

HOOKIPA Pharma

Next-generation Immunotherapies for the Treatment of Cancer and Other Serious Diseases

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Merger Transaction Overview

Transaction Structure

- Proposed all stock transaction where HOOKIPA Pharma Inc. ("HOOKIPA" or "HOOK") acquires Poolbeg Pharma plc ("Poolbeg" or "POLB")
- HOOKIPA remains TopCo with existing Nasdaq listing
- Concurrent Financing: Private placement of approximately \$30M+ to be funded into HOOKIPA immediately following transaction close
- Implied ownership split pre-merger without PIPE on a fully-diluted basis: POLB shareholders 55.0% / HOOKIPA shareholders 45.0%
- In addition, CVR's for HB-200, HB-400 & HB-500 Programs (for pre-PIPE HOOKIPA shareholders)
- POLB expected to apply for cancellation of its shares on AIM Market at transaction close and become a private sub of HOOKIPA

Capitalization and Use of Proceeds

- Combined company expected to have sufficient capital to realize meaningful value inflection points
 - HB-700: Phase 1 interim data expected in H1 2026
 - POLB 001: Phase 2a topline data expected in H2 2026
 - HB-500: Phase 1b Primary completion expected in H2 2025
- Expected to provide cash runway through year-end 2026*

Transaction Timeline

- · Possible offer announcement in line with Rule 2.4 of the UK City Code on Takeovers and Mergers
- HOOKIPA to either announce a firm intention to make an offer for POLB, or not, under Rule 2.7 of the UK City Code on Takeovers and Mergers
- Concurrent financing contingent on transaction close

Post-Closing

• Combined company anticipates benefiting from a strong international leadership team comprised of individuals with both significant industry experience and a track record of success

^{*}Statement: assumes the receipt of future expected R&D grant proceeds by the Austrian government, which Hera has received in previous years, for qualifying research and development expenses and capital expenditures

Investment Highlights

- Next-generation cancer immunotherapy portfolio driven by lead assets each with \$10B+ market opportunities with potential to gain significant market share ¹⁻²
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- Multiple near-term clinical data catalysts in multiple programs over next 24 months in large therapeutic areas with unmet medical needs
- Clinically validated antigen-specific T cell activation platform designed to produce durable, robust anti-tumor activity underpins HB-700
- Proven leadership team with extensive experience in successfully developing and commercializing medicines with a track record of delivering shareholder returns



HOOKIPA Has a Diversified Core Immunotherapy Pipeline

Modality	Indication	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Key Milestone	
Oncology Programs							
Next-generation immunotherapy	KRAS Mutated Tumors	Phase 1-ready				FPD in Phase 1 trial expected mid-2025	
p38 MAPK inhibitor	Immunotherapy- induced CRS	Phase 2-ready				FPD in Phase 2 trial expected H2 2025	
Partnered Programs in Infectious Disease							
Next-generation immunotherapy	HBV	Gilead-led Phase 1 on	going	GILEAD		Primary completion expected H1 2025	
Next-generation immunotherapy	HIV	HOOKIPA-led Phase 1	ongoing GIL	EAD.		Primary completion expected H2 2025	
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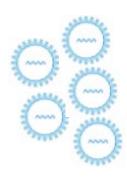


HOOKIPA Pipeline has Additional Partnership Opportunities

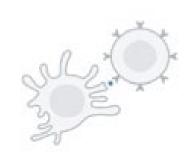
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Additional Pr	Additional Programs							
Eseba-vec (HB-200)	Next-generation immunotherapy	HPV16+ HNSCC	Mature Phase 2 c	lata with POC in com	nbo with CPI		Final Phase 2 data expected H2 2025	
GLP-1 Program	GLP-1R agonist	Obesity and diabetes					Topline POC data expected H1 2026	
AI	Al Novel target Programs discovery	Influenza		CytoReason			Potential partnership	
Programs		RSV		ONETHREE ST			Potential partnership	

HOOKIPA's Next-Gen Vaccine Platform Designed to Supercharge Immunity

T cell activation platform based on work of Nobel laureate and HOOKIPA co-founder Rolf Zinkernagel⁵









Drug Design

Infection of APCs

Activation of T cells

Tumor Cell Killing

Heterologous and alternating 'prime-boost' arenavirus vectors with target antigens

Dendritic cells or macrophages

Tumor-specific T cell expansion and activation

Robust anti-tumor activity

Unprecedented levels of cancer-specific T cells with polyfunctionality & durability with continued treatment¹⁻⁴



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HB-700

Next-generation multi-KRAS targeting cancer immunotherapy with strong commercial potential



KRAS is the Most Prevalent Oncogenic Driver

~1.5M people worldwide

are diagnosed annually with KRAS-mutated NSCLC, CRC, or PDAC

~20%

~30-40%

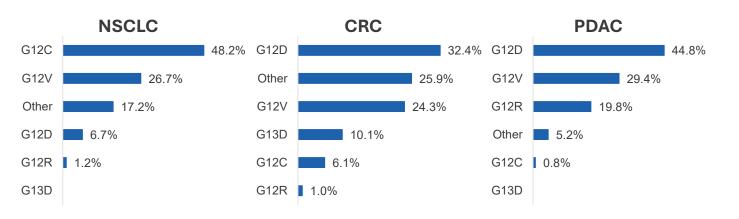
≥88%

All NSCLC

All CRC

All PDACs

Prevalence of the top 5 KRAS mutations by tumor type



KRAS Market Opportunity

Targeting KRAS has been challenging due to lack of activity, poor selectivity or treatment resistance

Approved standards of care are small molecules targeting a single mutation

2038 global KRAS market size estimate

Unmet needs remain for a therapy that can

- Address multiple mutation subtypes
- Drive deep and durable responses
- Achieve immunogenic tumor cell death

A Novel Multi-KRAS Mutant Targeting Cancer Immunotherapy Designed for uniquely strong anti-tumor T cell activation

Targets 5 of the most prevalent KRAS mutations¹

Strong preclinical proof-of-concept package²

Derisked by clinical POC with platform asset eseba-vec

Phase 1-ready

Strong commercial potential

G13D, G12V, G12C, G12D & G12R

KRAS mutation specific T cell activation in humanized mice; preclinical profile supports diverse combinations

Dose selection and treatment schedule based on alternating 2-vector therapy in eseba-vec program - demonstrated clinically durable and robust anti-tumor activity

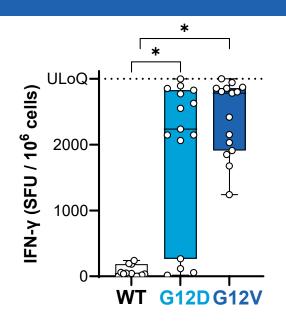
Nonclinical development and clinical trial material manufacturing completed

Large addressable populations in NSCLC, CRC and PDAC

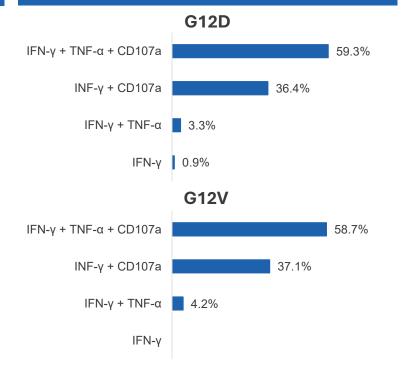


Preclinical Proof of Concept: Highly Immunogenic with Potent Target Cell Killing in Humanized Mice

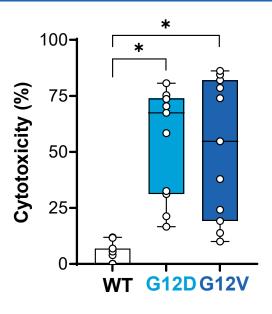
High frequencies of circulating KRAS mutation specific CD8⁺ T cells



KRAS^{mut} specific T cells exhibit a polyfunctional profile



KRAS^{mut} specific T cells are functional and specifically kill target cells



Proposed Open-Label Phase 1/2 in Metastatic KRAS-Mutated NSCLC

Clinical POC in NSCLC followed by expansion in related indications

Eligibility Metastatic/advanced NSCLC & CRC

KRAS mutated and HLA selected

≥1 prior line SoC

Eligibility Metastatic/ advanced NSCLC
PD-L1 scores of TPS ≥50%
KRAS-mutated and HLA selected
No prior line of therapy

response and tumor infiltration

Phase 1 Dose De-Fscalation Phase 1 Dose Expansion Phase 2 Combination 2L+ NSCLC & CRC 2L+ NSCLC 1L NSCLC HB-700 **NSCLC HB-700 + Pembrolizumab** Intended dose; n = 3 + 3n = 30n = 6**Primary Endpoint: Primary Endpoint:** ORR by RECIST v1.1 RP2D **Secondary Endpoint: Secondary Endpoint:** Safety, DCR, DoR, PFS, OS, T cell Safety, T cell response,

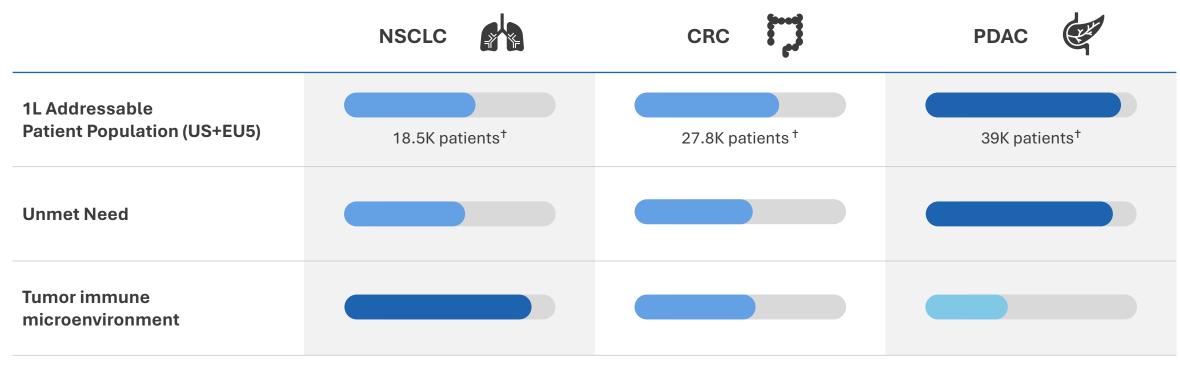
Expect FPD in Phase 1 trial mid-2025 with interim Phase 1 data in KRAS mutant tumors in H1 2026

initial antitumor activity



HB-700 KRAS Immunotherapy has Potential for \$1.5B Peak Worldwide Net Sales* Across 1L NSCLC, CRC and PDAC, if approved

Additional expansion opportunities in 2L and neoadjuvant/adjuvant for locally advanced disease



Relative Opportunity for HB-700



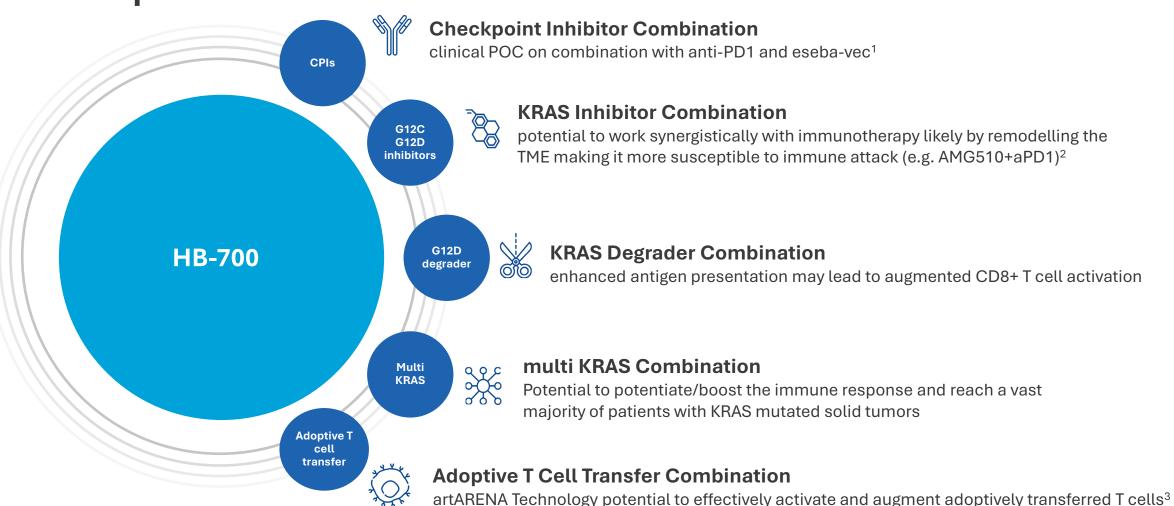




Highest Opportunity



HB-700 Potential to Combine with Diverse Approved and Emerging Therapies





Potentially breakthrough orally delivered p38 MAPK inhibitor to prevent cancer immunotherapy-induced CRS

CRS Associated with Immunotherapies is a High Unmet Need

Effective prophylaxis represents a >\$10B market opportunity4

Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS)

A severe, potentially life-threatening side effect of cancer immunotherapies

No approved therapies for prevention

Approved options for CRS management
(tocilizumab) have not adequately* prevented

Grade 2+ CRS in clinical trials

>70%¹ of patients experience CRS on certain CAR T / bispecific antibody therapies and are restricted to specialist cancer centers

Estimated \$5B annually²⁻³

in direct costs to US health systems by 2030 CRS of all grades can require hospitalization

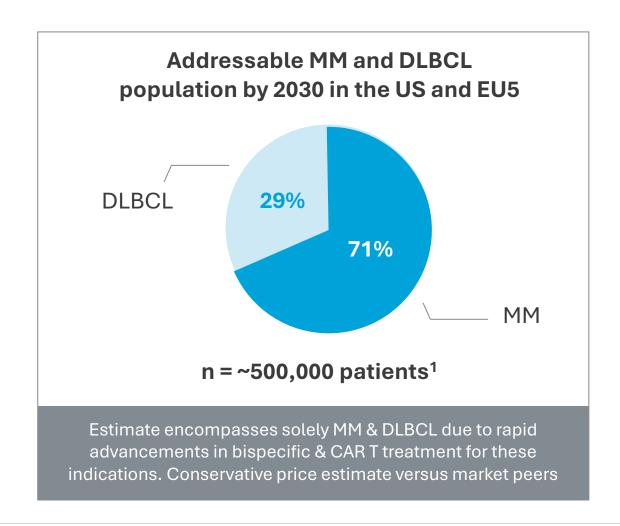
CRS Preventative Therapy: >\$10B US Market Opportunity

A significant opportunity exists for POLB 001 as an adjunct therapy to bispecific and CAR T treatment³

1st, 2nd and 3rd line+ MM and DLBCL patients in the US and EU5, receive CAR T cell and bispecific antibody therapy¹

An effective primary prophylactic for CRS could **enable outpatient administration and broader uptake** of immunotherapies²

Potential across additional hematological malignancies, solid tumors and new areas like severe influenza





Potential to Make Immunotherapies Safer & More Accessible

Selective p38 MAPK Inhibitor

- Selectively prevent excessive inflammation without immunosuppression
- Oral agent
- Strong patent portfolio

Strong Preclinical & Clinical Data

- Phase 2-ready
- Favorable safety and tolerability profile
- Potent TNF-α inhibition shown in two Phase 1 trials
- Potent inhibition of IL-6 and other key inflammatory markers in clinical & preclinical models

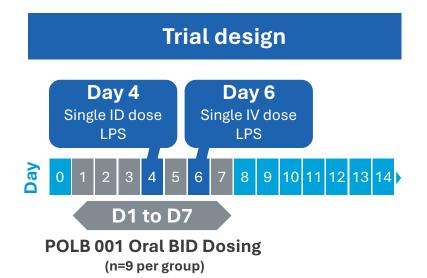
Significant Market Opportunity

- >\$10B market opportunity
- Potential for Orphan Drug Designation
- No approved therapy for CRS prevention

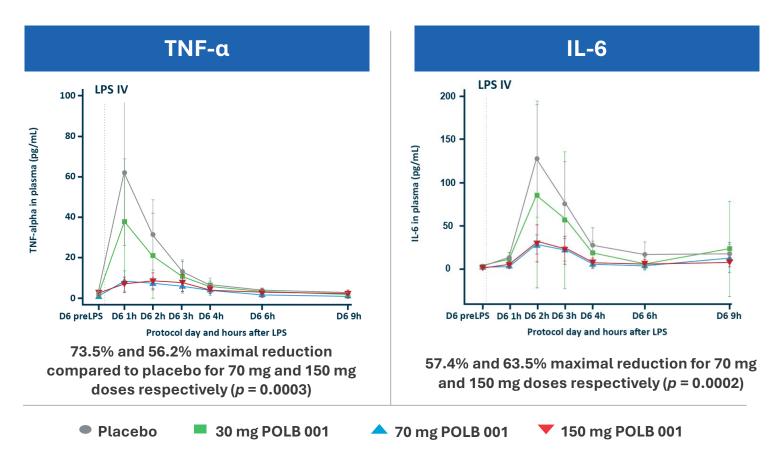
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LPS Human Challenge: Potent Inhibition of Excessive Inflammation

Supportive of potential of POLB 001 as a prophylactic for cancer immunotherapy-induced CRS



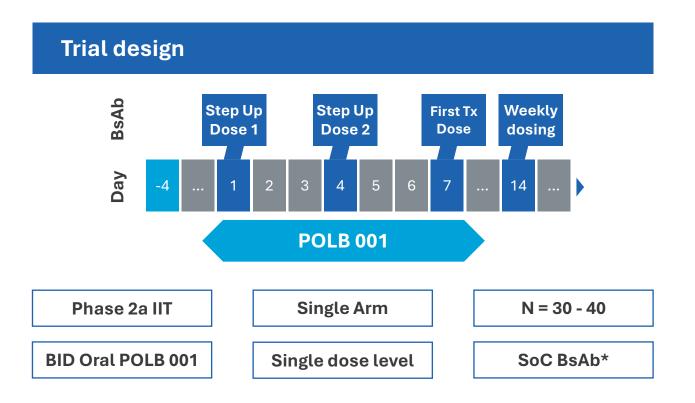
Potential to effectively prevent CRS while preserving key immune system functionality



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Planned POLB 001 Phase 2a Investigator Initiated Trial

Prevention of CRS in R/R Multiple Myeloma Patients Receiving Bispecific Ab



Key Objectives/Endpoints

Incidence of Grade 2+ CRS

Incidence of CRS all grades

Confirm safety and pharmacokinetics

Exploratory biomarker analysis

Expect FPD in Phase 2 trial H2 2025 with topline data expected in H2 2026

^{*}Clinical trial collaboration and supply agreements with a large pharma company expected for approved BsAb



HB-400 and HB-500



Aim to Develop Functional Cures for HBV and HIV

HB-400For the treatment of HBV

Alternating, two-vector non-replicating arenaviral HBV immunotherapy

High Potential candidate in Gilead's efforts to develop a curative regimen of treatments

Phase 1 enrollment completed

Primary completion expected H1 2025

Leveraging HOOKIPA's immunotherapy platform to induce robust and durable immunity

HB-500 For the treatment of HIV

Alternating, two-vector replicating arenaviral HIV immunotherapy

Ongoing Phase 1b study

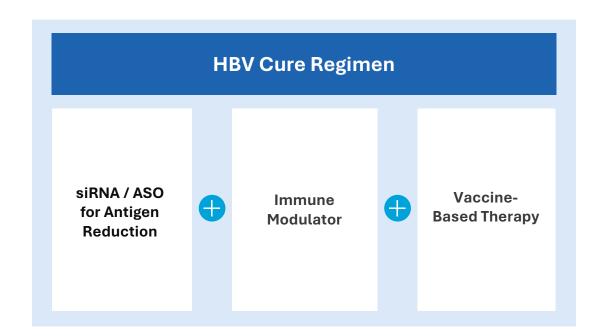
FPD July 1, 2024, with enrollment expected to complete by Jan 2025

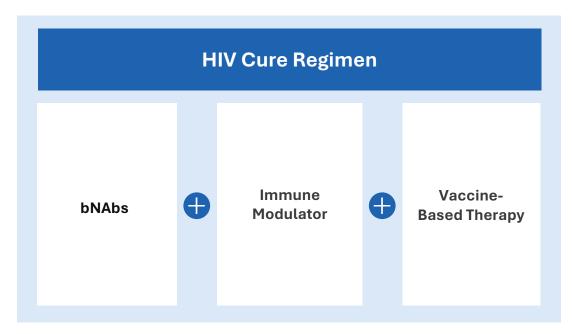
Primary completion expected H2 2025



HOOKIPA's Immunotherapies Are Prominently Featured in Gilead's Pipeline

Using combination strategies and novel mechanisms with the goal to drive viral suppression and durable immunity¹⁻⁴





HOOKIPA's immunotherapies have potential to build long-term immune responses



Partnership Offers Significant Revenue Potential

HB-400 for HBV

Gilead responsible for clinical development

Next potential milestone payment: start of Phase 2

HOOKIPA Responsibilities

- Vector design
- Manufacturing and supply of clinical material

Terms

- \$185M potential future development + commercialization milestones
- High-single digit to mid-teen % royalties
- All costs borne by Gilead, including HOOKIPA spend

HB-500 for HIV

Gilead retains exclusive option post Phase 1

HOOKIPA Responsibilities

- Vector design
- Conducting Phase 1b clinical trial

Terms

- \$232.5M potential future opt-in, development + commercial milestones
- Mid-single digit to low double-digit % royalties



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Additional Programs

Eseba-vec (HB-200), Oral GLP-1, Al Programs

Eseba-vec (HB-200) in Recurrent/Metastatic HPV16+ HNSCC

Strong scientific thesis with mature Phase 2 data and POC in combination with checkpoint inhibitors

Leading Phase 2 Data in HPV16+ R/M OPC CPS ≥ 20

- 52% response rate in CPS \geq 20, best among vaccine approaches²
- 16% complete response in CPS ≥ 20 HNSCC patients²
- Durable responses leading to progression free survival of 16.3 months²
- Favorable safety profile and well tolerated

Clearly Defined Registrational Path

- FDA-endorsed strategy for potential accelerated approval
- EMA PRIME designation received
- Robust clinical and preclinical data package

Large Addressable Market with Expansion Opportunities

- Initial opportunity: ~1,500-3,000 patients with 1L HPV16+ R/M OPC (CPS ≥ 20)¹
- Potential expansion across HPV16+ OPC continuum
- Other HPV16+ cancers (non-OPC HNSCC, anal, cervical, penile, vulvar, vaginal)
- Additional ~17,500-20,000 patient opportunity¹



Additional Pipeline Programs in Large Market Opportunities

GLP-1 Program – Oral GLP-1R agonist

Obesity and Diabetes Treatment

Phase 1 ready asset

Proprietary Delivery Technology

Potential to overcome oral delivery challenges of peptide-based biologicals¹

Proof-of-concept trial initiation expected H1 2025

Al Programs – Drug Discovery

RSV and Influenza

Preclinical assets

Al Platform Programs, Drug Discovery & Repurposing Opportunities²

Integrated proprietary multi-parametric clinical data to identify novel host response targets

A number of potential targets and clinical-stage repurposing candidates have been identified Discussions ongoing in respect to collaborations



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Combined Company and Financial Overview



Global Company with Strong Patents and Cash Runway

HOOK (NASDAQ)

Combined company expected to have operations in EU, UK & US

Robust patent portfolio covering:

- Platform patents
- Product-specific patents
- Oncology platform patents

Expected to be Debt Free with Cash Runway Through YE 2026*

Offering Size



Approximately \$30M+

Expected to Fund Key Catalysts

HB-700

Phase 1 interim data expected H1 2026

POLB 001

Phase 2a topline data expected H2 2026

HB-500

Phase 1b primary completion expected H2 2025



Clinical Milestones in High Interest Areas Over the Next 24 Months

Cash runway expected to be extended through YE2026* including HB-700, POLB 001 & HB-500 milestones

		2025	5	2026		2027	
Program	Indication	H1	H2	H1	H2	H1	H2
HB-700 ¹	KRAS Mutated Tumors	Phase FPI	1/2	Phase 1 interim data		Phase 1/2 full readout	
POLB 001 ¹	Immunotherapy- induced CRS		Phase 2 FPI		Phase 2 topline data		
HB-400 ²	HBV	Phase 1b primary completion					
HB-500 ³	HIV		Phase 1b primary completion				
Eseba-vec ¹	HPV16+ HNSCC		Final Phase 2 readout				
GLP-1 Program ¹	Oral GLP-1	POC tr FPI	rial	POC trial topline data			



Proposed Team with Proven Execution and Operational Leadership



Malte Peters, MD, PhD Chief Executive Officer



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Mark Winderlich, PhD
Chief Development Officer



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Cathal Friel Executive Chairman, Poolbeg Co-Founder









Ian O'Connell
Chief Financial Officer, Poolbeg Co-Founder









David Allmond Chief Business Officer









John McEvoy Chief Legal Officer







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Appendix



HOOKIPA-Poolbeg Merger Brings a New Management Team with a Track Record of Delivering Shareholder Returns



- World class rare and orphan focused biopharma co-founded and comprising of Poolbeg senior management team
- Listed 2016 c.\$50M and acquired in 2023 for \$1.48B
- Restructured and fixed underperforming assets, driving development & commercial success across multiple markets
- Made strategic choices to rapidly generate substantial value for shareholders, including:
 - Approval of Filsuvez for EB and market launch
 - 2. In-licensing of Lomitapide
 - 3. Acquisition of Aegerion Pharmaceuticals
 - 4. Acquisition of Chiasma Inc



- Poolbeg's co-founders Cathal Friel and Ian O'Connell took control of distressed hVIVO via a vehicle they cofounded called Open Orphan (later renamed hVIVO).
- Grew sales revenue from c.\$30M in 2019 to an expected c.\$77M for 2024, and market cap from c.\$15M to c.\$175M
- Restructured to refocus operations on core strengths and implement efficiencies to drive revenue growth
- Poolbeg Pharma spun-out of Open Orphan, bringing virology expertise



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- Mark Winderlich and Malte Peters coled development and approval strategy of tafasitamab in combination with lenalidomide in 2L+ DLBCL in US, EU, and other countries using real-world data
- Assembled an experienced development team, that successfully led 3 large Phase 3 studies in 1L DLBCL, 2L FL, 1L MF, leading to the acquisition of Morphosys by Incyte and Novartis
- Led felzartamab clinical development in oncology & AI, which was acquired by hBIO, later Biogen.



- Malte Peters was responsible for the development and approvals of a PI3K inhibitor, BRAF/MEK inhibitor, CDK4 inhibitor, c-MET inhibitor, and other molecules
- Introduced the concept of patient selection based on molecular profiles, leading to proof of concept and accelerated approvals from Phase 1 and 2 trials
- Led the clinical team at Sandoz, Novartis' generic division, to achieve approval of rituximab and Enbrel biosimilars



POLB 001: An Oral p38 MAPK Inhibitor That Selectively Targets Key Inflammatory Pathways Without Broad Immunosuppression

Phase 2 ready asset with a comprehensive pre-clinical and clinical data package

Favorable Safety and Tolerability Profile



97 subjects dosed during Phase I FIH and LPS Challenge studies



No SAEs or discontinuations due to AEs, all were of mild intensity



No clinically meaningful findings in clinical laboratory test results, vital signs or ECG



Favorable safety & tolerability profile

Designed to Prevent Immunotherapy-Induced CRS



Suitable for at-home dosing (used in LPS Challenge Study)



Hepatic metabolism and biliary excretion profile favorable for multiple myeloma and renally impaired populations



BID oral regimen designed to provide targeted protection during CRS risk period

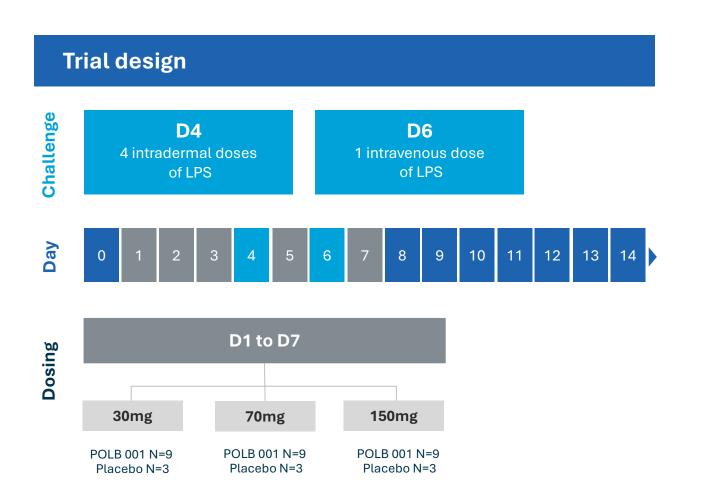


Half-life of 7-14 hours provides adequate exposure and avoids excessive exposure beyond periods of CRS risk



POLB 001: Benefit in Treatment of LPS-Induced Inflammation

Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, inflammatory challenge trial in healthy volunteers



Endpoints

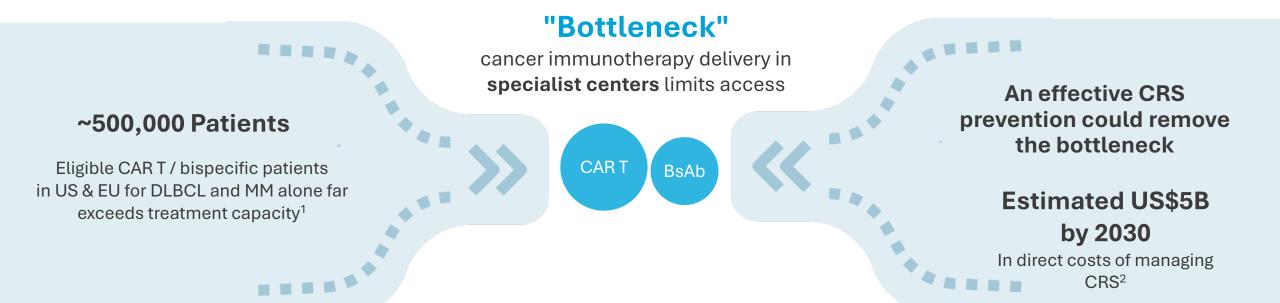
Intravenous LPS challenge

- Bloods (cytokines, vascular markers, CRP)
- Ex-vivo LPS response
- Safety & tolerability (inc. vital signs, AE's, ECG, Hematology)

Local inflammatory responses were also measured via intradermal LPS challenge on day 4

POLB 001 is Designed to Address a High Unmet Medical Need

Effective prevention of CRS by POLB 001 may enable broader access to cancer immunotherapies





Bispecific antibodies will only be delivered in specialist cancer centers until there is a way to make them safer. POLB 001 could make treatment safe enough to extend them to a much wider patient population.

Professor Gareth Morgan, US



The development of an oral CRS preventive therapy will mean no or shorter hospital stays.

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Eseba-vec: Synergistic Activity in Combination with Pembrolizumab

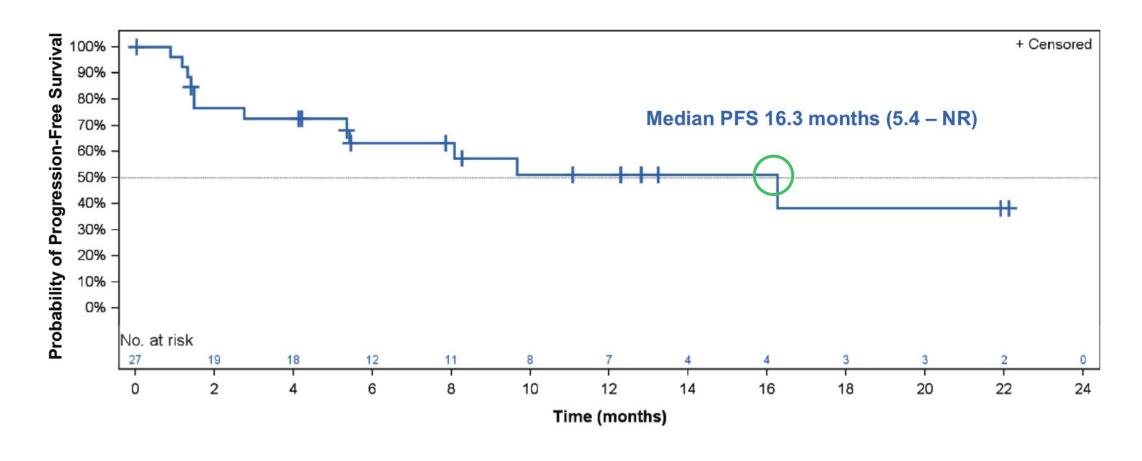
Eseba-vec (HB-200) is a next-generation immunotherapy targeting HPV+ cancers

	Eseba-vec monotherapy in 2L+ CPS ≥ 1 N = 27	Pembro monotherapy in 1L CPS ≥ 20 N = 133)	Eseba-vec+ Pembro in 1L CPS ≥ 20 N = 25 ¹
Overall Response Rate	4%	23%	52 %
Complete Response Rate	No CR	8%	16%
% Tumor Shrinkage	33%	Not reported	84%
Disease Control Rate	44%	53%	80%
Median Progression Free Survival	~3.0 mos	3.4 mos	16.3 mos



Eseba-vec Exhibits Promising Preliminary PFS

In 1L CPS ≥ 20 HPV+ R/M H&NSCC



Eseba-vec Has Broad Potential Across Multiple HPV16+ Cancers

Up to ~20,000 US patients and ~39,000 patients globally

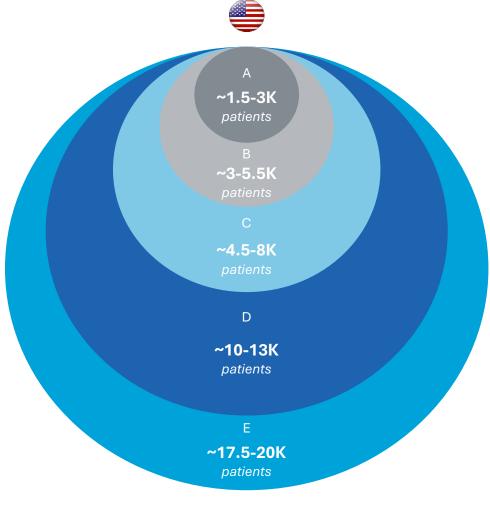
OPC Opportunities

- Immediate OPC Opportunity
 1L HPV16+, CPS >20 R/M OPC
- Expand to CPS 1-19
 1L HPV16+, CPS >1 R/M OPC
- Expand to Neoadjuvant/Adjuvant & 2L+
 HPV16+ OPC

Beyond OPC

- Expand to Recurrent/Metastatic Non-OPC
 HPV16+ HNSCC
- Additional 2L+ Anogenital Opportunity
 HPV16+ Solid Tumors





Cumulative Patient Numbers



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