

# Translating New Immune Pathways into Meaningful Medicines

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# **Accelerating Value Creation from Novel Biology**

## **Platform of New Biology:**

Discovery pipeline of novel therapeutic candidates based on proprietary knowledge of extracellular functions of tRNA synthetases (~300 protein compositions patented)

#### **Lead Product Candidate: ATYR1923**

Engineered, long acting, protein therapeutic, derived from the HARS gene, for the treatment of pulmonary sarcoidosis and other interstitial lung diseases

\$2-3b<sup>(1)</sup> global opportunity

#### **Financials:**

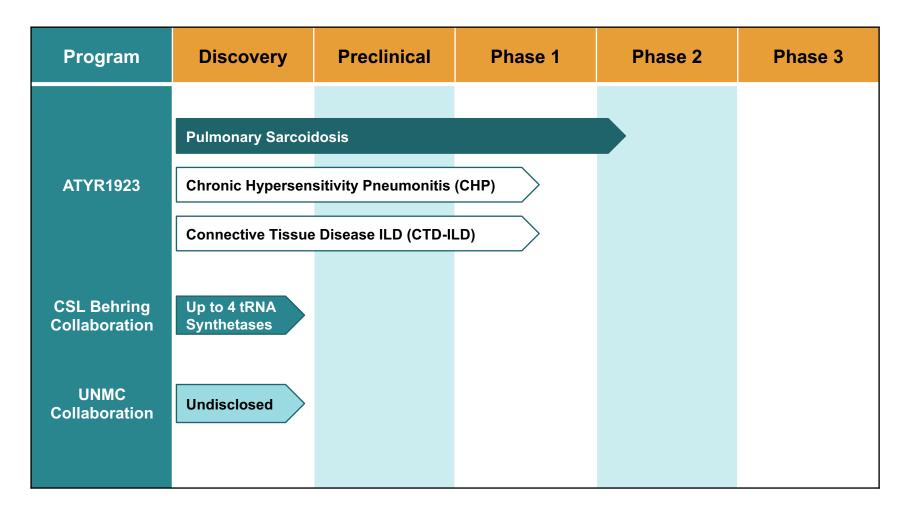
Cash, cash equivalents and investments at \$56.0m as of 9/30/2018

#### **Clinical Milestones:**

- ✓ Initiated P1b/2a Trial 4Q 2018
  - ☐ Interim Results 4Q 2019
  - ☐ Final Results mid-2020<sup>(2)</sup>

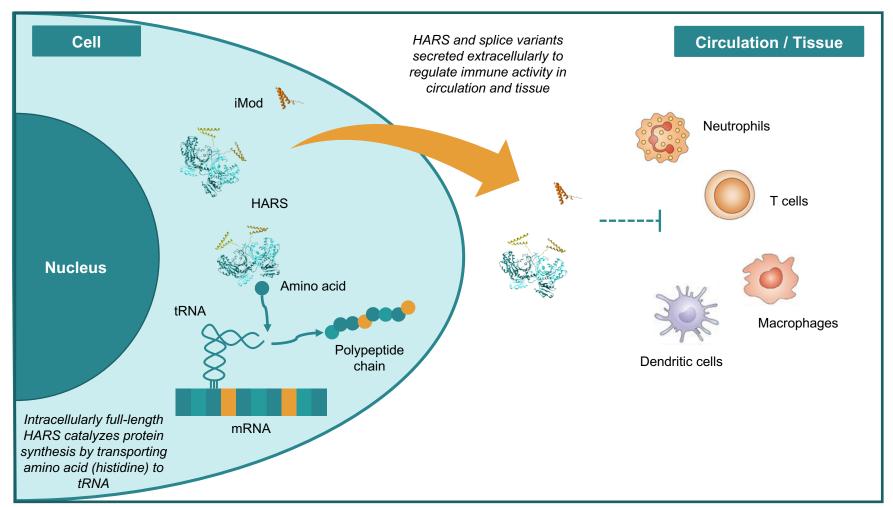


# **Development Pipeline**





# Novel tRNA Synthetase Domains Secreted Extracellularly with Non-Catalytic Functions

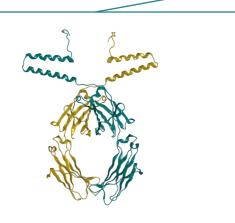




# Extracellular tRNA Synthetase Biology Associated with Disease in Multiple Tissues

#### tRNA Synthetase Gene Families

## aTyr's current R&D focus



Drug: ATYR1923

**Function**: Immuno-modulatory **Disease**: Interstitial Lung Disease

AARS	HARS	RARS
CARS	IARS	SARS
DARS	KARS	TARS
EPRS	LARS	VARS
FARS	MARS	WARS
FARSB	NARS	YARS
GARS	QARS	

aTyr patents cover >300 protein compositions

#### Pipeline opportunities

#### Known disease connections:

- Cancer
- Autoimmune disease
- Liver disorders
- Inflammatory disorders
- Neurological disorders
- · Mitochondrial disorders

#### **CSL Behring Collaboration**:

 Potential new drug candidates from up to 4 tRNA synthetase families



# Interstitial Lung Diseases Share Persistent Immune Engagement

Fibrosis
Inflammation

**Pulmonary Sarcoidosis** 

**Chronic Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis (CHP)** 

Connective Tissue Disease – ILD (CTD-ILD)

Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF)



## **High Unmet Need in Interstitial Lung Disease**

#### **Pulmonary Sarcoidosis**

- Systemic inflammatory disorder characterized by non-caseating granulomas (CD4+ T cell driven)
- US prevalence: ~200k
- ~30% of patients have chronic progressive disease, unresponsive to steroid treatment
- Current SOC: steroids cytotoxic agents TNF inhibitors (as disease progresses)

# Chronic Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis (CHP)

- Exaggerated immune response to environmental antigen
- US prevalence: ~60k
- 5-year mortality: ~20%
- No effective therapeutic options

## Connective Tissue Disease-ILD (CTD-ILD)

- Common manifestation in CTD: Clinically relevant ILD in 10% of Rheumatoid Arthritis and >50% of Scleroderma patients
- US prevalence: ~150k
- 5-year mortality: ~20%
- Current SOC: Mycophenolate mofetil or cyclophosphamide for Ssc-ILD; no SOC for RA-ILD

#### **Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF)**

- Irreversible, progressive fibrotic disease of unknown cause
- US prevalence: ~135k
- 5-year mortality: 60-80%
- Current SOC: Nintedanib or pirfenidone (>\$2b combined 2017 sales)



# Pre-Clinical Translational Estate Supports Clinical Development in ILD

# Bleomycin-Induced Lung Injury (Mouse)

- ATYR1923 vs. pirfenidone<sup>(1)</sup>
- ATYR1923 reduced fibrosis and inflammation
- Presented at ATS, May 2017

# Bleomycin-Induced Lung Injury (Rat)

- ATYR1923 vs. nintedanib<sup>(2)</sup>
- ATYR1923 returned lung function to normal and reduced fibrosis and inflammation
- Presented at ATS, May 2018

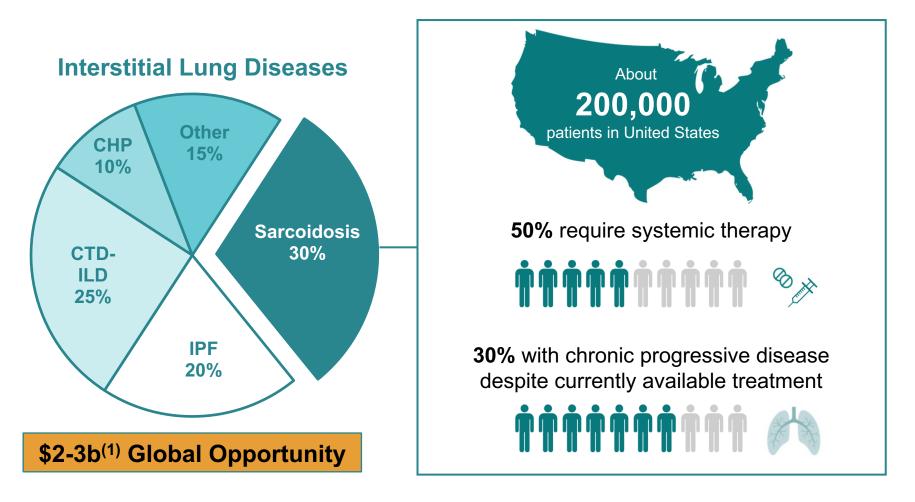
## Sclerodermatous chronicgraft vs host disease (Mouse)

- ATYR1923 vs. nintedanib<sup>(2)</sup>
- ATYR1923 reduced lung and skin fibrosis
- Presented at Scleroderma Foundation Patient Conference, July 2018



# **ATYR1923** For the Treatment of **Pulmonary Sarcoidosis**

# Sarcoidosis: The Most Common Form of Interstitial Lung Disease



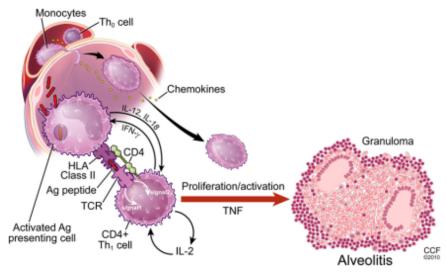


# First-in-Patient Population: Pulmonary Sarcoidosis

- Systemic inflammatory disorder characterized by the formation of granulomas (clumps of inflammatory cells) in one or more organs of the body
- CD4+ (Th1 / Th17) T-cell driven
- Usually begins in the lungs, skin or lymph nodes
- Sarcoidosis in the lungs is called pulmonary sarcoidosis and occurs in ~90% of patients

#### Unmet needs(1):

- Better understanding of pathogenesis
- Prognostic stratification and targeted management
- Better therapies, with quicker onset of action and less toxicity

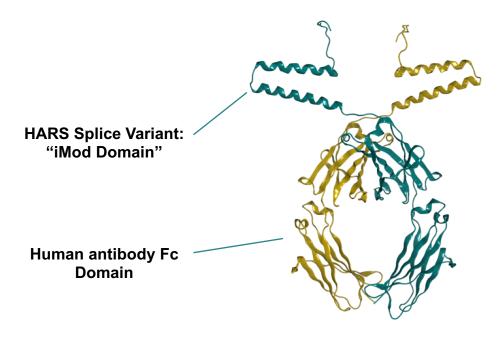


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# **ATYR1923: Novel Engineered Protein Therapeutic**

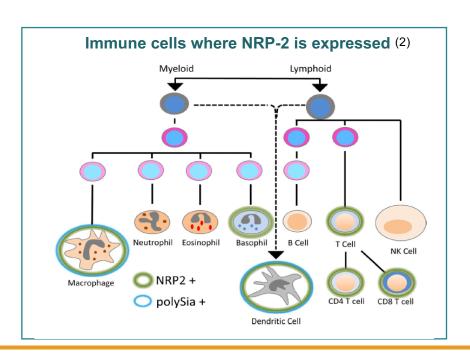
- Active domain (iMod) is naturally occurring splice-variant of HARS that is enriched in the human lung
- Binds selectively to Neuropilin-2 (NRP2)
- Regulates a number of immune cell-types, including: T cells, Neutrophils, Macrophages, Dendritic cells





# Receptor: Importance of NRP-2 as a Binding Partner for ATYR1923

- Pleiotropic receptor that can bind to a number of different ligands
- Well-established role in the development of the neural and lymphatic systems
- Emerging role in the immune system; present on a number of immune cell types
- Expressed on alveolar macrophages; may play role in regulating lung inflammation (1)



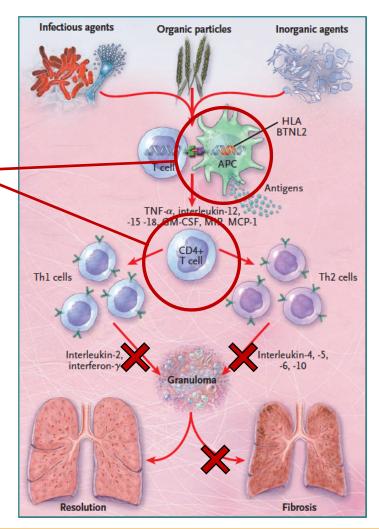


<sup>(1)</sup> Immormino et al. *Neuropilin-2 regulates airway inflammatory responses to inhaled lipopolysaccharide*. Am J Physiol Lung Cell Mol Physiol 315: L202-L211. 2018.

# ATYR1923 Intervention in Pulmonary Sarcoidosis

# ATYR1923 Therapeutic Hypothesis<sup>(1):</sup>

Downregulates inflammatory insult and prevents progression to fibrosis

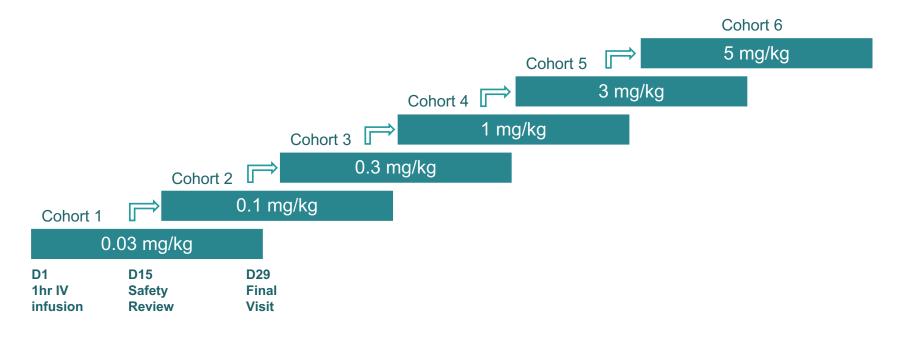




## **PK Profile Supports Potential Once-Monthly Dosing**

#### **Phase 1 Healthy Volunteer Study Completed**

- Positive data announced in June 2018
- Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, single ascending dose (N=36 HVs)
- ATYR1923 was generally well-tolerated with no significant adverse events





# ATYR1923 Phase 1b/2a Study in Pulmonary Sarcoidosis

## **Objectives**

- Evaluate safety, tolerability, PK, and immunogenicity of multiple ascending doses of ATYR1923
- Evaluate signals of drug activity through steroid dose reduction and FDG-PET/CT changes

### Design

Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multiple ascending dose

## **Population**

- Histologically confirmed pulmonary sarcoidosis
- Requiring ≥10 mg prednisone (steroid) treatment; capable of steroid taper
- Symptomatic/active disease at baseline by <sup>18F</sup>-FDG-PET/CT, Pulmonary Function Tests

## Dosing

- 3 sequential cohorts, 12 patients each
- 2:1 randomization
- ATYR1923 doses: 1.0, 3.0, and 5.0 mg/kg

#### **Duration**

- 24-week study period
- Steroid taper phase down to 5 mg by week 8
- 16-week maintenance phase

#### **Sites**

- Up to 15 leading pulmonary sarcoidosis centers in US
- Collaboration with the Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research



## ATYR1923 Phase 1b/2a Study Endpoints

## **Primary**

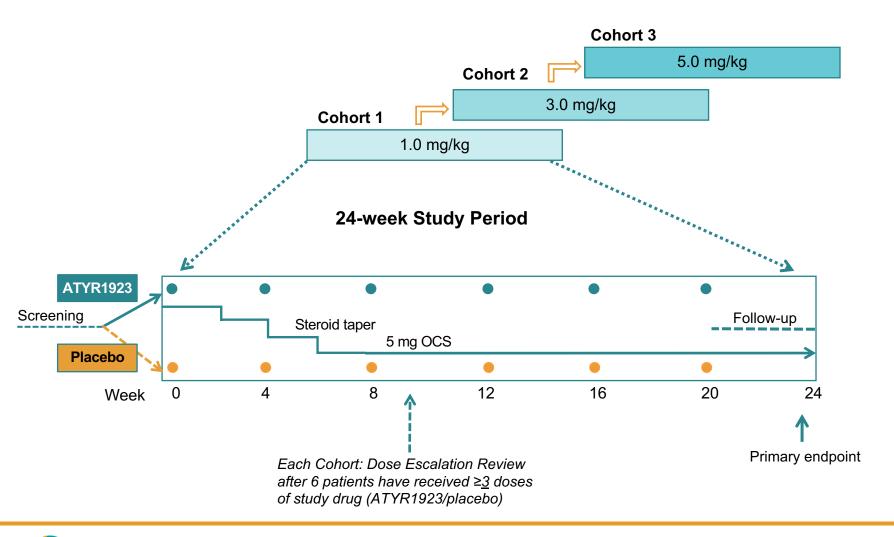
Safety and tolerability of multiple ascending IV ATYR1923 doses

## Secondary

- Steroid-sparing effect
- Immunogenicity
- Pharmacokinetics (PK)
- Exploratory efficacy measures: FDG-PET/CT imaging; Lung function (FVC); Serum biomarkers; Health-related quality of life scales



# ATYR1923 Phase 1b/2a Study Schema





# ATYR1923 Phase 1b/2a Study in Pulmonary Sarcoidosis Initiated

Status	<ul> <li>Up to 15 leading Pulmonary Sarcoidosis centers in US</li> <li>Site initiation activities ongoing</li> <li>Recruiting activities initiated</li> </ul>
Timelines	<ul> <li>Interim data: 4Q 2019</li> <li>Study completion: mid-2020<sup>(1)</sup></li> </ul>
Possible Future Development	<ul> <li>Registrational trial in Pulmonary Sarcoidosis</li> <li>Initiate P2 studies in other types of interstitial lung disease (e.g. CTD-ILD; CHP)</li> </ul>



# **CSL Behring Collaboration**

## Goal

Identify new IND candidates from up to four tRNA synthetases from aTyr's proprietary pipeline of novel proteins (non-HARS derived)

### **Terms**

- CSL Behring to fund all R&D costs
- aTyr eligible for up to \$17m in option fees if CSL Behring advances all four programs (\$4.25m per synthetase program)
- aTyr grants CSL Behring an option to negotiate licenses for worldwide rights to each IND candidate that emerges from the collaboration

# About CSL

- CSL Behring is a global biotherapeutics leader specializing in immunology, hematology and other rare and serious medical conditions
- CSL Behring employs >22,000 people globally, and delivers its therapies to more than 60 countries



# Mission: Generate Value for Patients and Shareholders

- ✓ aTyr owns IP estate directed to a potential pipeline of proteins derived from 20 tRNA synthetase genes
- ATYR1923 in-vitro and in-vivo studies support clinical development in ILD
- ✓ Identification of NRP-2 receptor for ATYR1923 elucidates greater understanding of MOA
- Positive Phase 1 data for ATYR1923
- Initiated Phase 1b/2a study of ATYR1923 in patients with pulmonary sarcoidosis
- Goal is to demonstrate safety and preliminary clinical activity in ATYR1923 pulmonary sarcoidosis trial
- Potential to expand ATYR1923 into other ILD indications
- Potential new pipeline opportunities through academic (UNMC) and industry (CSL Behring) collaborations





# Thank You