-expressing solid tumors. A dataset will also be featured in an oral presentation at the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) Congress 2021 on September 17 at 14:20 CEST (8:20am EST) (Presentation #9590) and is part of the official ESMO Press Programme.

As of the June 30, 2021 data cutoff, 17 patients (12 mesothelioma, 4 ovarian cancer and 1 cholangiocarcinoma) had received a single gavo-cel infusion in the dose escalation portion of the gavo-cel Phase 1 clinical trial. The median number of prior lines of therapy was 5, including immune checkpoint inhibitors (n=11) and mesothelin-directed therapies (n=5). Gavo-cel was administered up to dose level 5 (DL5) (5x10<sup>8</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> following lymphodepletion). Two dose limiting toxicities were reported: one Grade 3 pneumonitis at DL1 that resolved with supportive measures, which permitted the continuation of dose escalation, and one Grade 5 bronchoalveolar hemorrhage at DL5, which along with the development of severe CRS in all 3 patients treated at this dose level, led the Safety Review Team to declare 5x10<sup>8</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> as the MTD. Following identification of the MTD, one patient has received gavo-cel at 3x10<sup>8</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> after lymphodepletion using a split dosing approach to refine the RP2D and an additional patient has been treated at DL3 (1x10<sup>8</sup>/m<sup>2</sup> following lymphodepletion). In both cases gavo-cel was well tolerated with only Grade 1 non-hematological toxicities being reported.

15 of the 16 patients evaluable for efficacy experienced regression of their target lesions, ranging in magnitude from 5% to 75%. Six patients achieved partial responses (PRs) by target lesion assessment, four of whom (3 with mesothelioma and 1 with ovarian cancer) achieved a PR according to RECIST 1.1 criteria, including one who also achieved a complete metabolic response. One patient with cholangiocarcinoma was also considered to have achieved a PR by investigator assessment, for an ORR of 31%. By independent review assessment, the ORR was 25% with a DCR Rate of 81%. The median overall survival for patients with mesothelioma is 11.2 months, whereas the median progression free survival is 5.9 months.

"The interim gavo-cel data reported today showed continued clinical benefit and a manageable safety profile in a population of patients that previously achieved minimal or no improvement due to the advanced and aggressive state of their cancer," said principal investigator David Hong, M.D., deputy chair of the Department of Investigational Cancer Therapeutics at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. "Patients with treatment refractory cancer have very limited treatment options and will often need hospice and supportive care. We are encouraged by the early survival data from gavo-cel in patients previously treated with checkpoint inhibitors and other therapies."

“Our ambition with gavo-cel from the start was to redefine treatment for solid tumors with cell therapies. We are excited to present data demonstrating clinical activity in all three mesothelin-expressing solid tumors treated to date and tumor regression in a majority of patients who are treatment refractory after numerous lines of therapy. We are very encouraged by the progression free survival and overall survival observed among patients with refractory mesothelioma treated so far with gavo-cel in the Phase 1 trial,” said Alfonso Quintás-Cardama, M.D., Chief Medical Officer of TCR2 Therapeutics. “Based on these data and the most recent patient experiencing a very mild safety profile at a cell dose of  $3 \times 10^8/\text{m}^2$ , we believe the identification of the RP2D is close at hand. As we approach the Phase 2 expansion phase, our focus will shift to further optimizing outcomes for patients by studying combinations with immune checkpoint inhibitors, allowing gavo-cel re-treatment and evaluating different mesothelin expression thresholds.”

The primary objectives of the Phase 1 portion of the trial are to define the safety profile of gavo-cel in patients whose tumors overexpress mesothelin and to determine the RP2D. Secondary objectives include ORR and DCR. Exploratory objectives include the assessment of expansion, tumor infiltration, and persistence of gavo-cel.

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

- **Screening:** Forty-six percent of patients met the mesothelin expression cut-off as defined per protocol.
- **Patient Characteristics:** 17 patients received gavo-cel including 12 with mesothelioma, 4 with ovarian cancer and 1 with cholangiocarcinoma with a median age of 57 years (range, 31-84 years). The median number of prior therapies was 5 (range, 1-9), including immune checkpoint inhibitor therapy (n=11) and anti-mesothelin therapies (n=5).
- **Gavo-cel Dose:** The seventeen patients disclosed to date have received gavo-cel at the following dose level (DL):
  - **DL 0:**  $5 \times 10^7$  cells/ $\text{m}^2$  without lymphodepletion – 1 mesothelioma patient
  - **DL 1:**  $5 \times 10^7$  cells/ $\text{m}^2$  following lymphodepletion – 5 mesothelioma patients and 1 ovarian cancer patient
  - **DL 2:**  $1 \times 10^8$  cells/ $\text{m}^2$  without lymphodepletion – 1 mesothelioma patient
  - **DL 3:**  $1 \times 10^8$  cells/ $\text{m}^2$  following lymphodepletion – 1 mesothelioma patient, 1 cholangiocarcinoma patient, and 3 ovarian cancer patients
  - **DL 4:**  $5 \times 10^8$  cells/ $\text{m}^2$  without lymphodepletion – 1 mesothelioma patient
  - **DL 5:**  $5 \times 10^8$  cells/ $\text{m}^2$  following lymphodepletion – 3 mesothelioma patients

**Key clinical findings from patients treated with gavo-cel:**

- **Safety:** gavo-cel was generally well tolerated with a manageable adverse event profile with no patients experiencing on-target, off-tumor toxicities. Two DLTs were observed: one case of Grade 3 pneumonitis at DL1 that resolved with anti-cytokine therapy, and one case of Grade 5 bronchoalveolar hemorrhage at DL5. Furthermore, all three patients treated at DL5 experienced Grade 3 CRS which resulted in  $5 \times 10^8$  cells/ $\text{m}^2$  following lymphodepletion being declared the MTD.
- **Clinical Activity:** 16 patients were evaluable for response. Tumor regression was observed in 15 (94%) patients with a DCR of 81%. Six patients achieved partial responses (PRs) by target lesion assessment, four of whom (3 with mesothelioma and 1 with ovarian cancer) achieved a PR according to RECIST 1.1 criteria. The ORR by RECISTv1.1 criteria among patients infused with gavo-cel following lymphodepletion chemotherapy was 31% by independent review assessment, including one patient who achieved a complete metabolic response, and 38% by investigator assessment, which included a PR in a patient with metastatic cholangiocarcinoma.

- **Translational Data:** Peak gavo-cel expansion ( $C_{\max}$ ) increased when gavo-cel was administered following lymphodepletion in a dose dependent fashion. Cytokine elevations post-gavo-cel infusion were observed in all evaluable patients, which is indicative of mesothelin target engagement.

#### 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"; 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. The Phase 1 dose escalation portion of the clinical trial utilizes a modified 3+3 design with four increasing gavo-cel doses. At each dose, gavo-cel will be tested in two separate dose levels: first without lymphodepletion and then following lymphodepleting chemotherapy. The Phase 1 portion of the clinical trial is ongoing.

#### 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, pancreatic 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 80,000 annually in the United States alone.

#### TCR2 Therapeutics Conference Call and Webcast

TCR2 Therapeutics will host a conference call and webcast on Friday, September 17 at 9:00am E.T. In order to participate in the conference call, please dial 866-220-8062 (domestic) or 470-495-9169 (international) and refer to confirmation number 1597681. The webcast and presentation will be made available on the TCR2 Therapeutics website in the Investors section under Events at [investors.tcr2.com/events](https://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 cancer. TCR2's proprietary T cell receptor (TCR) Fusion Construct T cells (TRuC®-T cells) specifically recognize and kill cancer cells by harnessing signaling from the entire TCR, independent of human leukocyte antigens (HLA). In preclinical studies, TRuC-T cells have demonstrated superior anti-tumor activity compared to chimeric antigen receptor T cells (CAR-T cells), while secreting lower levels of cytokine release. The Company's lead TRuC-T cell product candidate targeting solid tumors, gavo-cel, is currently being studied in a Phase 1/2 clinical trial to treat patients with mesothelin-positive non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), ovarian cancer, malignant pleural/peritoneal mesothelioma, and cholangiocarcinoma. The Company's lead TRuC-T cell product candidate targeting hematological malignancies, TC-110, is currently being studied in a Phase 1/2 clinical trial to treat patients with CD19-positive adult acute lymphoblastic leukemia (aALL) and with aggressive or indolent non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL). For more information about TCR2, please visit [www.tcr2.com](http://www.tcr2.com).

#### **Forward-looking Statements**

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Moreover, except as required by law, neither TCR2 nor any other person assumes responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the forward-looking statements included in this press release. Any forward-looking statement included in this press release speaks only as of the date on which it was made. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

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TO TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF  
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SOLID TUMORS

### **gavo-cel Phase 1/2 Clinical Update**

September 2021





# Forward Looking Statements

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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.



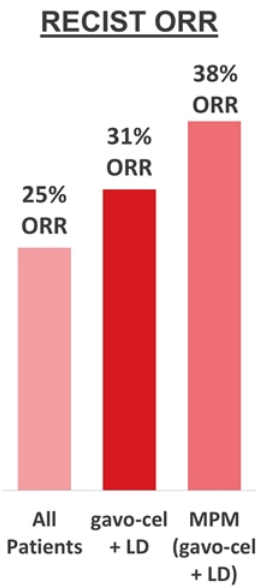
# Introduction

Garry Menzel, PhD  
Chief Executive Officer



# Key Takeaways from gavo-cel Phase 1 Trial

- 3/3 Clinical Activity in All Tumor Types Treated
- 6 Partial Responses by Target Lesion Assessment
- 4 RECIST PRs in MPM (3) & Ovarian Cancer (1)
- 81% Disease Control Rate (DCR)
- 5.9 Median PFS (months) for MPM Patients
- 11.2 Median OS (months) for MPM Patients



- MTD Identified at  $5 \times 10^8 / m^2$  + LD
- Approaching RP2D
- Orphan Drug Designation for Mesothelioma and Cholangiocarcinoma
- 46% Patients Eligible for gavo-cel Based on Mesothelin Threshold

# **gavo-cel Clinical Trial Review**

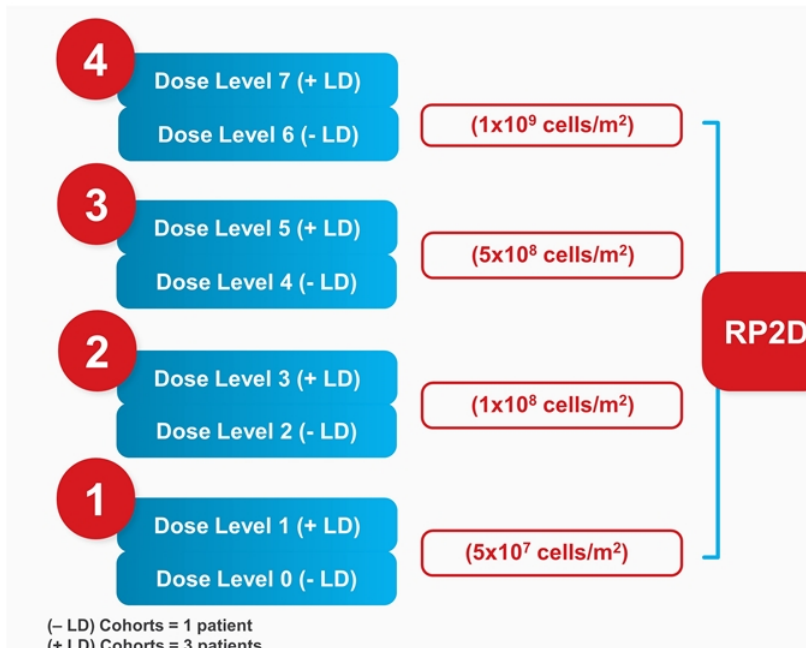
Alfonso Quintás-Cardama, MD

Chief Medical Officer



# Ongoing gavo-cel Phase 1 Trial in MSLN+ Solid Tumors

Phase 1 Objective: Determine RP2D



## Phase 1: Dose Finding

### Indications

- Malignant mesothelioma
- Ovarian cancer
- Non-small cell lung cancer
- Cholangiocarcinoma

### Mesothelin Expression

- IHC assay
- Central lab (Roche/Ventana)
- Cut-off:  $\geq 50\%$  2+/3+

### Lymphodepletion

- Fludarabine:  $30 \text{ mg/m}^2 \times 4\text{d}$
- Cyclophosphamide:  $600 \text{ mg/m}^2 \times 3\text{d}$



LD, Lymphodepletion; RP2D, Recommended Phase 2 dose; MPM, Malignant Pleural/Peritoneal Mesothelioma; NSCLC, Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer; ODD, Orphan Drug Designation

# Patient Tumor Characteristics

Dose Level (gavo-cel dose) No. Patients	DL 0 (no LD) 5x10 <sup>7</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> n=1	DL 1 5x10 <sup>7</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> n=6	DL 2 (no LD) 1x10 <sup>8</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> n=1	DL 3 1x10 <sup>8</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> n=5	DL 4 (no LD) 5x10 <sup>8</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> n=1	DL 5 5x10 <sup>8</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> n=3	Overall n=17 (%)
Age, median (range)	61	69 (36-84)	46	46 (31-63)	67	52 (37-66)	57 (31-84)
Diagnosis	1 MPM	5 MPM 1 Ovarian	1 MPM	1 MPM, 3 Ovarian 1 Cholangio	1 MPM	3 MPM	12 MPM 4 Ovarian 1 Cholangio
MSLN 2+/3+	90	81 (55-100)	90	60 (50-90)	60	65 (65-73)	73 (50-100)
Median No. Prior Rx	8	4	9	6	7	4	5 (1-9)
Prior ICI, n (%)	1 (100)	4 (67)	1 (100)	2 (40)	1 (100)	2 (66)	11 (65)
Prior anti-MSLN therapy, n (%)	1 (100)	1 (17)	1 (100)	1 (20)	0	1 (33)	5 (29)
Bridging Therapy, n (%)	0	4 (67)	0	4 (80)	1 (100)	1 (33)	10 (59)

Data Cutoff – June 30, 2021



MSLN, mesothelin; ICI, immune checkpoint inhibitor; MPM, malignant pleural/peritoneal mesothelioma; Cholangio, cholangiocarcinoma



## Grade ≥3 Treatment Emergent Adverse Events

Adverse Event	DL 0 (no LD) 5x10 <sup>7</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> n=1 (%)	DL 1 5x10 <sup>7</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> n=6 (%)	DL 2 (no LD) 1x10 <sup>8</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> n=1 (%)	DL 3 1x10 <sup>8</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> n=5 (%)	DL 4 (no LD) 5x10 <sup>8</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> n=1 (%)	DL 5 5x10 <sup>8</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> n=3 (%)	Overall n=17 (%)
<b>Hematologic</b>							
Lymphopenia	1 (100)	6 (100)	0	5 (100)	1 (100)	3 (100)	16 (94)
Neutropenia	0	6 (100)	0	5 (100)	0	3 (100)	14 (82)
Thrombocytopenia	0	2 (33)	0	1 (20)	0	2 (67)	5 (29)
<b>On Target / On Tumor</b>							
CRS	0	2 (33)	0	1 (20)	0	3 (100)	6 (35)
Neurotoxicity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>On Target / Off Tumor</b>							
Pericarditis / Pericardial effusion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleuritis / Pleural effusion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peritonitis/Ascites	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Other</b>							
Pneumonitis	0	1 (17)*	0	0	0	0	1 (6)
Sepsis	0	1 (17)	0	0	0	0	1 (6)
Hemorrhage	0	0	0	0	0	1 (33)*	1 (6)



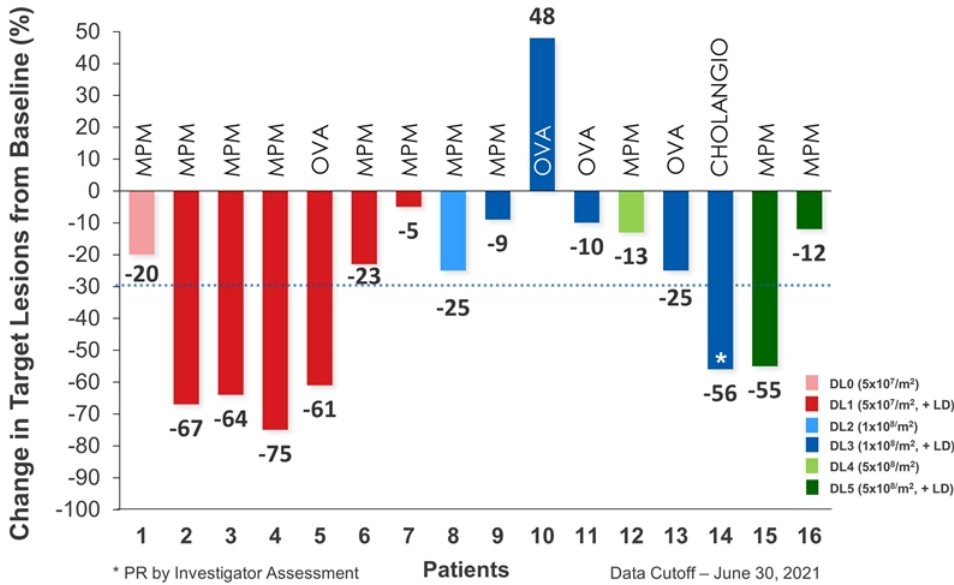
\* Dose Limiting Toxicity

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# Consistent Tumor Regression in Patients with gavo-cel

Overall Response Rate 25%, Disease Control Rate 81%



	All	gavo-cel + LD
DCR	81%	77%
ORR (independent)	25%	31%
ORR (investigator)	31%	38%
MPM ORR	27%	38%

DCR = PR or SD lasting at least 3 months



MPM, malignant pleural/peritoneal mesothelioma; OVA, ovarian cancer; CHOLANGIO, cholangiocarcinoma; DL, dose level; LD, lymphodepletion; DCR, disease control rate; ORR, overall response rate



# Case Study: Patient 14 - Cholangiocarcinoma

*Tumor Regression (56%\*)*

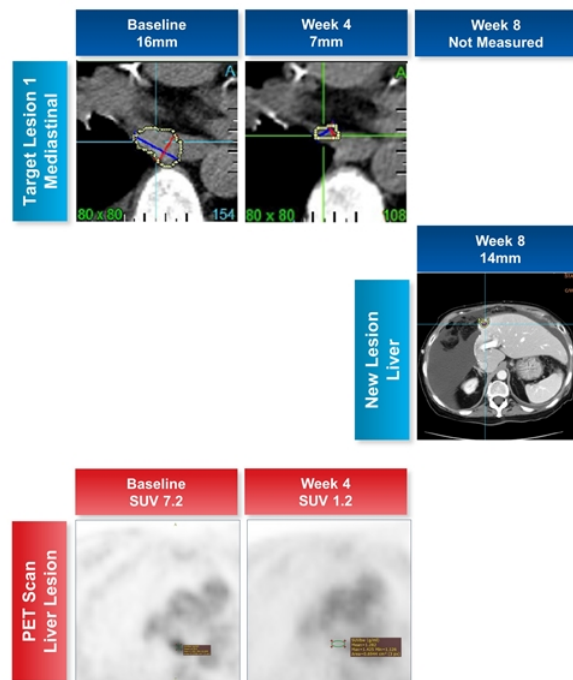
63-year-old female,

Metastatic intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma

- Mutated *KRAS* and *RB1*
- Failed to respond to 5 prior lines of therapy

## Enrolled in gavo-cel Clinical Trial Study

- **March 2021:** Lymphodepletion with Flu/Cy followed by gavo-cel at  $1 \times 10^8/\text{m}^2$



\* PR by Investigator Assessment

# Case Study: Patient 15 - Mesothelioma

Partial Response (RECIST v1.1), Tumor Regression (55%)

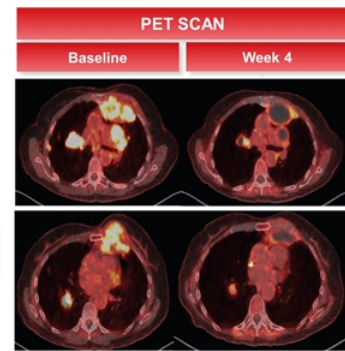
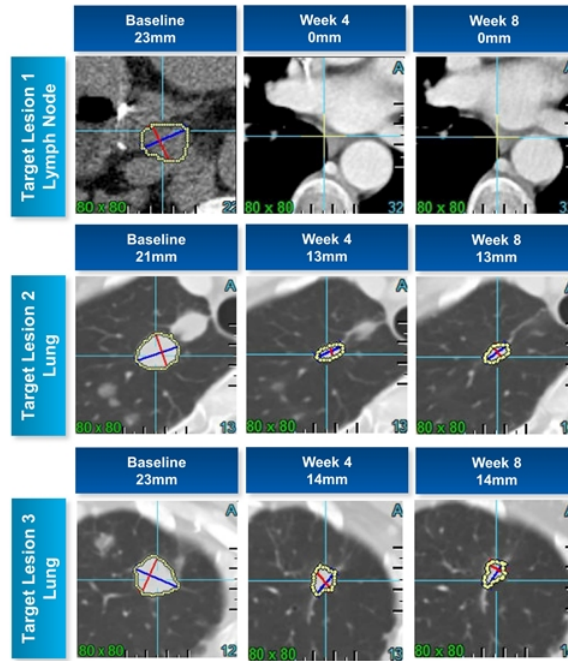
66-year-old female,

Relapsed pleural mesothelioma

- Failed 4 prior lines of therapy, including nivolumab/ipilimumab and anti-MSLN ADC

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- April 2021: Lymphodepletion with Flu/Cy followed by gavo-cel at  $5 \times 10^8/\text{m}^2$



# Case Study: Patient 5 – Ovarian Cancer

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

70-year-old female,

High grade, Stage IV serous ovarian cancer

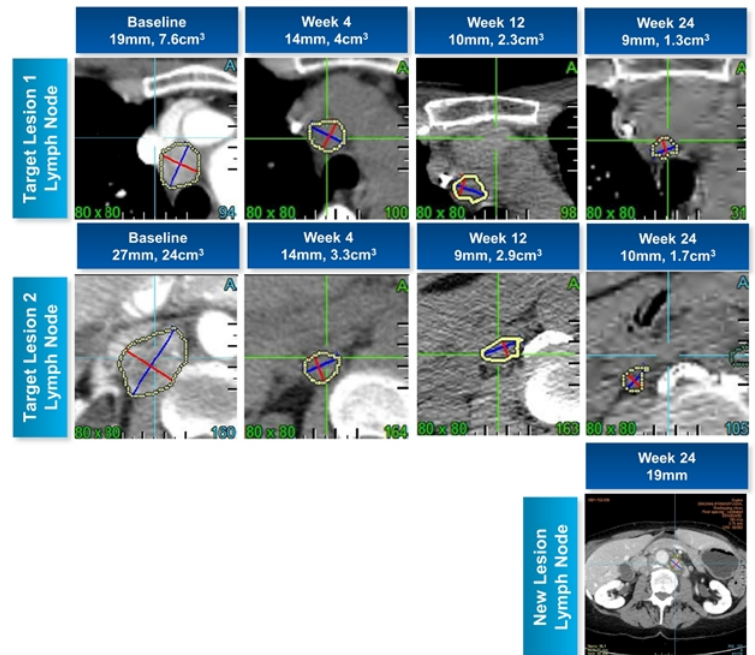
- $TP53^{R248Q}$ ,  $CCNE1$  amplified, wild type  $BRCA1/2$
- Failed 6 prior lines of therapy
- Platinum resistant

## Enrolled in gavo-cel Clinical Trial Study

- **April 2020:** Lymphodepletion with Flu/Cy followed by gavo-cel at  $5 \times 10^7/m^2$

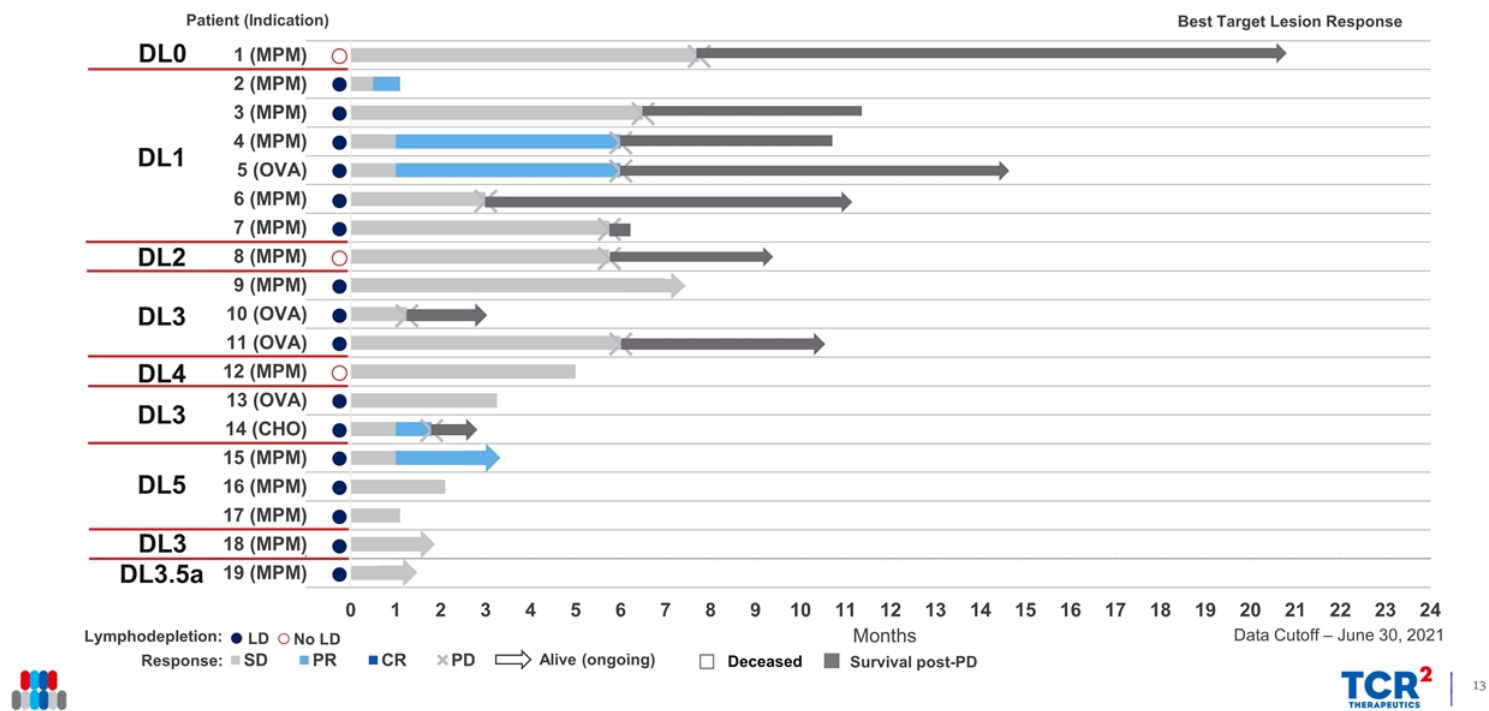
## Response Post gavo-cel

- Target Lesions: **PR** (at months 1, 2, 3, 6)
- Non-target Lesions: **CR** (at months 1, 2, 3, 6)
- Best overall assessment: **PR** (at month 3)
- Overall: **PD** (new lymph node lesion)



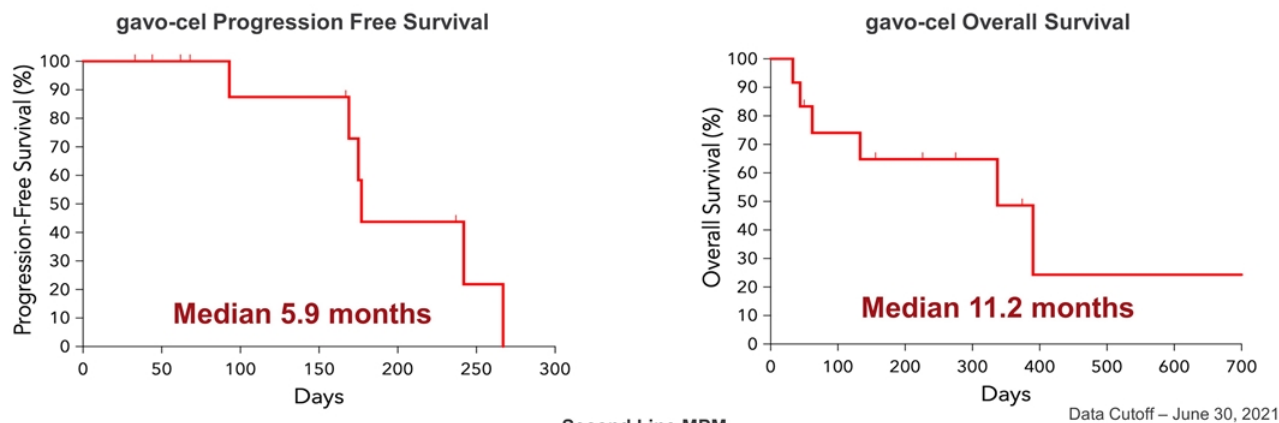
# Patient Response and Follow-Up

Overall Response Rate 25%, Disease Control Rate 81%



# Survival of Patients with Mesothelioma

*gavo-cel in Patients with MPM: ORR 38%, PFS 5.9 Months, OS 11.2 Months*

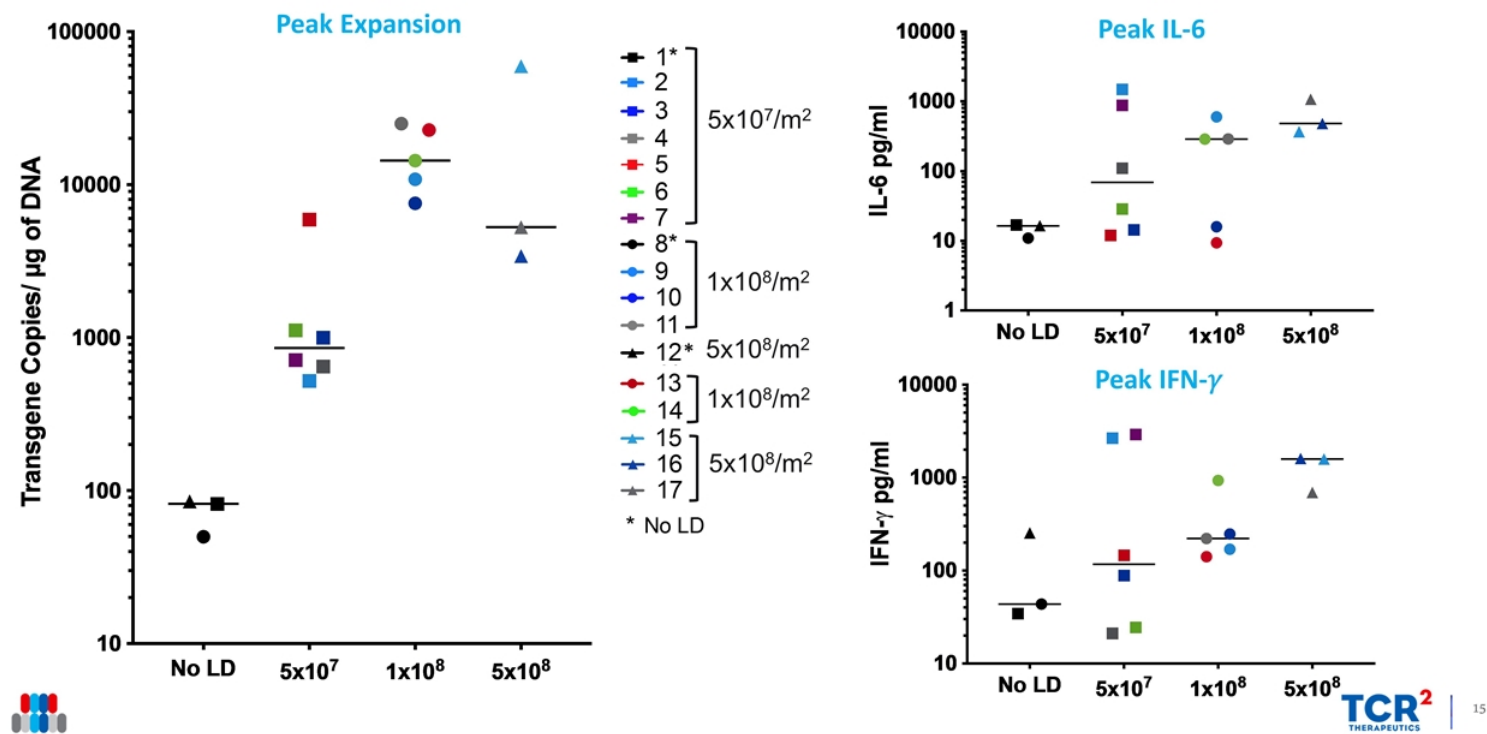


Second Line MPM (Post Platinum-Based Frontline Therapy)				
Monotherapy	n	ORR (%)	PFS (mo)	OS (mo)
Vinorelbine vs Supportive Care <sup>1</sup>	98	3.1	4.2	9.3
	56	1.8	2.8	9.1
Pembrolizumab vs Vinorelbine or Gemcitabine <sup>2</sup>	73	22	2.5	10.7
	71	6	3.4	12.4

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



# gavo-cel Peak Expansion and Plasma Cytokine Levels



# Clinical Trial Summary and Next Steps

## Key Clinical Findings

- MTD identified ( $5 \times 10^8/\text{m}^2$  with LD)
  - Currently testing  $3 \times 10^8/\text{m}^2$  with LD to refine RP2D
- Clinical activity observed in all 3 solid tumor indications tested (DCR 81%, ORR 31% with LD)
- Meaningful ORR (38% with LD) and survival signal in mesothelioma
- Lymphodepletion linked to higher peak expansion and greater tumor regression

## Next Steps

- Identification of RP2D
- Initiate Phase 2 expansion portion
  - Assess gavo-cel efficacy in four indications
  - Evaluate combinations with anti-PD1 antibody
  - Allow gavo-cel retreatment on progression or if stable disease
  - Test alternate mesothelin expression cutoff

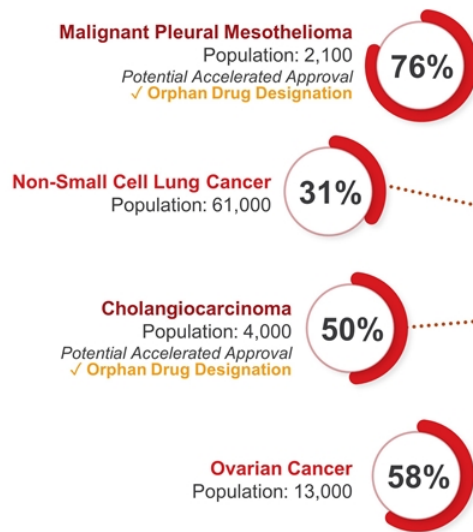


MTD, maximum tolerated dose; LD, lymphodepletion; RP2D, recommended Phase 2 dose

# Mesothelin Solid Tumors Represent a Significant Market

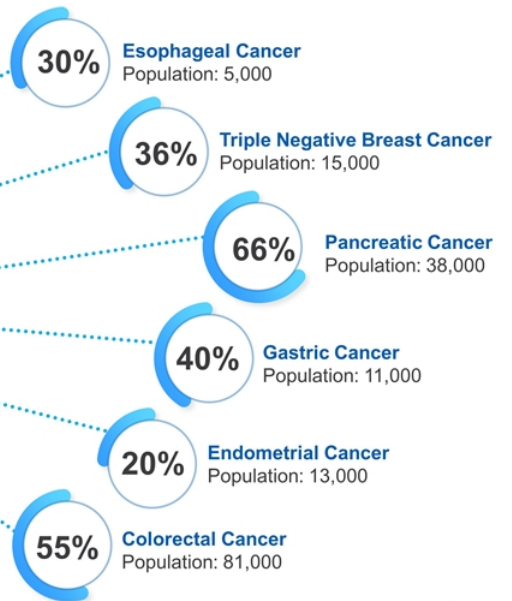
## Initial gavo-cel Indications

Population: 80,000 patients



## Expansion Opportunities

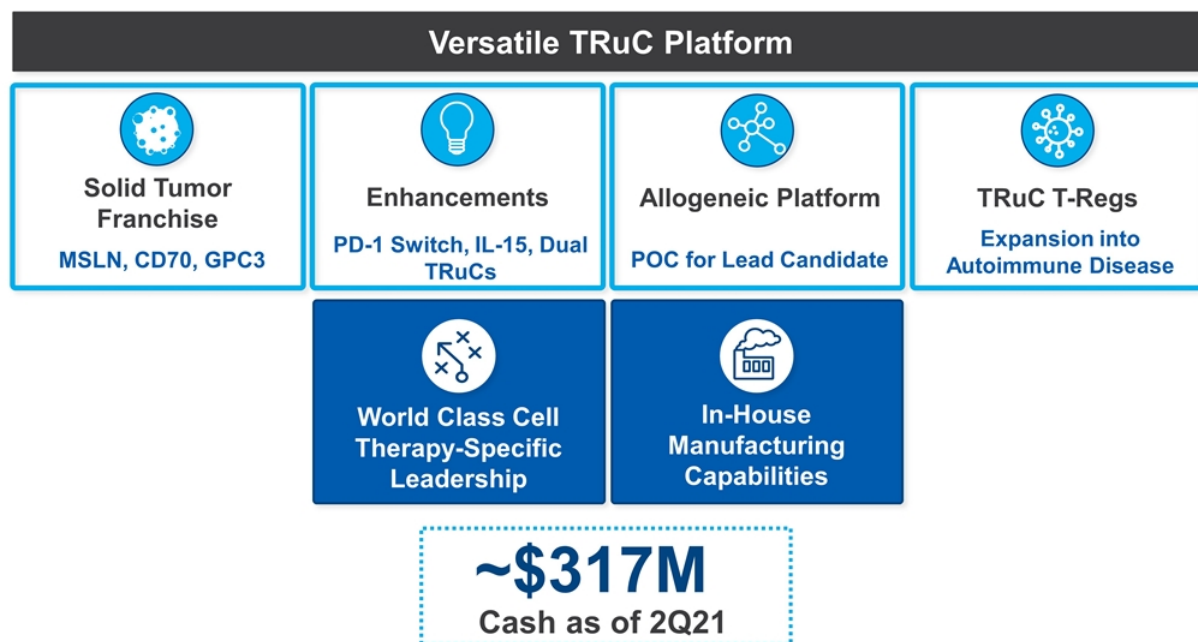
Population: 163,000 patients



 **Percent of Patients with Mesothelin Surface Expression**  
Refs: Inaguma 2017, SEER Statistics 2020, Morello 2016, Tozbikian 2014



# The Path Forward – Powering a Solid Tumor Franchise



TRuC, T Cell Receptor Fusion Construct; MSLN, mesothelin; POC, proof of concept

## R&D Day – October 20, 2021

- Further update on gavo-cel clinical trial and Phase 2 strategy
- Individual program reviews and pipeline strategy
- Allogeneic development candidate and strategy/timelines
- Development and data for TRuC T-reg T cells





## POWERING THE TCR

TO TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF  
CANCER PATIENTS WITH  
SOLID TUMORS

Thank You

