

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**Current Report Pursuant to
Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): January 8, 2024

Mural Oncology plc
(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Ireland
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-41837
(Commission File Number)

98-1748617
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

10 Earlsfort Terrace
Dublin 2, D02 T380, Ireland
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Not Applicable

(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: +353-1-905-8020

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 (see General Instructions A.2. below):

- 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
Ordinary Shares, nominal value \$0.01

Trading Symbol(s)
MURA

Name of each exchange on which registered
The Nasdaq Global Market

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 January 8, 2024, Mural Oncology plc (the “Company”) made available an updated corporate presentation, which can be accessed on the Investor Relations page of the Company’s website at <https://ir.muraloncology.com/events-and-presentations>. The information contained in, or that can be accessed through, the Company’s website is not a part of this filing. A copy of the corporate presentation is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, is being furnished 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 into any filing by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Mural Oncology plc Corporate Presentation, dated January 2024.
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.

Mural Oncology plc

Dated: January 8, 2024

By: /s/ Adam Cutler
Name: Adam Cutler
Title: Chief Financial Officer

INVESTOR PRESENTATION

January 2024



Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements set forth in this presentation constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended. The words “anticipate,” “believe,” “expect,” “may,” “will” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements made in this presentation include, but are not limited to, statements concerning: the protein engineering capabilities of Mural Oncology plc (the “Company”); the potential therapeutic and commercial value, and anticipated safety profile, of the Company’s engineered cytokine programs and product candidates, including nemvaleukin alfa (“nemvaleukin”) as a cancer immunotherapy when used as monotherapy or in combination, and its broad potential utility across a wide array of tumor types and indications and its potential dosing optionality; the Company’s expectations regarding timelines and plans for the development of its engineered cytokines, including, for nemvaleukin, expectations related to ongoing clinical studies in the ARTISTRY development program, the ability of ongoing studies to support potential registration, and potential for expansion of the development program, including to explore novel combinations with other cancer treatments; and the sufficiency of the Company’s existing cash resources for the period anticipated. You are cautioned that forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain. Although the Company believes that such statements are based on reasonable assumptions within the bounds of its knowledge of its business and operations, the forward-looking statements are neither promises nor guarantees and they are necessarily subject to a high degree of uncertainty and risk. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements due to various risks, assumptions and uncertainties. These risks, assumptions and uncertainties include, among others: the inherent risks and uncertainties associated with competitive developments, preclinical development, clinical trials, recruitment of patients, product development activities and regulatory approval requirements; preclinical or interim results and data from ongoing clinical studies of the Company’s cytokine programs and product candidates may not be predictive of future or final results from such studies, results of future clinical studies or real-world results; future clinical trials or future stages of ongoing clinical trials may not be initiated or completed on time or at all; the Company’s product candidates, including nemvaleukin, could be shown to be unsafe or ineffective; changes in the cost, scope and duration of development activities; the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) may make adverse decisions regarding the Company’s product candidates; the separation may adversely impact the Company’s ability to attract or retain key personnel that support the Company’s oncology business; and those risks, assumptions and uncertainties described under the heading “Risk Factors” in the Company’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), including its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2023, and in subsequent filings the Company may make with the SEC, which are available on the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov. Existing and prospective investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. Except as required by law, the Company disclaims any intention or responsibility for updating or revising any forward-looking statements contained in this presentation.

SECTION 1:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Mural Oncology - Building a Novel Engineered Cytokine Company

**Mural
Oncology**

1

Mural Oncology is a new, independent publicly traded company with \$275M in cash¹, providing runway into 4Q 2025. Highly experienced senior leadership team with deep immuno-oncology experience

2

Portfolio of novel, investigational cytokines engineered to optimize the “known knowns” of native interleukins (IL) – retain their high potency while potentially overcoming their low tolerability

3

Nemvaleukin is an intrinsically active, stable fusion protein which does not degrade into native-IL-2 and is designed to selectively bind to the intermediate-affinity IL-2 receptor, enabling a potentially enhanced therapeutic window

4

Nemvaleukin has generated compelling clinical data to date, with durable responses² in monotherapy and in PD-1 combination across a range of tumor types. ARTISTRY-6 and ARTISTRY-7 readouts both expected in 1H 2025³

5

IL-18 and IL-12 programs in development with potentially differentiated therapeutic properties and leveraging advanced protein engineering capabilities. Candidate nominations expected in 2024

1. Cash balance as of Nov 15, 2023

2. Durable response defined as a response with a duration that exceeds the response generally observed with standard of care treatment; in the context of high unmet disease states such as mucosal melanoma and platinum-resistant ovarian cancer (“PROC”), a response that exceeds six months is considered durable

3. Subject to patient enrollment

4. Abbrev.: IL-2: interleukin-2; IL-12: interleukin-12; IL-18: interleukin-18

Industry Leading Management Team and Board of Directors

Executive Team



Caroline Loew, Ph.D.
CEO



Adam Cutler
CFO



Vicki Goodman, M.D.
CMO



Maiken Keson-Brookes
CLO



Board of Directors



Susan Altschuller, Ph.D., MBA



Francis Cuss, M.B., B.Chir., FRCP



Benjamin Hickey, MBA



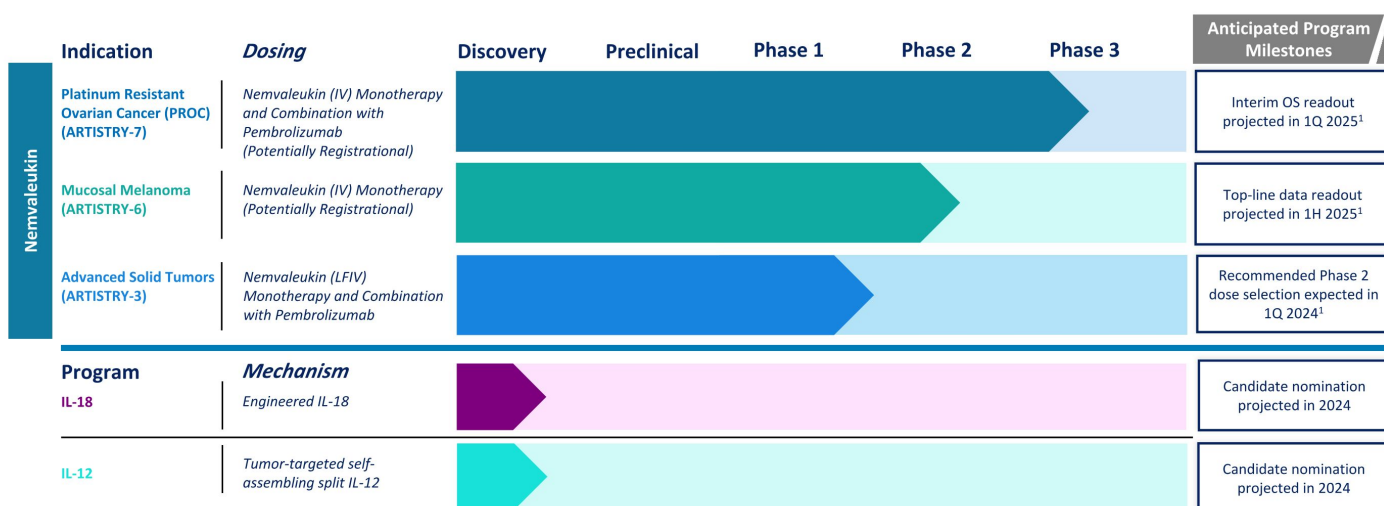
Scott Jackson, MBA - Chairman



Caroline Loew, Ph.D.



Pipeline Overview – Near-Term Milestones



1. Subject to patient enrollment

6 Abbrev.: IV: intravenous; LFIV: less frequent IV dosing

Mural's Novel Approach to Cytokine Design Seeks to Elevate Immunotherapy Treatment for Cancer Patients

Immunotherapy (IO) has transformed oncology over the last few decades and continues to generate staggering sales



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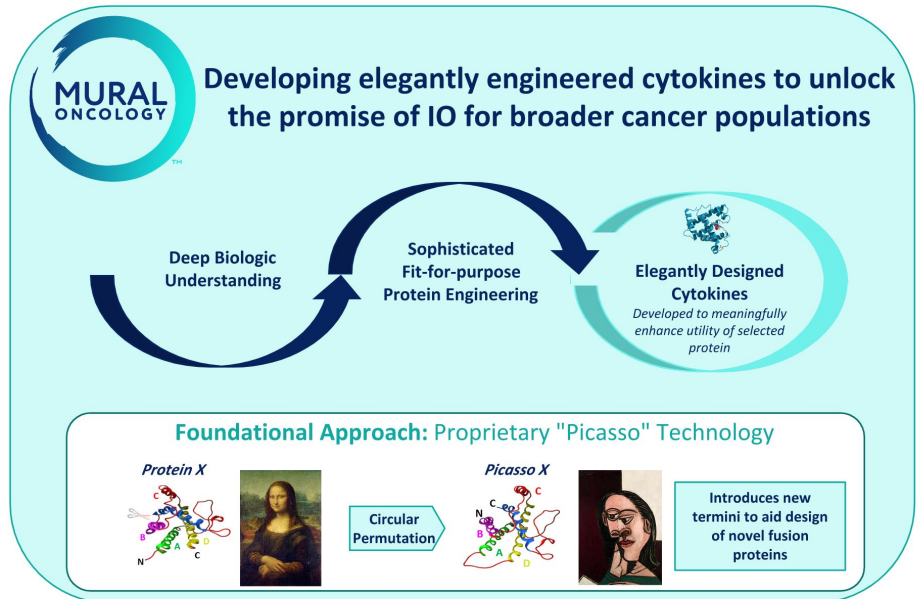
Projected by 2027¹

Despite the progress of IO treatment, most patients fail to benefit from current treatments

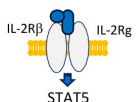
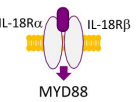
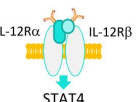


- Minority of patients respond to anti-PD-(L)1 therapy
- Responders often experience disease progression

Extracted from Lei Q, et al. Front. Cell Dev. Biol. 2020;8:00672
1. GlobalData Thematic Research: Immuno-Oncology



Mural's Core Competency: Fit-For-Purpose Engineered Cytokines

Program	Technical challenge	Protein engineering solution
<p>Nemvaleukin¹ (IL-2 fusion protein)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systemic toxicities due to preferential binding to immunosuppressive high-affinity IL-2R 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fusion of circularly permuted IL-2 with IL-2Rα subunit resulting in only activating immunostimulatory intermediate-affinity IL-2R
<p>Engineered IL-18</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited clinical efficacy due to IL-18BP tightly binding to IL-18, neutralizing IL-18 receptor activation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engineered IL-18 designed with a half-life extension and resistant to IL-18BP neutralization, while retaining native IL-18 activity
<p>Tumor-targeted split IL-12</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical utility limited by severe toxicities at efficacious doses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate inactive tumor-targeted IL-12 subunits that preferentially assemble and activate in the tumor

1. Intrinsically active stable, not degraded fusion protein, sterically occluded from binding to the high-affinity IL-2R

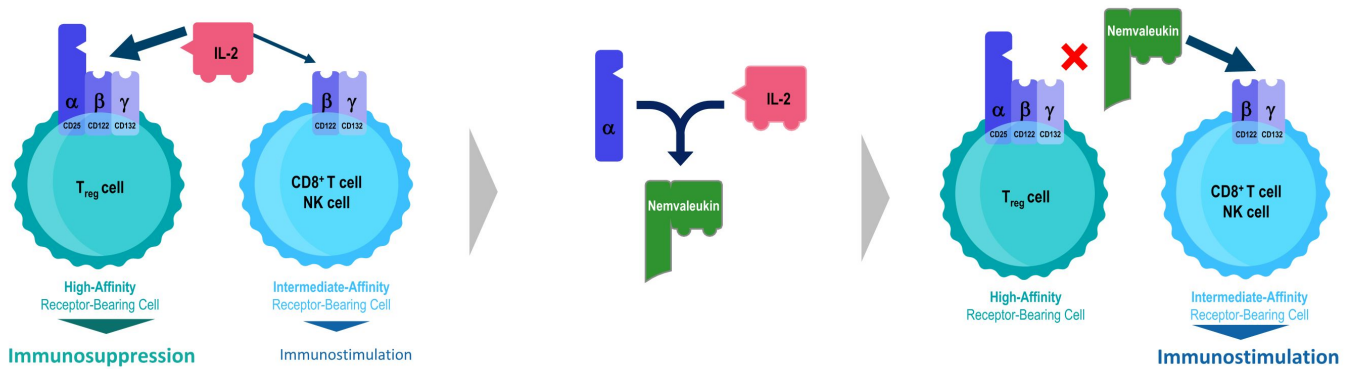
Abbrev.: T_{reg}: regulatory T cells; rhIL: recombinant human IL; IL-2R: IL-2 receptor; IL-2Rα: IL-2R alpha, IL-18BP: IL-18 binding protein

SECTION 2:

NEMVALEUKIN ALFA



Nemvaleukin is Meaningfully Differentiated from Native IL-2



Native IL-2

- Preferential binding to high-affinity IL-2R
- Immunosuppressive activity outweighs immunostimulant activity

Source: Lopes J, et al. *J Immunother Cancer*. 2020;8:e000673.

Our Design Objective

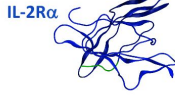
Fuse IL-2 to α subunit to block activation of high-affinity IL-2R

Nemvaleukin

- Sterically occluded from binding to the high-affinity IL-2R
- Activity focused on immunostimulation

Nemvaleukin Design Detail

Rigorous Selection of α Subunit for Fusion to IL-2



- Directly blocks α component of high affinity IL-2R
- Native component of IL-2 receptor immune system

- ✓ Sterically occluded from high-affinity IL-2R
- ✓ Minimizes immunogenicity risk

Application of PICASSO™ Technology



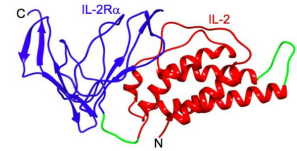
Circular permutation & fusion to α subunit

- **Minimal alteration to IL-2 sequence**
 - Allows appropriate placement of α subunit
- **Maintains IL-2 structure**
 - Preserves conformation and activity at intermediate affinity IL-2R

- ✓ Results in stable fusion protein

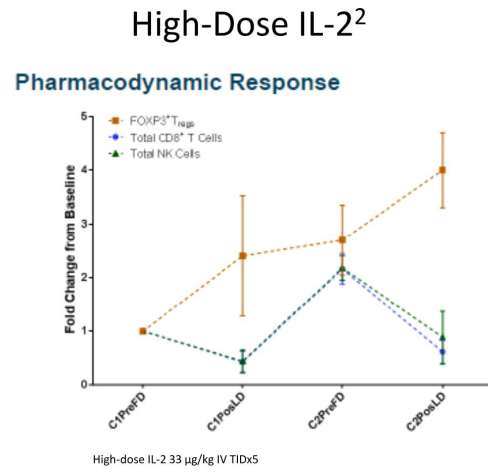
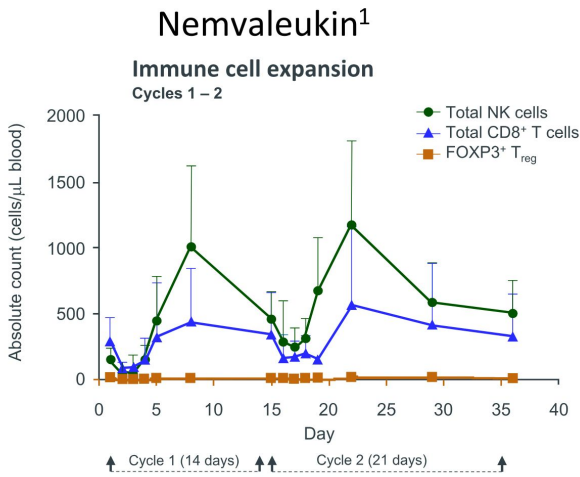
Nemvaleukin

Elegantly-designed fusion protein harnessing IL-2 immunostimulant biology



- ✓ Intrinsically active
- ✓ No metabolic or proteolytic conversion

Clinical Pharmacodynamic Effects of Nemvaleukin: More NK Cells and Fewer T_{regs} than High-Dose IL-2^{1,2}



Nemvaleukin: CD8 T and NK cells preferentially activated while T_{regs} remained suppressed

12 Nemvaleukin data are from the 6 μg/kg cohort in Part A of ARTISTRY-1. For fold change plots, data are mean + SE (N=10). For time course plot, data are mean + SD (N=12). 1. Vaishampayan et al. Oral Abstract 2500 presented at ASCO 2022. 2. Bhatt et al. Poster P123 presented at SITC 2018. HD, high-dose; IL-2, interleukin-2; IV, intravenous; NK, natural killer; SD, standard deviation; SE, standard error; TID, 3 times daily; Treg, regulatory T cell

Nemvaleukin: Potential First-in-Class, Differentiated Immunotherapy



Design

Nemvaleukin Characteristics

Significance

Designed to include IL-2R α and minimize non-native sequences

- Potentially reduced immunogenicity and more native-like-IL-2 signaling potential

Does not require activation by tumor intrinsic factors

- Immediately active upon delivery

Limited binding to high affinity IL-2R

- Potentially enhances therapeutic window



PK/PD

Observed expansion of CD8/NK cells with minimal effect on regulatory T cells in humans

- Potentially greater therapeutic window and reduced immune suppression

Observed monotherapy responses in multiple tumor types

- Validation of our design and approach



Clinical

Demonstrated clinical activity post-CPI progression and in CPI-unapproved tumor types

- Clinical activity in patients who no longer respond to CPI therapies

Product candidate is in Phase 2/3, potentially registrational, trials

- Potentially first IL-2 variant to market

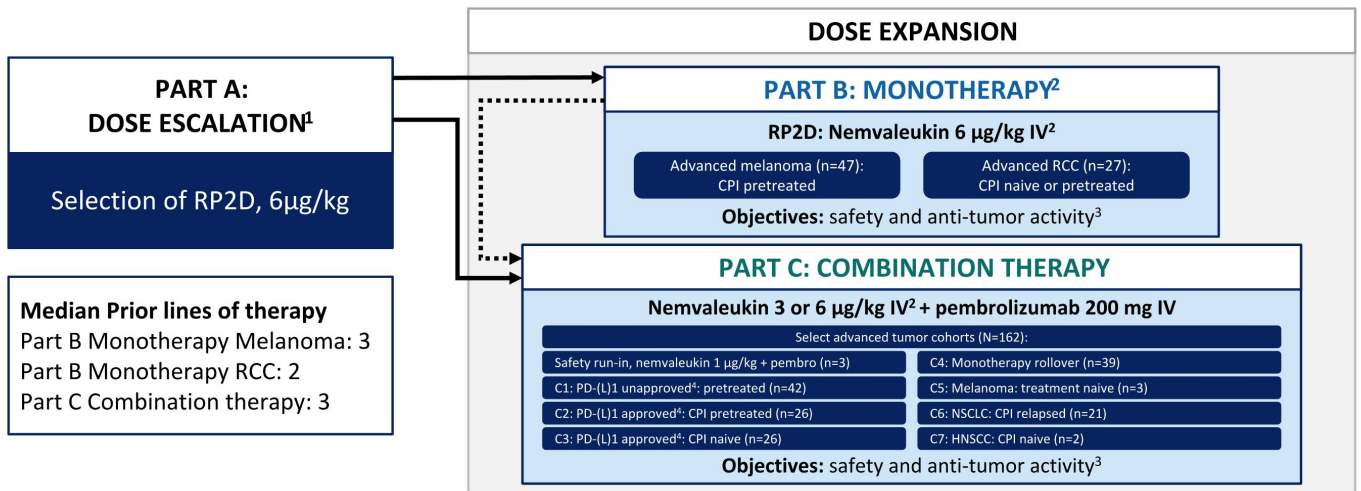
Nemvaleukin: Deliberate and Focused Development Program

Type of Clinical Trial	Trial Name / Phase	Tumor Types	Dosing	Mono or Combo? Status
Foundational	ARTISTRY-1 Phase 1/2	Advanced solid tumors	Daily IVx5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multiple responses in mono and combo - Trial complete
Potentially Registrational Enabling	ARTISTRY-6* Phase 2	Mucosal melanoma	Daily IVx5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monotherapy - Enrollment ongoing
	ARTISTRY-7 Phase 3	Platinum-resistant ovarian cancer	Daily IVx5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pembro combo - Enrollment ongoing
Alternative Dosing	ARTISTRY-2 Phase 1/2	Advanced solid tumors	SC Q1W	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Combo with pembro - Data maturing
	ARTISTRY-3 Phase 1/2	Select advanced solid tumors	Less frequent IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monotherapy - RP2D expected 1Q 2024

* Cohort 2 of Artistry-6 is registrational enabling and explores daily IVx5 dosing in mucosal melanoma. Cohort 1 and Cohort 3 explore SC Q1W and less frequent IV dosing, respectively, in cutaneous melanoma.

ARTISTRY-1: First-In-Human Trial of IV Nemvaleukin

Global, Multicenter, Open-Label Phase 1/2 Trial



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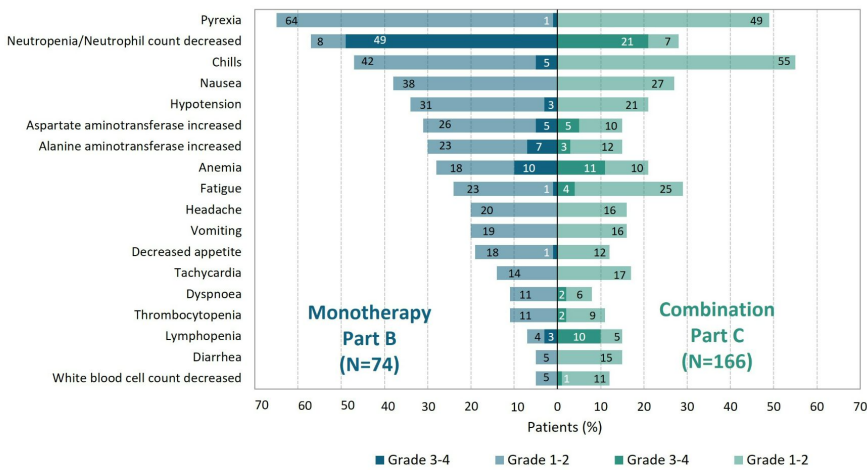
1. Patients from Parts A and B could roll over to Part C upon progression or stable disease (after ≥ 4 cycles) on monotherapy

2. Nemvaleukin daily Q5D, then off treatment for 9 days (cycle 1) or 16 days (cycle 2+)

3. ORR assessed by investigator (RECIST v1.1)

4. Nemvaleukin 3 µg/kg/d in C1-C4, 6 µg/kg/d in C5-C7. PD-(L)1 approved/unapproved indication based on FDA prescribing information and may have changed over time

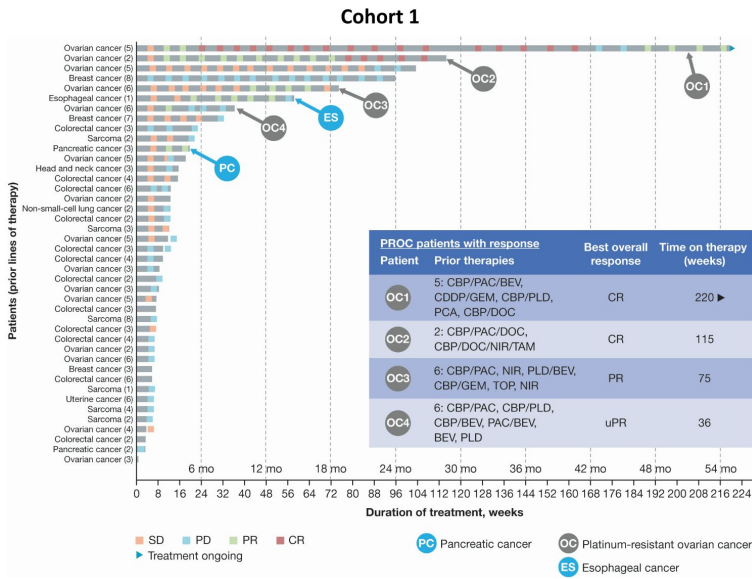
Nemvaleukin's Adverse Event Profile in ARTISTRY-1 Was Consistent with Our Expectations Based on its Mechanism of Action



- Administered on outpatient basis; most frequent AEs were manageable with supportive care
- AE profile consistent with nemvaleukin mechanism of action
- Monotherapy safety profile was similar to combination, with no additive toxicity
- Most frequently observed grade 3-4 TRAE: neutropenia¹
 - Median duration 4 days; not associated with risk of serious infections or febrile neutropenia
- TRAEs leading to discontinuation: 4% (monotherapy)², 4% (combination)³

1. Includes neutropenia and neutrophil count decreased
 2. TRAEs leading to discontinuation in monotherapy were Gr3 failure to thrive, Gr3 bronchospasm, Gr2 ECG T wave abnormal, and Gr1 cardiac troponin increase
 3. TRAEs leading to discontinuation in combination were Gr5 starvation, Gr3 arthralgia, Gr3 fatigue, Gr3 pneumonia, and Gr2 cytokine release syndrome
 Part C includes patients who received nemvaleukin at 1, 3, or 6 µg/kg IV in combination with pembrolizumab 200 mg IV. Data as of Mar 27, 2023

ARTISTRY-1: Nemvaleukin Combination Treatment with Pembrolizumab Demonstrated Durable Responses



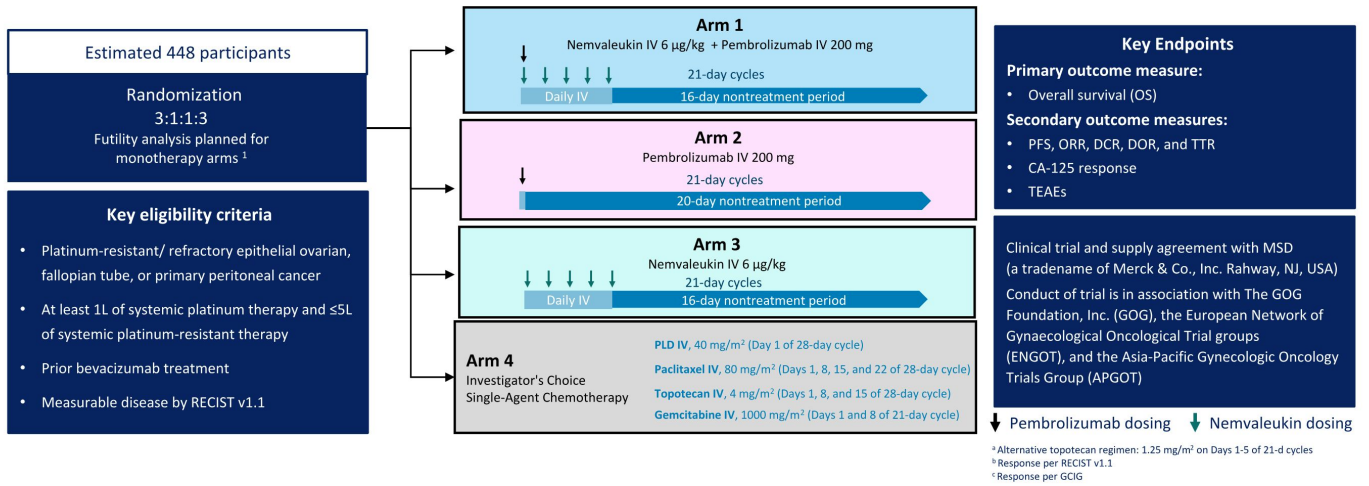
Best overall response n (%)	PROC (n=14)
CR	2 (14.3%)
PR	2 (14.3)*
SD	6 (42.9)
PD	2 (33.3)
ORR, n (%)	4 (28.6)*
DCR, n (%)	10 (71.4)*
Median DOR in weeks	65.5

* Includes 1 confirmed PR, 1 unconfirmed PR

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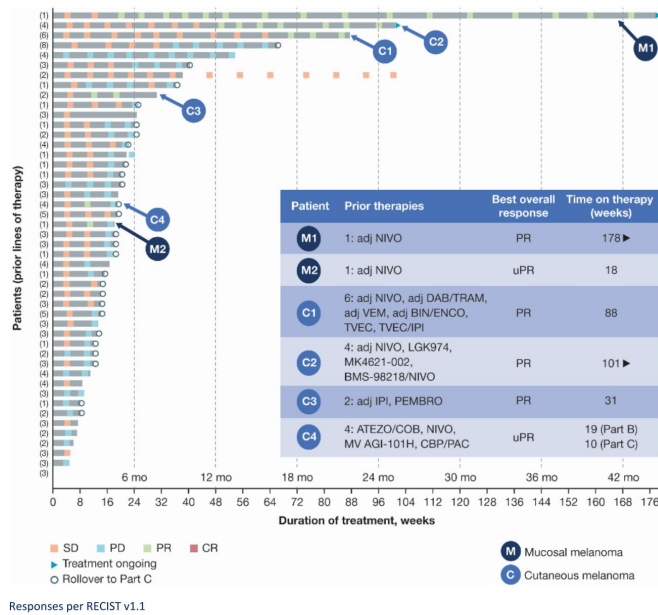
ARTISTRY-7: Phase 3 / Potentially Registrational Study for Platinum-Resistant Ovarian Cancer

Investigational Nemvaleukin IV ± Pembrolizumab Versus Pembrolizumab Monotherapy or Chemotherapy



1. Herzog T et al. Poster presented at the Society for Gynecologic Cancers Annual Meeting (SGO), Phoenix, AZ, March 18-21, 2022

ARTISTRY-1: Nenvvaleukin Demonstrated Durable Monotherapy Responses in Melanoma (Part B)



	All ^{a,b} (n=46)	Mucosal (n=6)
Best overall response, n (%)		
CR	0	0
PR	6 (13.0) ^c	2 (33.3) ^d
SD	30 (65.2)	2 (33.3)
PD	10 (21.7)	2 (33.3)
ORR, n (%) [95% CI]	6 (13.0) [4.9-26.3] ^c	2 (33.3) [4.3-77.8] ^d
DCR, n (%) [95% CI]	36 (78.3) [63.6-89.1] ^c	4 (66.7) [22.3-95.7] ^d
DOR in weeks ^d , Mean (SD) Median (range)	40.77 (55.6) ^c 16.75 (6.1-150.3)	78.2 (101.9) ^d 78.2 (6.1-150.3)

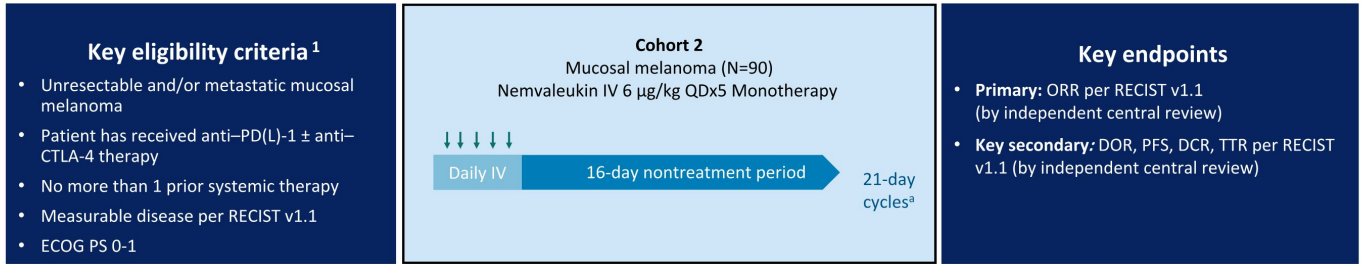
^aExcludes 1 patient who did not meet tumor-evaluable criteria. ^bPatients with mucosal, cutaneous, uveal, acral included in 'All'. ^cIncludes 4 confirmed PRs, 2 unconfirmed PRs, ^d1 confirmed PR. ^eDOR for Part B only and does not include patients who rolled over to Part C; some patients may still be on treatment

- All responders had been on prior CPI therapy and progressed
- FDA Orphan Drug and Fast Track designations, as well as MHRA's ILAP Innovation Passport, granted in mucosal melanoma
- Data supported design of ARTISTRY-6 study

Responses per RECIST v1.1

Data cut off Mar 27, 2023

Cohort 2 of ARTISTRY-6: Phase 2 / Potentially Registrational Trial of Nemvaleukin in Mucosal Melanoma



^a With the exception of Cycle 1, which is 14 days (daily IV for 5 days + 9 days nontreatment), all cycles were 21 days^a
↓ Nemvaleukin dosing

- ARTISTRY-6 also includes Cohorts 1 and 3, which are designed to explore alternative dosing regimens of nemvaleukin in cutaneous melanoma

1. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/NCT04830124>

Focused on Initial, Potentially Registrational Indications with Compelling Expansion Opportunities



Initial Development
Two indications with unmet need



Platinum-Resistant Ovarian Cancer
13K Patients^{1,2}

- FDA Fast Track Designation
- In combination with pembrolizumab
- Potential to provide an immunotherapy option to an indication where CPIs have failed



Mucosal Melanoma
2K Patients¹

- FDA Fast Track and Orphan Drug Designation
- Opportunity to further establish monotherapy efficacy in a larger patient cohort
- Potential to be first approval specific to mucosal melanoma



Planned Expansion Into Broader Cancer Indications
Evolution of a proven cytokine provides opportunity to expand utility

Earlier Lines of Therapy in Ovarian and Cutaneous Melanoma

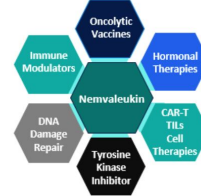
40K+

First line patients in each indication¹

Multiple complete and partial responses

Observed in both cutaneous melanoma and ovarian cancer in combination with an anti-PD-(L)1 therapy

Other Mechanistic Combinations



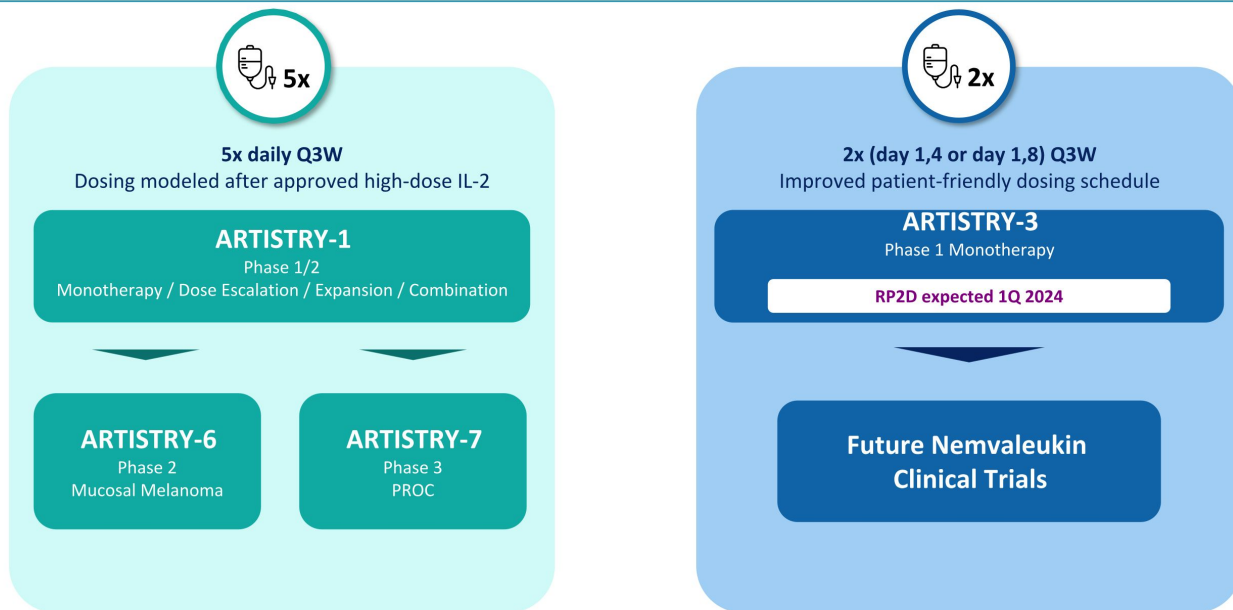
Scientific rationale for many combinations to advance cancer treatment across a range of tumor types



Apply design and development approach to advance additional immunotherapy applications

1. Clarivate Epidemiology; Estimated number of patients in the U.S. and Europe
2. Represents 3rd line PROC patients

Exploration of Alternative Dose Administration and Schedule Underway to Further Optimize Nemvaleukin Profile



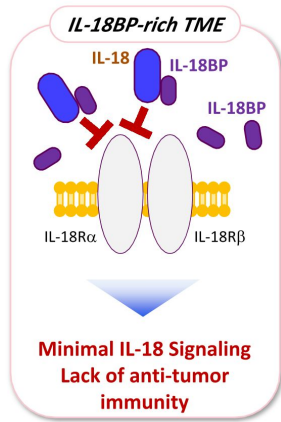
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ADDITIONAL PIPELINE PROGRAMS



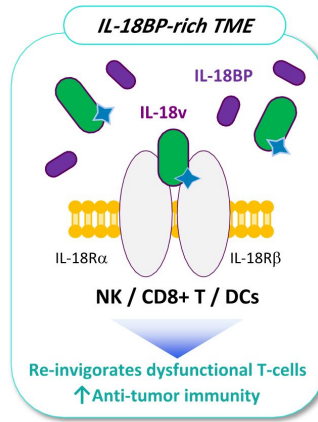
IL-18 Engineering: Resist IL-18BP Checkpoint to Unleash the Therapeutic Potential of IL-18

Challenge to IL-18



Internal expertise in protein engineering

Mural Solution: Engineer IL-18 variants resistant to IL-18BP

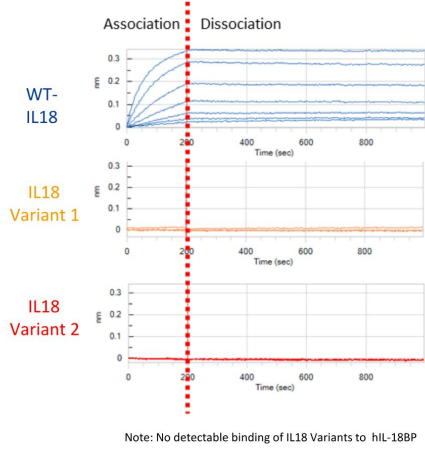


Design Approach via Mutation(s):

- 1 Resist IL-18 neutralization by immune checkpoint IL-18BP
- 2 Retain and optimize IL-18 activity
- 3 Increase exposure via half-life extension

Preclinical Studies Demonstrated Improved Potency with Maximal Resistance to IL-18BP Inhibition

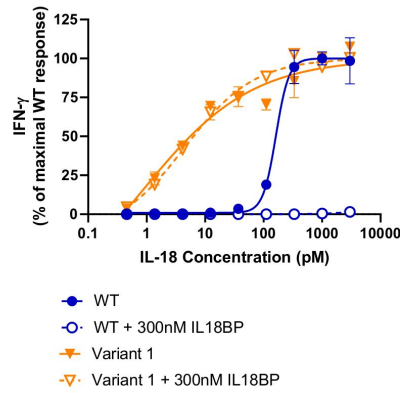
No Detectable Binding of Variants to IL-18BP



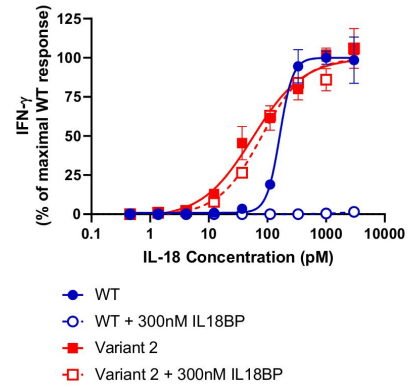
*Mural internal data

Variants with Broad Range of Potency vs WT IL-18 with Resistance to IL-18BP Suppression

Maximal Resistance with Potency Stronger than WT

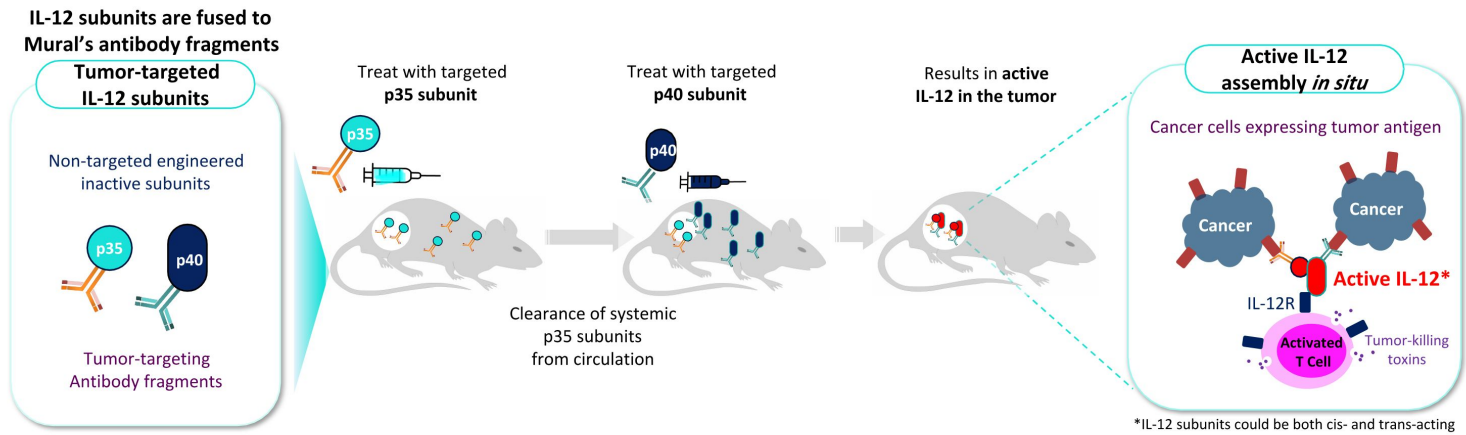


Maximal Resistance with Potency Similar to WT



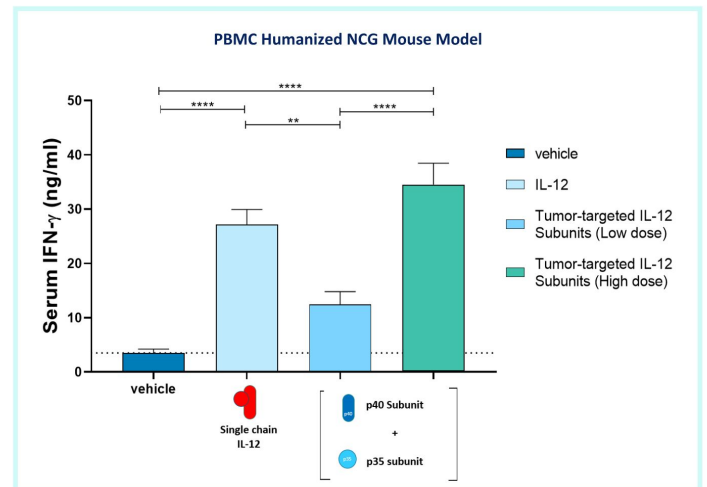
IL-12 Engineering: Tumor Site-Specific Assembly of Functional IL-12 Designed to Limit Systemic IL-12 Exposure

Assemble functional IL-12 in the tumor with goals of avoiding toxicity associated with systemic exposure and maximizing the IL-12 therapeutic window



Preclinical Studies Provide Proof of Mechanism with a Clear Pharmacodynamic Response

- In general, IL-12 anti-tumor activity observed in preclinical studies has been driven by activation of innate and adaptive immune compartments and production of IFN- γ ^{1,2}
- Clinical utility has been limited by severe toxicities from systemic exposure leading to a narrow therapeutic index^{1,2,3}
- Mural's sequential administration of tumor-targeted IL-12 subunits resulted in a dose-dependent increase in serum IFN- γ levels



1. Nguyen KG et. al. Cancer Immunotherapy. Front. Immunol. October 15 2020 11:575597
 2. Vecchio MD et. al. Clin Cancer Res August 15 2007 (13) (16) 4677-4685
 3. Strauss J et. al. Clin Cancer Res January 1 2019 (25) (1) 99-109
- Source: Company internal data on file

Mural Oncology - Building a Novel Engineered Cytokine Company

Mural Oncology

1

Mural Oncology is a new, independent publicly traded company with \$275M in cash¹, providing runway into 4Q 2025. Highly experienced senior leadership team with deep immuno-oncology experience

2

Portfolio of novel, investigational cytokines engineered to optimize the “known knowns” of native interleukins – retain their high potency while potentially overcoming their low tolerability

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Nemvaleukin is an intrinsically active, stable fusion protein which does not degrade into native-IL-2 and is designed to selectively bind to the intermediate-affinity IL-2 receptor, enabling a potentially enhanced therapeutic window

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Nemvaleukin has generated compelling clinical data to date, with durable responses² in monotherapy and in PD-1 combination across a range of tumor types. ARTISTRY-6 and ARTISTRY-7 readouts both expected in 1H 2025³

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IL-18 and IL-12 programs in development with potentially differentiated therapeutic properties and leveraging advanced protein engineering capabilities. Candidate nominations expected in 2024

1. Cash balance as of Nov 15, 2023

2. Durable response defined as a response with a duration that exceeds the response generally observed with standard of care treatment; in the context of high unmet disease states such as mucosal melanoma and platinum-resistant ovarian cancer (“PROC”), a response that exceeds six months is considered durable

3. Subject to patient enrollment

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