

# ALS Phase 2a Clinical Trial Update

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## Tegoprubart: Pipeline in a Product Opportunity

Product			Developm	ent Stage	Anticipated Milestopes	
Candidate	mucation	Pre-clinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Anticipated milestones
	Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)					✓ Phase 2 top-line data in 2Q2022
Tegoprubart	Kidney Transplantation					Enroll first Phase 1b patient Interim data readout late 2022
(AT-1501)	Islet Cell Transplantation for Type 1 Diabetes					Enroll first Phase 2 patient Interim data readout late 2022
	IgA Nephropathy					On-going enrollment Interim data readout late 2022
AT-2001	Autoimmune Indications					Pre-clinical animal studies





## ALS Overview & Market Opportunity



- People with ALS ultimately lose the ability to ambulate, move their arms, talk, swallow, and breath independently
- On average, death occurs between 3 to 5 years from diagnosis, most often from respiratory failure or cachexia

Very high 5-year ALS morbidity and mortality despite two FDA approved treatments



## Pathophysiology of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis

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#### Pathophysiology in the Periphery

- 1. Protein misfolding and cytoskeletal changes decrease axon transport
- 2. Deficits in axon transport result in loss of neuromuscular junctions and muscle atrophy

Myelin & NFL Fragments

- 3. Macrophages phagocytose Schwann cells and neurons resulting in demyelination and presenting antigens to infiltrating T cells
- 4. Pro-inflammatory T cells and macrophages cross the blood brain barrier

Macrophage & T cell

Extravasation

**Denervation &** Neuromuscular Junction Loss



## Mechanism Overview of CD40L Inflammatory Signaling

- Interaction of CD40 with CD40L on immune cells mediates activation of the co-stimulatory immune pathway, controlling "cross talk" between the adaptive and innate immune systems
- Maximal activation of inflammatory system is a 3-step process requiring co-stimulatory signaling
  - Step 1: Major histocompatibility complexes (MHC) and CD3/TCR engagement
  - Step 2: CD40 and CD40L binding resulting in cell division and clonal expansion
  - Step 3: Pro-inflammatory response by polarized T cells expressing inflammatory chemokines and cytokines
- Blocking CD40L shifts polarization from proinflammatory signaling to T cell anergy, apoptosis, and polarization to a Treg environment
  - Blocking CD40L thus does not generally result in lymphopenia often seen with immunosuppressive agents





## Blocking CD40L Ameliorates Disease in SOD1 Mice



#### Blocking CD40L improves body-weight maintenance, delays disease onset and extends survival in SOD1 mice

- A. Kaplan-Meier time-to-event analysis for time required to attain peak body weight. Time to peak was not significantly (p = 0.35) changed by anti-CD40L treatment
- B. Body-weight maintenance was significantly (*p* = 0.0413) improved by anti-CD40L treatment
- C. Time-to-event analysis for disease onset (neurological severity score of 2) was significantly (p = 0.0038) delayed by anti-CD40L treatment
- D. Time-to-event analysis for age at which mice died was significantly (p = 0.0043) prolonged by anti-CD40L treatment



# Inflammatory Pathways are Activated in the Periphery in ALS Animal Models

#### Activation of Inflammatory Pathway in ALS Rodent Skeletal Model



- Macrophages accumulate on peripheral nerves in skeletal muscle
- Staining shows Myelin (Red), Macrophages (Green), and Nuclei (Blue)

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## Blocking CD40L Reduces Neuroinflammation and Improves Motor Neuron Survival in SOD1 Mice

Anti-CD40L (MR1) treatment reduces macrophage infiltrate and "attack" of denervated peripheral nerves in skeletal muscle CD68+ cell counts 300 n = 5 Control 200F 100F n = 4(-)MR1 (+)MR1 (-)MR1 WΤ SOD1 Anti-CD40L

Anti-CD40L treatment reduces neuroinflammation in the spinal cord resulting in improved motor neuron survival 500 Motor neurons per mm<sup>2</sup> 400 300 200 100 F \* P = 0.039two-tailed independent t-test-Vehicle Anti-CD40L Treatment



# Blocking CD40L Improves Neuromuscular Junction Occupancy and Demyelination in SOD1 Mice



Staining: Myelin (green), alpha bungarotoxin acetylcholine receptors (red)

 Innervated neuromuscular junction
Denervated neuromuscular junction







# Inflammatory Biomarkers & CD40L Levels are Elevated in Serum of Patients with ALS

#### Serum Biomarker Levels:

#### **ALS Patients vs. Controls**

	Ctrl	ALS	
Serum	(n=94)	(n=60)	<i>p</i> value
Nf-L (pg/ml)	$30.20 \pm 23.41$	$512.4 \pm 417.4$	< 0.0001
VCAM-1 (ng/ml)	$647 \pm 181$	891±366	< 0.0001
ICAM-1 (ng/ml)	$485\pm120$	$750\pm297$	< 0.0001
VEGF (pg/ml)	199.1±232.5	$150.0 \pm 77.23$	0.523
Eotaxin (pg/ml)	$242.4 \pm 143.3$	$284.5 \pm 104.6$	0.134
MCP-1 (pg/ml)	256.9±96.94	373.8±169.1	< 0.0001
IP-10 (pg/ml)	384.7±289.5	$640.2 \pm 320.4$	< 0.0001
IL-17a (pg/ml)	$0.68 \pm 0.53$	$1.38 \pm 1.48$	< 0.0001
TNF-a (pg/ml)	$1.76 \pm 0.72$	$4.99 \pm 7.85$	< 0.0001
IL-2 (pg/ml)	N.A	$0.40\pm0.41$	
IL-10 (pg/ml)	$0.29 \pm 0.34$	$0.51 \pm 0.19$	< 0.0001
IL-8 (pg/ml)	$106.1 \pm 186.5$	$172.3 \pm 354.9$	0.395
IL-6 (pg/ml)	$0.58 \pm 0.58$	$2.0 \pm 2.6$	< 0.0001
IL-1β (pg/ml)	N.A	$0.47\pm0.73$	
IFN-γ (pg/ml)	5.31±5.22	$2.96 \pm 2.25$	< 0.0001

- Levels of inflammatory biomarkers have been found to be elevated in ALS patients and correlated with disease progression
- CD40-CD40L signaling between antigen presenting cells and T-cells is upregulated in the blood of 56% of patients with ALS
  - sCD40L levels have also demonstrated correlation with rate of disease progression



## Phase 2a ALS: Study Design



- 12-week, open label, multiple ascending dose level study
- Four sequential dose cohorts of 9 patients (1 and 2 mg/Kg) and 18 patients (4 and 8 mg/Kg) each
- Each subject serves as own control by comparing changes from baseline assessment



## Phase 2a ALS: Demographics

- 54 subjects recruited
- Average age 59 years old
  - 72% male
  - 96% Caucasian
- Average baseline ALSFRS-R of 39.5
  - 7 subjects had ALSFRS–R < 35 or ALS Bulbar domain scores ≤ 4 at first infusion

- Demographics and stage of disease confirm overall recruitment of target population
- Recruited population generally in line with demographics of ALS in the United States
- Some patients enrolled who at 1<sup>st</sup> infusion would not have met screening entry criteria



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## Phase 2 ALS: Planned Data Generation



#### Biomarkers of CD40L target engagement

#### Pro-inflammatory Biomarkers

#### Exploratory Endpoints

#### Key sub-analyses:

- 1. Compare subjects who did or not achieve target engagement as defined by a change in CXCL-13
- 2. Compare subjects who had target engagement but differed in changes in pro-inflammatory biomarkers (i.e., High vs. Low Responders)



## Phase 2a ALS: Safety & Tolerability

- All adverse events were reviewed by an independent data safety monitoring board that recommended continued dosing
- 35.2% of patients had 1 or more drug-related adverse events (AEs)
  - No drug-related serious or severe AEs
  - Occurrence of drug-related adverse events was balanced across dose cohorts
  - No thrombosis or signs of platelet activation
  - 2 subjects experienced adverse events leading to withdrawal
    - 1 subject withdrew because of worsening depression in the 1 mg/Kg cohort
    - 1 subject withdrew because of malaise in the 2 mg/Kg cohort
- Anti-Drug Antibodies detected in ~4.2% of samples
  - ADAs of low titer and did not effect tegoprubart levels



## Phase 2a ALS: Key Observed Biomarker Decreases at Week 12

CD40L Target Engagement			Pro-Inflammatory				
Biomarker	Significance at 2mg/Kg	Significance at 4mg/Kg	Significance at 8mg/Kg	Biomarker	Significance at 1 or 2mg/Kg	Significance at 4mg/Kg	Significance at 8mg/Kg
CXCL13	х	p<0.01	p<0.0001	TNF-α	х	p<0.0001	p<0.0001
CD40L	p<0.0001	p<0.0001	p<0.0001	MCP1	х	х	p=0.0002
				IL-6	х	х	х
				EN-RAGE	Х	p=0.05	p=0.02
				CRP	х	p=0.03	p=0.003

- Up to 23 of 32 inflammatory biomarkers detected were significantly reduced at 4 and 8 mg/Kg dose levels, including: IgA, IgE, IgM, C3, CXCL9 & CXCL10
- IL-1 was not significantly detected in the 54 subject cohort



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Phase 2a ALS: Monthly Change in ALSFRS-R by Cohort, Baseline Criteria, Target Engagement, and Level of Response

#### Monthly Change in ALSFRS-R (% Improvement vs. PRO-ACT)

Group	All Subjects	Baseline Criteria	Positive Target Engagement	High Responders	
<b>PRO-ACT</b> (Comparator)	-0.83	-0.83	-0.83	-0.83	
All	-1.02 <b>22.9%</b> n=54	-0.75 (9.6%) n=47	-0.67 (19.3%) N=40	-0.60 (27.7%) n=37	
Low Dose (1/2 mgs)	-0.89 <b>7.2%</b> n=18	-0.89 <b>7.2%</b> n=18	-0.68 (18.1%) n=11	-0.71 (14.5%) n=10	
High Dose (4/8 mgs)	gh Dose I/8 mgs)-1.08 30.1% n=36-0.66 (20.5%) n=29		-0.66 <b>(20.5%)</b> n=29	-0.57 (31.3%) n=27	

- All Subjects includes 54 subjects enrolled in the study
- Baseline Criteria excludes 7 subjects with an ALSFRS-R < 35 at time of first infusion and/or a total aggregate score ≤ 4 out of 12 in the bulbar domains of ALSFRS-R
- Positive Target Engagement defined as subjects with at least a 10% decrease in CXCL13
- Low Dose Subjects <u>without</u> Target Engagement had a mean change of –1.14 or 37.3% vs. PRO-ACT
  - High Responders defined as subjects with a minimum 10% reduction in 75% or more of inflammatory biomarkers



## Phase 2 ALS: Data Summary

## Safety & Tolerability

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#### Pro-inflammatory Biomarkers

#### Exploratory Endpoints

- 35.2% of patients had 1 or more drugrelated adverse events (AEs)
- No drug-related serious or severe AEs
- Occurrence of drugrelated adverse events was balanced across dose cohorts
- At 4 and 8 mg / kg dose levels, target engagement was demonstrated using CD40L and CXCL13 biomarkers related to T cell and B cell function, respectively
- Dose dependent, significant reductions were observed in up to 23 of 32 biomarkers, including TNF-α, MCP1, EN-RAGE, and C-Reactive Protein
- Target engagement and level of reduction in pro-inflammatory biomarkers were associated with a trend in the slowing of disease progression as measured by ALSFRS slope when compared to a cohort from the ALS PRO-ACT database



### **2022 Execution Priorities**

- Complete ALS Phase 2 study and release data
- Continue IgA Nephropathy clinical trial enrollment
- Begin Kidney Transplantation clinical trial enrollment
- Begin Islet Cell Transplantation for Type 1 Diabetes clinical trial enrollment

Advance tegoprubart subcutaneous formulation



Interim clinical data readouts in up to 3 other open label studies expected by year-end



Note: Development plans and timelines subject to change based on several factors, including US and global regulatory agency interactions.



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