

# **Targeted Immunology CD40/CD40L Therapeutics**

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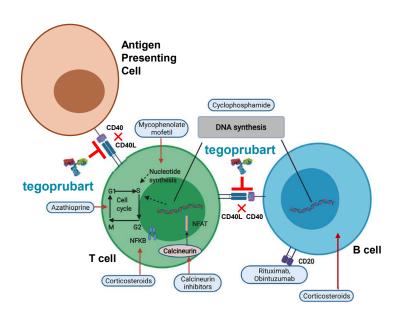


# Tegoprubart: Tegoprubart: Pipeline in a Product Opportunity With Transplantation as the Primary Focus

| Product     | Indication                          | Development Stage |         |         |         | Notes  |  |  |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|--|--|--|
| Candidate   | maication                           | Pre-clinical      | Phase 1 | Phase 2 | Phase 3 | - Notes  |  |  |
|             | Kidney Transplantation              |                   |         |         |         | <ul> <li>Phase 1b enrolling with interim data readout expected Q1 2023</li> <li>Phase 2 expected to launch mid-2023</li> </ul> |  |  |
|             | Liver Transplantation               |                   |         |         |         | Academic collaboration   |  |  |
| Tegoprubart | Xenotransplantation                 |                   |         |         |         | eGenesis collaboration   |  |  |
|             | Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) |                   |         |         |         | Phase 2 top-line reported May 2022   |  |  |
|             | IgA Nephropathy                     |                   |         |         |         | <ul><li>Program deprioritized</li><li>Interim safety data readout Q1 2023</li></ul>  |  |  |
| AT-2001     | Autoimmune Indications              |                   |         |         |         |  |  |  |

#### Mechanism Overview of CD40L Inflammatory Signaling

### CD40/CD40L Pathway and Tegoprubart Site of Action



- 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 away 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

Source: Adapted from Kant, 2022. 5

### Tegoprubart: Potential Best-in-Class Anti-CD40/CD40L Antibody

| Targetir  | ng CD40 Ligand vs. CD40 Receptor   | lgG1 vs. fusion protein or pegylated   |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| CD40L and CD40  | CD40L only   | FAB                                    |  |  |
| Targeting both anti-<br>CD40L and anti-<br>CD40 inhibits B cell<br>polarization and class<br>switching, as well as<br>inhibits the pro-<br>inflammatory<br>polarization of CD4 <sup>+</sup><br>Helper T cells | ✓ Blocking anti-CD40L also inhibits CD11<br>costimulatory receptors on antigen presenting<br>cells, thus blocking the pro-inflammatory<br>polarization of CD8⁺ Cytotoxic T cells | ✓ Up to over 2x times longer half-life |  |  |
|   | ✓ Blocking CD40L also polarizes CD4 <sup>+</sup> lymphocytes<br>to FoxP3 <sup>+</sup> Regulatory T cells (Tregs), thus creating<br>a potentially more tolerogenic environment    | ✓ Manufacturing advantages             |  |  |
|   | ✓ CD40L is more selectively expressed, providing<br>the potential for additional safety and<br>PK/PD/dosing advantages   | ✓ Less anti-drug antibodies            |  |  |

### **Tegoprubart Experience**

# Tegoprubart Phase 1a/1b Single Ascending Dose Trial Completed in Healthy Subjects and ALS Patients

#### Healthy Volunteers or ALS Patients Receiving Either tegoprubart (mg/kg, IV) or Placebo

| Subjects     | Healthy | Healthy | ALS | Healthy | Healthy | Healthy | Tego-<br>prubart | Placebo |
|--------------|---------|---------|-----|---------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|
| Dose (mg/kg) | 0.5     | 1       | 1   | 2       | 4       | 8       | NA               | NA      |
| n=           | 6       | 3       | 3   | 3       | 3       | 6       | 24               | 8       |

| Number of Subjects (%) Experiencing TEAEs by Maximum Toxicity Grade |              |              |              |              |              |              |               |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Grade 1<br>(% Subjects Experiencing Events)                         | 3<br>(50.0%) | 2<br>(66.7%) | 2<br>(66.7%) | 2<br>(66.7%) | 1<br>(33.3%) | 1<br>(16.7%) | 11<br>(45.8%) | 5<br>(62.5%) |
| Grade 2<br>(% Subjects Experiencing Events)                         | -            | _            | 1<br>(33.3%) | _            | _            | 1<br>(16.7%) | 2<br>(8.3%)   | _            |
| Grade 3   | _            | _            | _            | _            | _            | _            | _             | _            |
| Grade 4   | _            | _            | _            | _            | _            | _            | _             | _            |
| Grade 5   | _            | _            | _            | _            | _            | _            | _             | _            |

### Phase 2a ALS: Trial Design, Safety & Tolerability

#### Trial design:

- 12-week, open label, multiple ascending dose level study
- Four sequential dose cohorts of 9 participants (1 and 2 mg/kg) and 18 participants (4 and 8 mg/kg) each
- Each participant serves as own control by comparing biomarker changes over time from initial baseline assessment

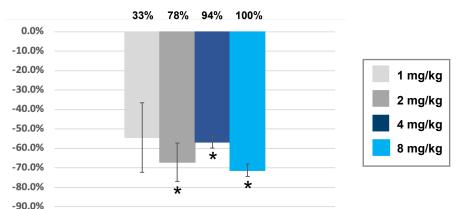
#### **Safety & Tolerability:**

- 35.2% of participants 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 participants experienced adverse events leading to withdrawal
    - 1 participant withdrew because of worsening depression in the 1 mg/kg cohort
    - 1 participant withdrew because of malaise in the 2 mg/kg cohort
- Anti-Drug Antibodies detected in ~4.2% of samples
  - ADAs were of low titer and did not effect tegoprubart levels

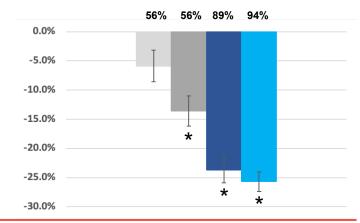


# Phase 2a ALS: Tegoprubart Demonstrates Dose Dependent T and B Cell Target Engagement

#### CD40L Change at Week 12 (%)

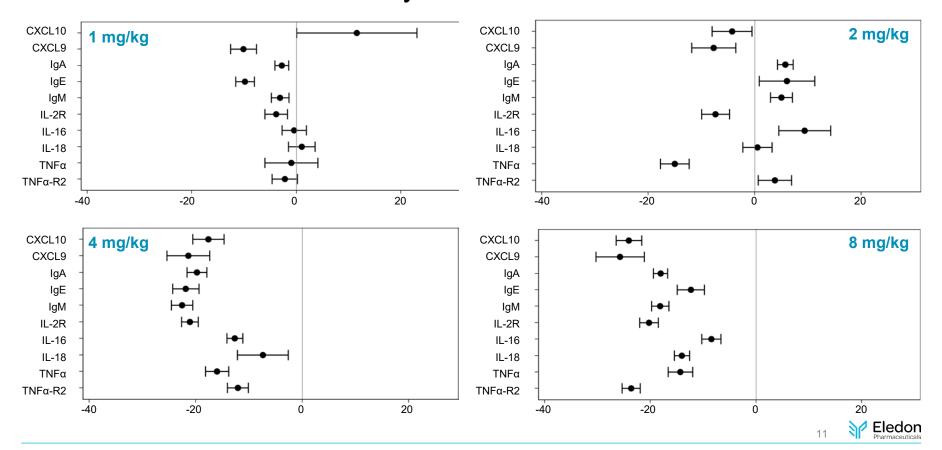


#### CXCL13 Change at Week 12 (%)



- Tegoprubart exposure decreased inflammatory biomarker levels in a dose dependent manner
- 20 biomarkers detected were statistically significantly reduced at one or both of the higher dose levels, including: IgA, IgE, IgM, C3, CXCL9 & CXCL10
- Target engagement at 12 weeks increased with dose

## Phase 2a ALS: Tegoprubart Demonstrates Dose Dependent Reduction in Pro-Inflammatory Biomarkers



### Kidney Transplantation Opportunity & Clinical Development Plan

### **Kidney Transplantation Overview**

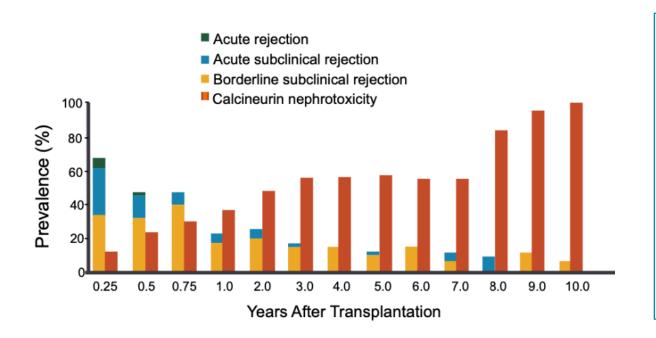
#### **Unmet Need**

- In the 1990s, Calcineurin inhibitors (CNIs)
  revolutionized the field of transplantation, allowing
  transplant medicine to grow across transplant
  types, and providing meaningful treatment to
  thousands of people
- CNIs provide excellent 1 year patient and graft outcomes, but:
  - They are less effective against long term antibody mediated rejection
  - They are nephrotoxic and slowly harm the graft over time
  - They are associated with significant adverse effects including post-transplant new onset diabetes, tremors, and hair loss
- On average, transplanted kidneys from deceased donors function about 10 years

#### **Market Size**

- 24,000+ U.S. kidney transplants per year
- 240,000+ Americans living with a kidney graft
- ~90,000 Americans face a 3-5 year wait for a kidney
  - ~5,000 Americans per year on the transplant waiting list die without getting a transplant
- Pre-transplant dialysis costs over \$100,000 per year
  - Hemodialysis has a 15-20% first-year mortality rate with a 5-year survival rate of under 50% (vs. ~80% 5-year survival post kidney transplant)
- Annual medical cost to treat transplant patients who experience renal graft failure increase 450%

## CNI Nephrotoxicity Over Time is a Leading Cause of Long-Term Kidney Transplant Graft Failure



#### At 6 months post transplant:

- ~24% of CNI treated patients demonstrate kidney impairment
- Up to 1/3 of CNI treated patients experience New Onset Diabetes After Transplant (NODAT) or impaired fasting glucose levels, which may also negatively impact kidney grafts over time

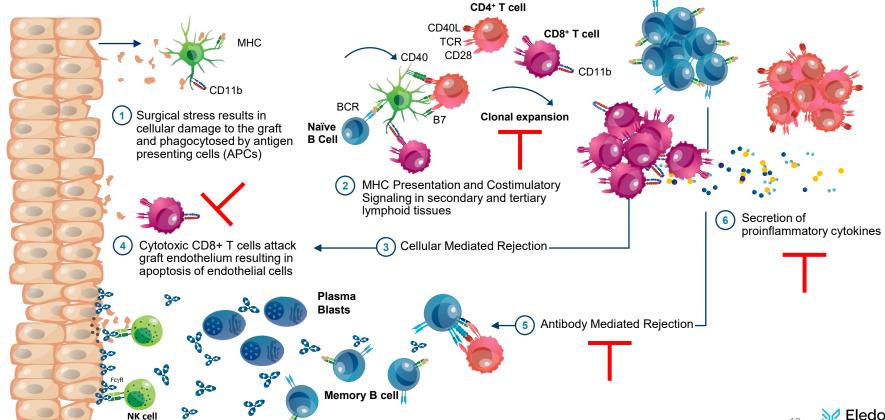
# Incidence of CNI Related Nephrotoxicity Increases with Time Post Transplant Across Organ Types

| Organ Transplant | Duration of CNI<br>Exposure<br>(Years) | CNI Nephrotoxicity<br>(defined as decreased kidney<br>function / histology) |  |  |
|------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Kidney-Pancreas  | 1<br>5<br>10                           | 30%<br>55%<br>100%  |  |  |
| Liver            | 4<br>5                                 | 16%<br>18%  |  |  |
| Bone Marrow      | 8                                      | 67%   |  |  |
| Heart            | 5<br>10                                | 9%<br>9% ESRD   |  |  |
| Lung             | 5                                      | 14%   |  |  |
| Intestine        | 5                                      | 21%   |  |  |



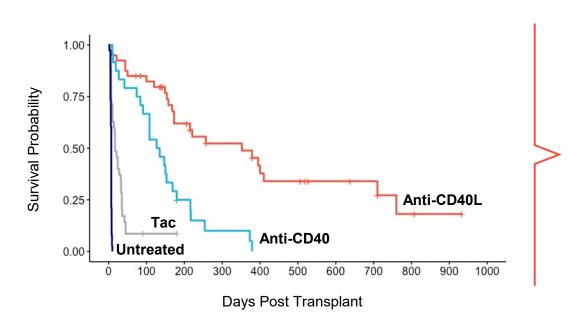
Source: Kemper, 2014.

#### Anti-CD40L in the Prevention of Transplant Rejection



# Inhibition of CD40L Improved Survival vs. CD40 Inhibition in Non-Human Primate (NHP) Kidney Transplantation Monotherapy Studies

#### **NHP Survival Post Kidney Transplant**

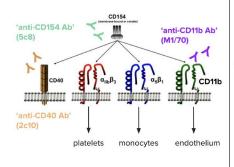


In aggregated data from published studies, NHPs receiving anti-CD40L (e.g., 5c8, Al794, IDEC-131) immunomodulation monotherapy post kidney transplantation had longer average survival than those receiving anti-CD40 monotherapy (e.g., 4D11, cH5D12, Chi220, ASKP1240, tacrolimus monotherapy or untreated controls

# Recent NHP Experience has Demonstrated Advantage of Blocking CD40L vs. CD40R in Xenotransplantation

Combined CD11b/CD40 Blockade is Superior to CD40 Blockade Alone in Prolonging Survival in Pig-to-Nonhuman Primate Renal Xenotransplantation

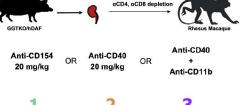
How does combination CD11b/CD40 blockade affect graft survival in a pig-to-NHP model of renal xenotransplantation?



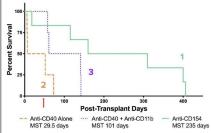
Pig-to-NHP renal xenotransplantation performed to one of three groups:

(1) anti-CD154; (2) anti-CD40 alone; (3) anti-CD40 plus anti-CD11b

Low Xenoreactive Antibody Titer



- Treatment with anti-CD11b mitigates early xenograft rejection seen with anti-CD40 therapy
- CD11b acts as an additional ligand of CD154 through which rejection signals can bypass
   CD40 blockade



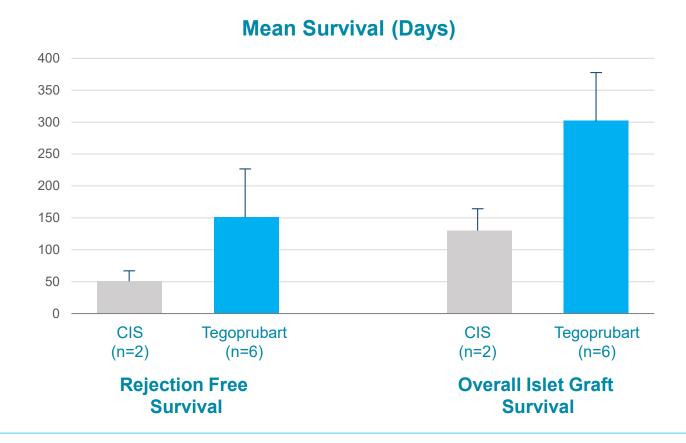
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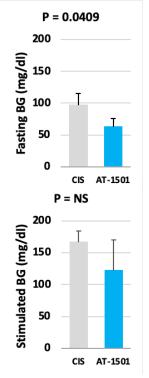
Source: Adams @ ACT 2021

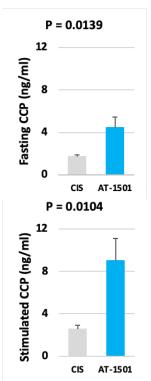
# Tegoprubart Prolonged Graft Survival vs. CNI Containing Regimen (CIS) in a Non-Human Primate Islet Cell Transplant Model...

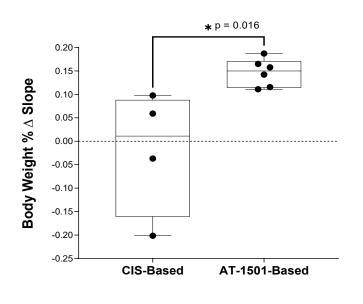


# ... And Tegoprubart was Associated With Better Metabolic Control as Well as Healthier Animals Overall as Demonstrated by Body Weight

Tegoprubart (AT-1501) vs. CNI Regimens (CIS) in NHP Islet Cell Transplantation Model







### Phase 1b Kidney Transplantation Study Design

#### **DESIGN**

- 52-week, open label, single dose level study
- Up to 12 participants undergoing kidney transplantation at multiple sites in Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia
- Kidney transplant using standard induction therapy plus maintenance therapy with tegoprubart as a replacement for CNIs (tacrolimus)

#### **PLANNED DATA GENERATION**

- Safety & tolerability
- PK/PD
- Graft survival & function
- Biopsy proven acute rejection
- Immune cell infiltrate of graft biopsy
- Biomarker measures of kidney injury and rejection risk

This study will run in parallel to the Phase 2 clinical trial of tegoprubart in kidney transplantation

### Phase 2 BESTOW Kidney Transplantation Study Design

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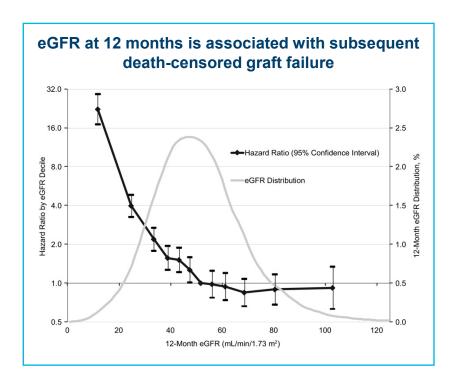
- 52-week, head-to-head, superiority trial, open label, 2-arm, active comparator safety, PK, and efficacy study
- Approximately 120 participants (60/arm) undergoing kidney transplantation at multiple sites in the United States and other countries
- Participants will receive tegoprubart or the active comparator, tacrolimus, as part of an immunosuppressive regimen including corticosteroids and mycophenolate mofetil (MMF) or mycophenolate sodium (MPS)

#### PLANNED DATA GENERATION

- Safety & tolerability
- Graft function (eGFR)
- Rates of graft functional impairment
- Biopsy proven acute rejection (BPAR)
- Rate of new onset diabetes mellitus (NODAT)
- Rate of participant and graft survival
- PK and immunogenicity



### Kidney Allograft Function is an Early Predictor of Future Graft Failure



- Graft function measured using eGFR at 12 months post transplant is associated independently with subsequent graft failure
- Of multiple covariates,12-month eGFR is the strongest predictor of graft failure

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