

# **Custom Built Biology for Patients**

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# Pioneering DARPin Therapeutics

#### **COVID19 – Ensovibep (Novartis)**

- EMPATHY ambulatory, with Novartis
  - Fully recruited 400 patients in phase 2b
  - Data being collected for full analysis
- Active on all viral variants of concern, to date, including Delta and all relevant mutated positions on the emerging Omicron variant

#### **Local immune agonists**

- AMG 506 / MP0310 (FAP x 4-1BB, Amgen) weekly dosing; on track to initial read-out in late 2021 / early 2022
- MP0317 (FAP x CD40) Phase 1 initiated

#### **AML**

- Triple-TAA-targeting TCE lead candidate selected,
   MP0533 (CD33 x CD70 x CD123 x CD3)
- Poster presentation accepted ASH 2021
- First in human 2022

#### **Next Generation Programs**

 Outlook on new programs and DARPin platform developments at R&D day Dec. 2021

#### **Abicipar**

 Molecular Partners regained rights from AbbVie; transition and evaluation of data ongoing

#### **Financials**

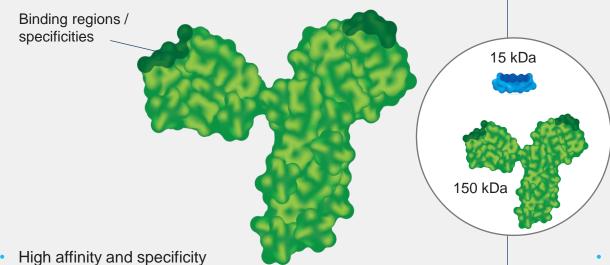
- Listed on NASDAQ
- Raised CHF 58 million gross proceeds
- Strong balance sheet, funded into H2 2023

## What are DARPins

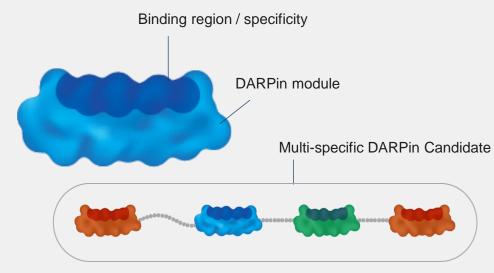
Complex architecture; 4 proteins with 12 domains

Good safety & low immunogenic potential

#### MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES



#### **MONO-DARPin**



- High affinity and specificity
- Small size: 15 kDa (1/10 of a monoclonal antibody)
- Simple architecture 1 protein with 1 domain
- Tunable half-life
- High-yield microbial expression; High stability
- Good safety & low immunogenic potential

Long half-life

Large size: 150 kDa

Mammalian expression

## Multi-DARPin Versatility Allows Screening for Function Sweet Spot

#### # molecules



Powerful Libraries with DARPin Binders to any given target

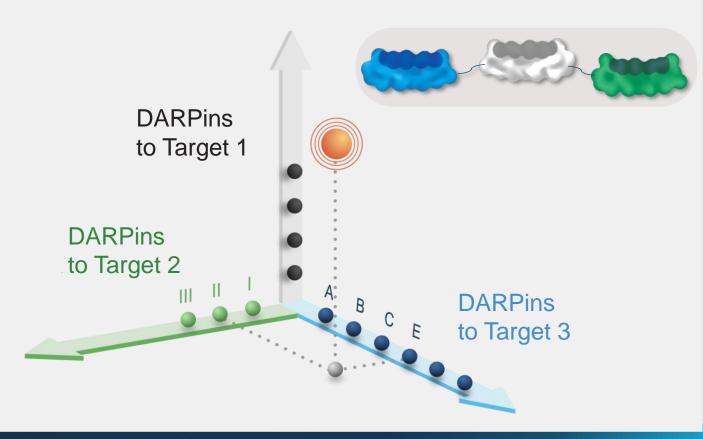
Simple selection of specific DARPin binders (functional, well behaved, highly potent)

Assembly of up to 6 DARPin modules: Fast & high throughput process: 2 weeks

Screening of multi-domain DARPin space for the SOLUTION

Multispecific DARPin candidates with desired function(s)

#### **Multi-domain DARPin space**





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# Pipeline





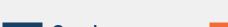




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Ensovibep: COVID-19	EMPATH	HY Ph 2-3 Ambulato	ry			U NOVARTIS
Next Gen: COVID-19						O NOVARTIS
AMG 506 (MP0310): FAP	x 4-1BB					AMGEN
MP0317: FAP x CD40						MOLECULAR
MP0533: AML CD33 + CD	70 + CD123 x CD3					MOLECULAR partners
Abicipar						MOLECULAR
Platform Discovery						MOLECULAR partners
T cell Engagers						MOLECULAR partners
Additional Infectious Disc	eases					w partners



# Pipeline



Infectious disease







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Ensoviben: COVID-19

EMPATHY Ph 2-3 A

Rapid test and rapid treat, single-shot solution; 400 patient milestone

**Next Gen: COVID-19** 

Currently developing the next-gen COVID DARPin for future needs. MP0423 ready for IND as needed.

AMG 506 (MP0310): FAP x 4-1BB

Weekly dosing, initial results H2 2021

MP0317: FAP x CD40

Phase 1 initiated Data expected in 2022

MP0533: AML CD33 + CD70 + CD123 x CD3

Poster presentation accepted for ASH 2021; FIH expected 2022

Abicipar

Regained rights to abicipar; data collection and analysis ongoing

**Platform Discovery** 

T cell Engagers

Additional Infectious Diseases







# Ensovibep: Tri-Specific Antiviral for COVID-19



#### Target Patient



- Hundreds of thousands of new cases every day globally, despite vaccines and boosters
- Currently 6,000 new hospitalizations in the US alone
- Over 5 million reported deaths in the world

#### Disease **Biology**



- Viral entry dependent on viral spike protein binding to ACE2 receptor
- Spike protein is a trimer with three identical subunits
- Multiple variants evolving mutations in the spike protein and other locations

#### DARPin Advantage



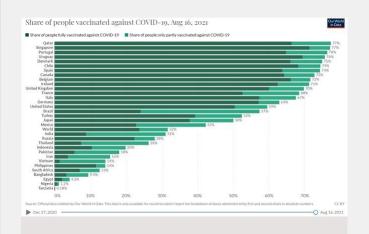
- First and only tri-specific antiviral in development, able to bind all three subunits at once
- Designed for greater viral inhibition through cooperative binding
- Muli-DARPin inhibition retains full potency against all variants of concern, to date

#### **Expected Milestones**



- Phase 2b data from EMPATHY Part A (400pts) in early 2022
- Potential EUA filings based upon data, with full filings thereafter

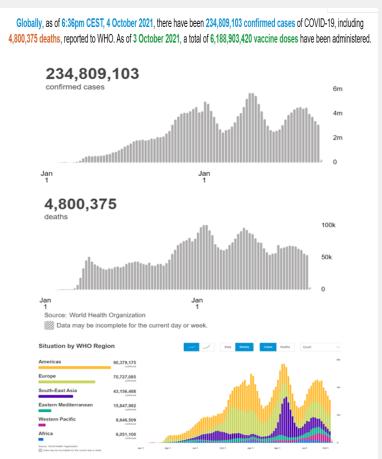
## Therapeutics are Needed Now, More than Ever



Vaccinations faster and better than anyone could have hoped



Variants continue to rise globally, challenging the effectivity of vaccines



Hospitalizations up again, mostly in unvaccinated group



# Cooperative Target Engagement Leads to Super Affinity

DARPin #1; 1 hour off-rate

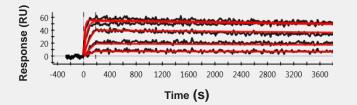


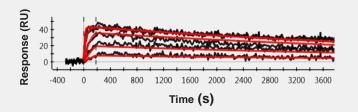
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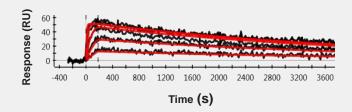


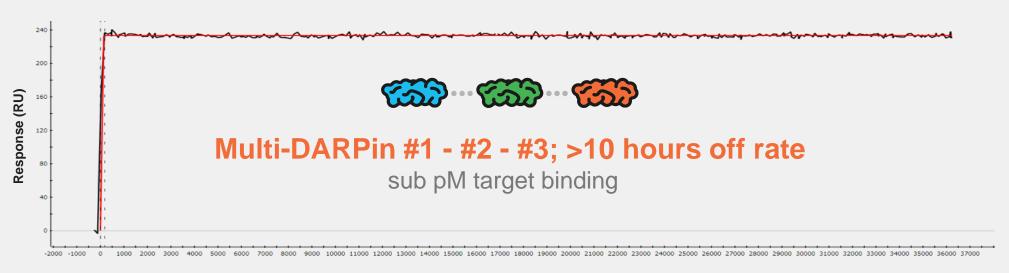
DARPin #3; 1 hour off-rate











Time (s)



# Ensovibep: Current Clinical Status

#### Phase 1 results / status:

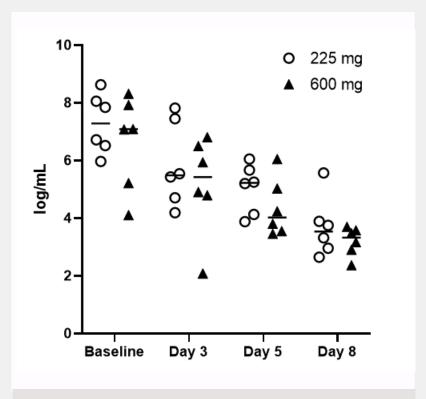
- I.V. administration: safe and well tolerated ✓
- Bolus administration: completed ✓
- Subcutaneous (s.c.) administration: ongoing
- Half-life established: 2-3 weeks ✓

#### Single-arm Phase 2 results:

 Safety, half-life and validate viral clearance methods for P2/3 confirmed ✓

#### Empathy study:

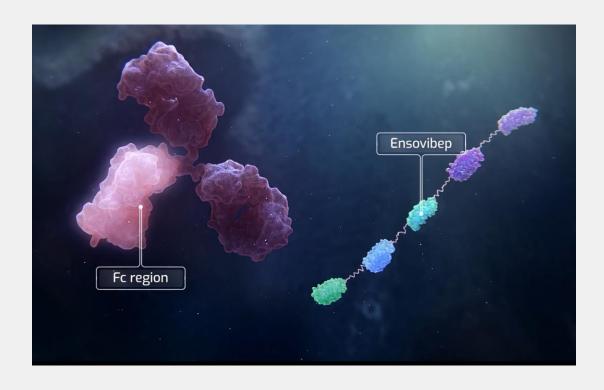
Ongoing



Phase 2 Viral Load Analysis - qPCR

(Serology analysis ongoing)

# Ensovibep: Opportunity for Ambulatory & Hospitalized Setting



- Ambulatory setting: Rapid test, rapid treat
  - Ensovibep: ¼ size of antibody "cocktail"
  - Very high potency
  - Opportunity for small volume s.c. injection
  - Protection against variants

# Ensovibep Clinical Development; Registrational Trials

2021

2022

Possible EUA\*

Potential BLA submission

**EMPATHY** 

Rapid Test – Rapid Treat

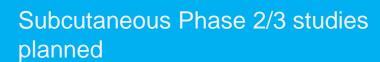


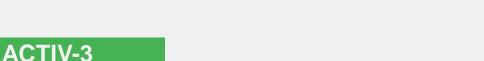


PART A: Fully enrolled 400 ambulatory patients with mild to moderate symptomatic COVID-19; Collecting data for analysis



PART B: 1,700+ ambulatory patients on the selected dose level / placebo







Hospitalized patients with COVID-19-470 patients randomized; ACTIV-3 will not continue in hospitalized patients





# ACTIV-3: Enrollment Stopped Following Futility Analysis

- Ensovibep did not demonstrate benefit over present standard of care in hospitals
  - 470 patients randomized in the ensovibep arm no safety concerns
  - Futility analysis evaluated patients 5 days post-treatment
- Still a great need for this population we will review all data, when available, and share any potential learnings to better inform this population
  - 4/5 antivirals that reached futility analysis, were halted
    - Of these, all other molecules have gone on to show efficacy in the ambulatory setting
- Ensovibep ambulatory results early 2022

# Outpatient Efficacy Well Established for Antivirals

Candidate	Туре	Hospitalized	Outpatient
RegenCov Regeneron	Antibody cocktail	In sub-group seronegative	<b>~</b>
AZ7442 Astra Zeneca	Antibody; silenced Fc	TBD	<b>~</b>
Ensovibep Molecular Partners	DARPin	X	TBD
BRII-198 Brii	Antibody	X	<b>~</b>
Sotrovimab Vir	Antibody	X	<b>✓</b>
Bamlanivimab and etesevimab Eli Lilly	Antibody cocktail	X	<b>✓</b>
Paxlovir Pfizer	Oral protease inhibitor	Enrolling	<b>✓</b>
Molnupiravir Merck	Oral Viral replication inhibitor	X	<b>~</b>



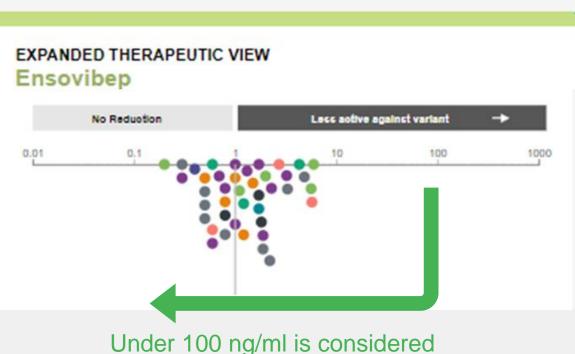
## **Novartis Deal Terms**



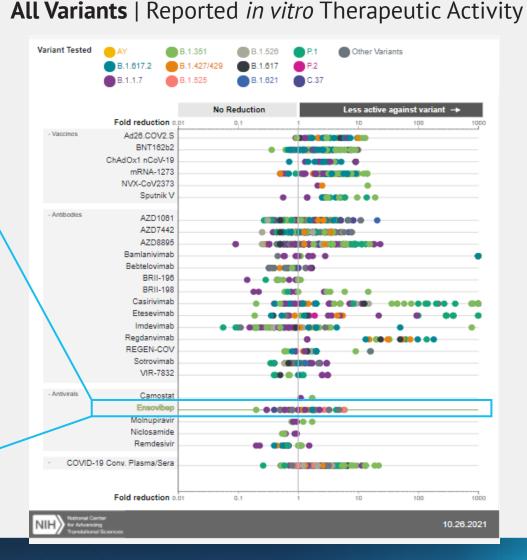
- CHF 210m in upfront and near-term potential milestones
  - CHF 60m upfront
    - CHF 20m as a cash payment
    - CHF 40m in MOLN shares
  - CHF 150m milestone payment upon option exercise to license
- 22% royalty on sales in commercial countries
  - Molecular Partners has agreed to forgo royalties in lower income countries and is aligned with Novartis' plans to ensure affordability based on countries' needs and capabilities.
- Clinical Development:
  - Novartis pays for all clinical development of ensovibep and MP0423, beyond phase 1

# Cooperative Binding Translates to Prevention of Mutational Escape

Ensovibep maintains activity against all variants of concern



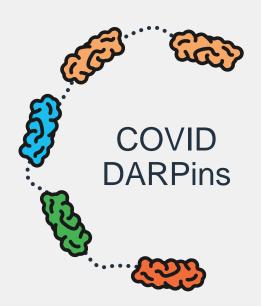
Under 100 ng/ml is considered therapeutically effective



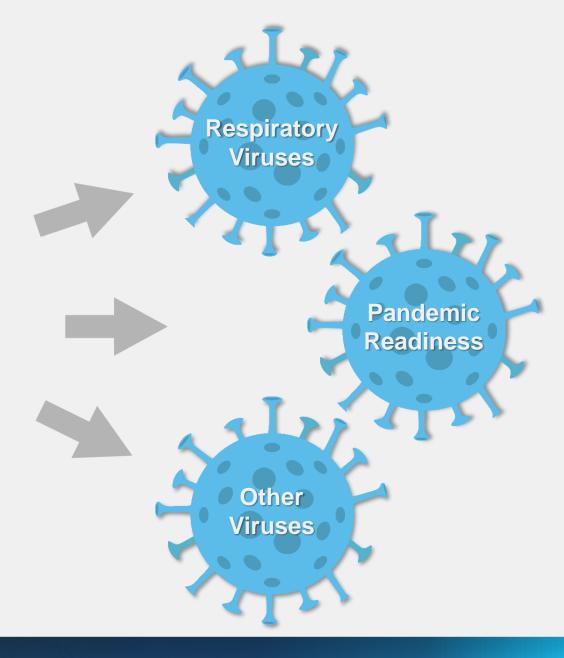
# **Ensovibep Upcoming Milestones**

- Final data from phase 1
- Open label phase 2a results
- EMPATHY (Novartis / MP)
  - √ 400 patients enrolled
  - Part A results expected early 2022
  - Part B initiate (N≥1,700)
  - Potential EUA submission early 2022
- S.C. Phase 2/3 study initiation (Novartis / MP)
  - Initiate once dosing for EMPATHY part B is established

# DARPin Opportunities in Virology



- Multi-valency for superior potency
- Multi-specificity for mutation resistance
- Speed of candidate generation
- Large amount & fast production
- High stability and solubility for simple distribution and administration

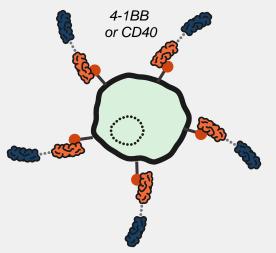




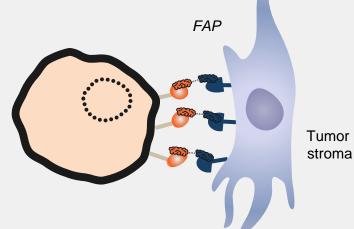
# Local Activation of Immune cells: Fibroblast Activation Protein (FAP) as a General Switch

#### **BODY**

- In normal tissues, receptor is broadly distributed
- Immune cell remains inactive



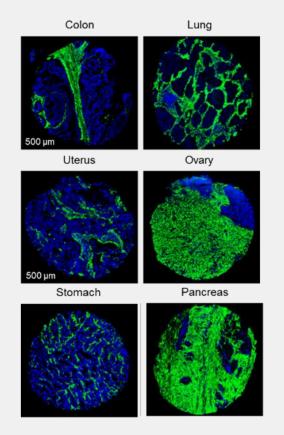




- No activation by mono-binding of FAP or CD40/4-1BB
- Simultaneous binding leads to tumor-local immune activation

#### **TUMOR**

- High FAP concentration near tumor clusters receptors
- Immune cell is activated



Human FAP, DAPI

## AMG 506 / MP0310: Localized Activation of 4-1BB



#### Target Patient



- Patients with solid tumors, low T-cell tumor penetration and positive FAP expression
- Patient populations where there are T-cell engagers in development, that can be boosted

#### Disease **Biology**



- Many solid tumors are surrounded by dense stromal tissue in which FAP expression is high
- 4-1BB activation is a strong recruiter of T cells

#### DARPin **Advantage**



- Systemic administration of MP0310, with localized activation at site of disease
- MP0310 is observed in tumor tissue, with no liver toxicity or systemic activation of immune cells
- Tumor biopsies show tumor-localized immune response consistent with the MoA

#### **Expected Milestones**

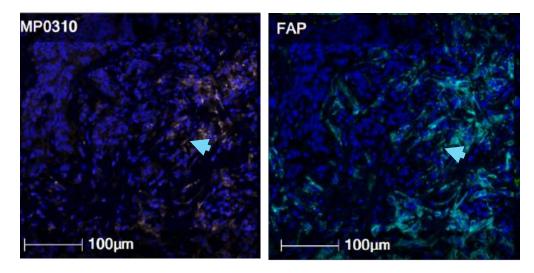


- Analyze data from ongoing phase 1 study, exploring weekly dosing.
- Determine appropriate next steps with Amgen

# AMG 506 / MP0310 Accumulates in Tumor Tissue in Dose Dependent Manner

#### MP0310 low dose colocalizes with FAP

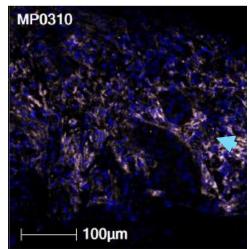
MP0310 < FAP

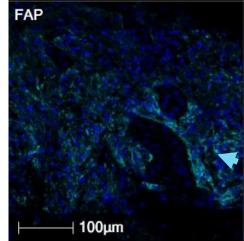


Endometrial carcinoma (Liver metastasis), C1D15

#### MP0310 high dose saturates FAP

MP0310 > FAP





NSCLC (lung), C1D15

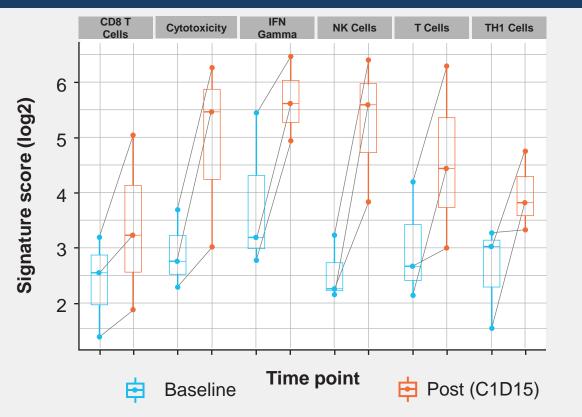
# PD Activity in Paired Biopsies Supports AMG 506 / MP0310 MoA on 4-1BB Activation

#### **BLOOD**

# CD8<sup>+</sup> T-cells: CD25<sup>+</sup> 100 80 40 C1D1 C1D8 C2D1 C2D8 Treatment on C1D1 & C2D1 Note: C1D1 & C2D1 predose sample

 In the blood, immune cells remain inactive (CD8+ & CD4+ T-cells, Treg, NKT, B-cells, NK)

#### **TUMOR**



In the tumor, T-cells and NK cells are activated



## MP0317: Localized Activation of CD40

#### Target Patient



- Solid tumor patients with positive FAP expression
- Many patients still fail to benefit from current immunotherapy options, or relapse

#### Disease **Biology**



- CD40 is a potent activator of dendritic cells, macrophages, and B cells, and has long been considered an attractive immunotherapy target
- Prior attempts at targeting CD40 have shown anti-tumor activity but remain hampered by toxicity issues

#### DARPin Advantage



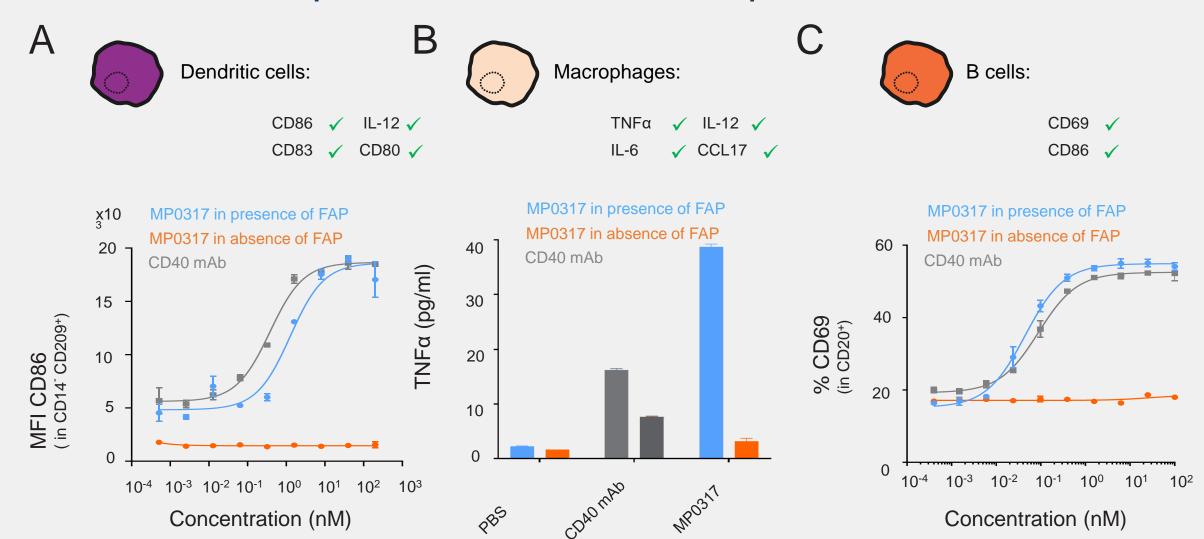
- MP0317 is designed to activate CD40 in a context dependent manner, by anchoring to FAP and activating via clustering
- Preclinical data show local activation of immune cells while limiting off target toxicity

#### **Expected Milestones**



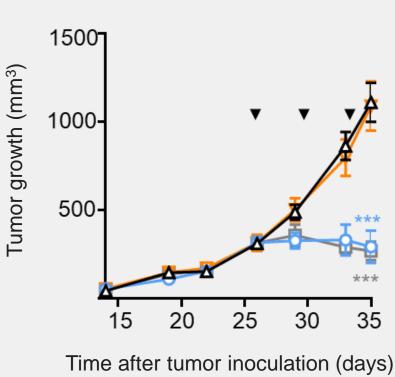
- FIH studies initiating in Q4 2021
- Initial data in H2 2022
- Rapidly explore expansion arms in phase 1b

# MP0317: FAP-dependent Activation of Specific Immune Cells

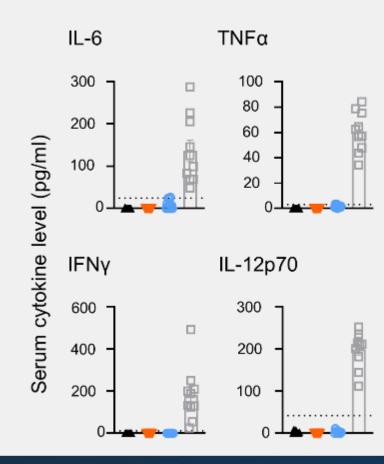


# MP0317 Shows Full Activity with No Detectable Side-effects

FAPHIGH TUMOR: MC38-FAP Colorectal cancer







#### **Vehicle**

Neg. CTRL\*

mFAP x mCD40

mCD40 Ab





# MP0533: Tri-specific T-cell Engager for AML

#### Target Patient



- ~20,000 people are diagnosed with AML every year
- Over 50% of patients die in the first year
- High relapse rates

#### Disease **Biology**



- Persistence of LSCs is the driver of relapse
- "MRD+ status" refers to low level disease and can be detected by immunophenotypic or molecular markers
- Current T-cell engager approaches are limited by on-target toxicity (not clean targets)

#### DARPin **Advantage**



- Avidity driven multispecific DARPin, targeting 3 TAA's, activating CD3
- CD3 T-cell engagement only activated when 2 or more TAA's are bound
- Should allow for broader therapeutic index with reduced safety issues

#### **Expected Milestones**



- Poster presentation at ASH 2021
- Featured update at MP R&D day, December 15, 2021
- FIH clinical studies in 2022

#### MP0533 for AML

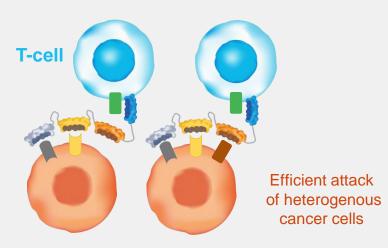
#### Multi-specific T-cell engager with improved benefit/risk in AML

#### **Efficacy**

- **Higher dose levels** for efficient killing of cancer cells
- Multiple attack: Specific killing of several malignant cell types
- Prolonged effect: Counteract tumor heterogeneity / targeting leukemic stem cells (LSCs)

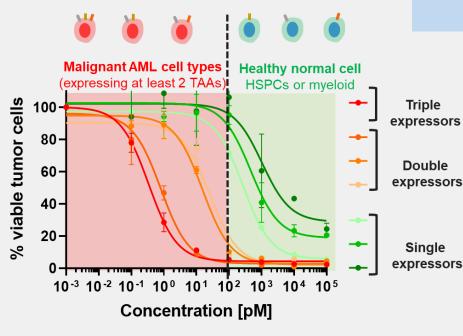
#### Multi targets

High avidity engagement



Malignant AML cell types Blasts or LSCs (≥2 TAAs)





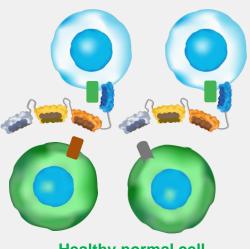
Minimal required dose level to kill cells

#### **Safety**

- · Reduce off-tumor effects
- Reduce hyper-immune stimulation (e.g. cytokine release syndrome)

#### Single targets

Low affinity engagement



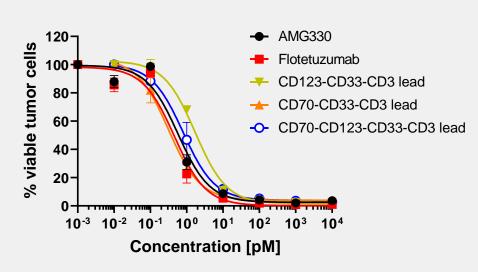
Healthy normal cell
HSPCs or myeloid cells



T-cell

# AML Candidates: Retained Potency with Favorable Side Effect Profile *in vitro*

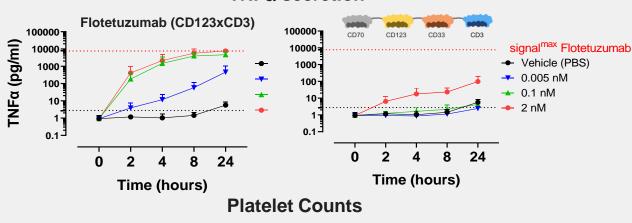
#### **High Potency of Candidates**

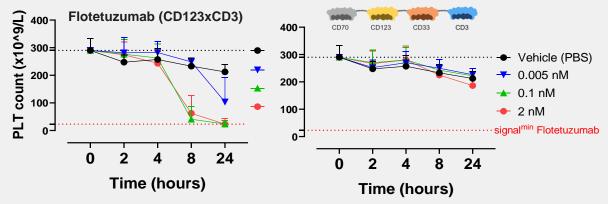


#### **Effect on Healthy Blood Cells**









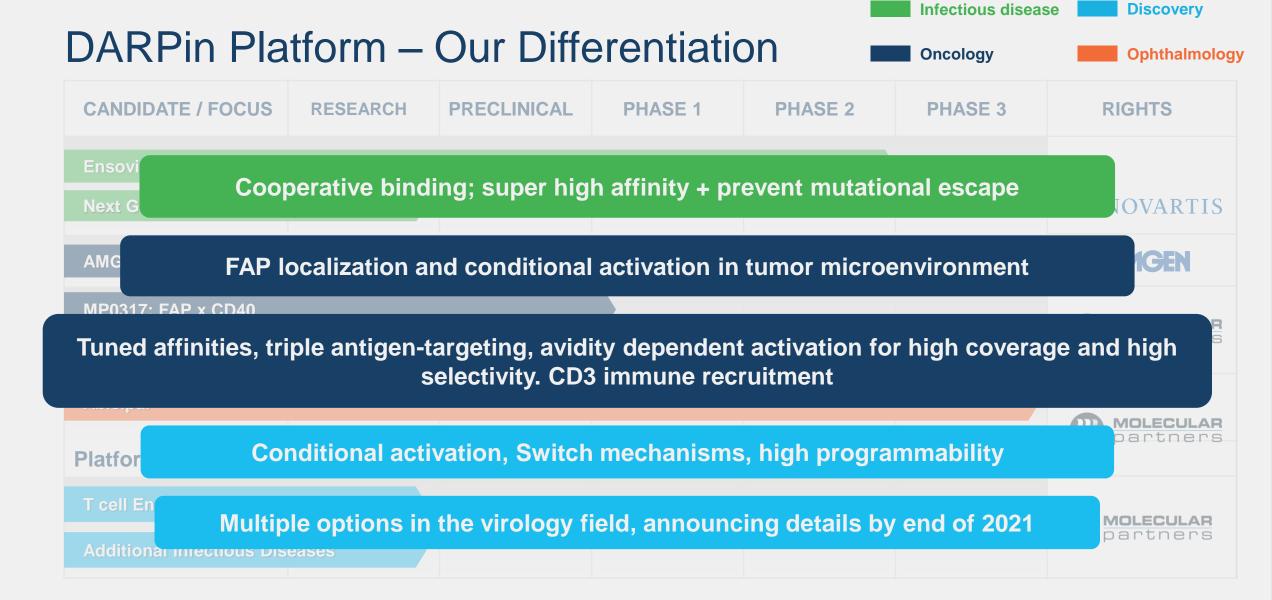




# Q3 2021 Financial Highlights

- Ongoing strong financial position with CHF 154.3 million in cash and short-term deposits as of September 30, 2021
- Completed initial public offering of American Depositary Shares ("ADSs") on the Nasdaq, raising \$63.8 million (CHF 58.8 million) in gross proceeds to secure financing of ongoing operations into H2 2023
- Net cash outflow from operating activities of CHF 71.6 million in the first nine months of 2021
  - For the full year 2021, the Company expects total expenses of CHF 70 - 75 million
  - In terms of cash outflow, the Company expects a gross cash utilization of approximately CHF 90 million for the full year 2021, which includes a total of CHF 20 million payable to Novartis for the manufacturing of commercial supply







# Upcoming Potential Catalysts Across the Portfolio

Immuno-oncology portfolio				
AMG 506 (MP0310)	<ul> <li>Identify ideal dosing regimen in ongoing Phase 1 (H2/2021)</li> <li>Amgen potential review in Q4 2021 or early 2022</li> </ul>			
MP0317	<ul> <li>MP0317 Topline data in 2022</li> </ul>			
MP0533	<ul> <li>1st Candidate selected for development</li> <li>Update at ASH – FIH in 2022</li> </ul>			
Antiviral portfolio				
Ensovibep (MP0420)	<ul> <li>EMPATHY readout Phase 2b from 400 patients in early 2022; potential for EUA application (US&amp;EU)</li> <li>BLA submissions possible in 2022</li> </ul>			
Novel antivirals	<ul> <li>Next generation COVID drug, built for the future</li> <li>Develop novel DARPins for additional viral targets</li> </ul>			

#### Funded into H2 2023

(Not incl. any future proceeds related to partnerships)



