### HIGHLGHT THERAPEUTICS

**Unlocking the potential of IO** 

Overcoming anti-PD1 resistance to create best-inclass intra-tumoral immunotherapy



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BO-112 offers potential solution to anti-PD1 resistance to transform cancer immunotherapy

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## The Company

Management, Boards and who we are



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#### **Executive Team and Board**



Marisol Quintero, PhD, MBA CEO/Board Member

- Head Biotech and Medicinal Chemistry at Spanish National Cancer Research Centre
- BD and Tech Transfer at Spanish Cancer Research Centre, Fundación Botín, Life Length
- Pharmacy degree (University of Valencia), PhD in Pharmacology (UCL), Executive MBA (Instituto de Empresa)



Carlos Paya MD PhD Executive Chairman of the Board

- Leading physician-scientist at the Mayo Clinic
- Leadership track record in pharma, biotech, and start-ups
- Strategy, pipelines development, global launches and product life cycle
- Executed Company growth plans, successful fundraising in private/ public markets, and via BD and M&A



Mark Branum, PhD CMC & Manufacture

- Executive Director of CMC at Immune Design, until acquisition by Merck
- Senior CMC roles at OncoResponse and Theraclone Sciences
- Led academic R&D collaborations
- Ph.D. in biological chemistry (University of Minnesota), postdoctoral studies in biochemistry with Nobel Laureate Aziz Sancar (University of North Carolina)



Michael Doherty Regulatory Strategy

- Led Global Regulatory Affairs at Roche
- Launch No.1 oncology portfolio with a franchise of monoclonal antibodies and targeted medicines
- Member of the Roche portfolio committee from 2002 to 2016
- Prior positions: Global Head, Pharma Regulatory Affairs, Hoffmann La-Roche and Genentech

#### Non-Executive Members:

Janwillem Naesens (DROIA), Damia Tormo (COLUMBUS), Shahzad Malik (ADVENT), Matthias Van Woensel (DROIA)

#### **Scientific Advisory Board**



#### Ralph R. Weichselbaum; MD

- Professor of Radiation and Cellular Oncology Chair, Department of Radiation and Cellular Oncology, University of Chicago
- Made discoveries in basic signal transduction after ionizing radiation exposure and, in separate studies, discovered mechanisms of radiation resistance/sensitivity are mediated by cytokine activation in tumors
- Currently investigating the relationship between radiotherapy and immunotherapy

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#### Antoni Ribas, MD, PhD

Professor of Medicine, professor of

and Medical Pharmacology at

Director of Tumor Immunology

Comprehensive Cancer Center:

Cancer Immunotherapy Center,

Committee; member of American

Society of Clinical Investigation

Recipient of AACR Richard and

Hinda Rosenthal Award and NCI

**Outstanding Investigator Award** 

Director of Parker Institute for

Program at Jonsson

Chair of SWOG Melanoma

Surgery and professor of Molecular



#### Ignacio Melero, MD, PhD

- Professor of Immunology of the University of Navarra
- Leads a group working in translational tumor immunotherapy with emphasis on cell therapy, cytokine gene therapy, and immunestimulatory monoclonal antibodies
- Earlier in his career, contributed to seminal discoveries in the function Natural Killer cells, and T-cell costimulation via CD137 (4-1BB)



#### Michael Doherty

- Led the Global Regulatory Affairs function at Roche through the important growth years where Roche launched the number one oncology portfolio with a franchise of monoclonal antibodies and targeted medicines. Member of the Roche portfolio committee from 2002 to 2016
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#### Clinical-stage oncology company maximizing potential of checkpoint therapy

Targeting anti-PD1 resistance to transform cancer immunotherapy



#### Clinical-stage oncology company maximizing potential of checkpoint therapy

Targeting anti-PD1 resistance to transform cancer immunotherapy Phase 2 asset BO-112 offers a unique and superior solution to anti PD1 resistance

- Unique multi-target approach to turn cold tumors hot and visible to immune system
- BO-112 activates selected signaling pathways in tumor microenvironment and specifically and uniquely in tumor cells
- Pre-clinically & clinically superior to other innate immune activators in clinical development (TLRs, RIGI, and STING agonists)
- Backed by robust and growing IP to 2036 and beyond in US and EU

Primary and acquired resistance a major barrier to successful cancer immunotherapy

- Most tumor types don't respond to checkpoint therapy with only 20-40% response rate for single agent in the best cases
- Primary resistance mainly due to lack of T-cells trafficking to tumor ("cold" tumor)
- Acquired resistance due to reduced MHC1 in tumor cell

#### Development program designed to maximize chances of success

Three clinical programs underway with Merck



- Three separate Phase 2/POC trials being initiated in collaboration with Merck
  & Co. in patients with anti-PD1 resistance using ORR as primary endpoint
- Additional independent Investigator-led studies including UCLA Phase 1 at the UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, US
- Proven safety and activity in Phase 1 as monotherapy and in combination with anti-PD1's
- Focus on indications with unmet medical need and where intra-tumoral therapy has advantages over systemic therapies

Series B with potential for three significant, parallel inflection points

- Three opportunities of success in the Phase 2 trials to prove BO-112's superior efficacy in reversing anti-PD1 resistance
- Multiple potential strategic exits
- Highly experienced international management, Board and SAB to drive success

### Clinical Development strategy

Maximizing chances of success of BO-112 to unlock the full potential of anti-PD1 therapies



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# Unlocking the full potential of checkpoint inhibitors

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NSCLC

Turning cold tumors hot

BO-112 in combination with anti-PD1antibodies shows potent & durable clinical responses in patients not responding to anti-PD1 antibodies



immune cells

#### **Optimised immune response**

BO-112 multi-pathway approach has a duel positive effect



### **BO-112**

#### Unlocking a large potential oncology market opportunity

Addressing Primary and Acquired immunity

#### **Reverse Acquired anti-PD1 resistance**

Positive signal in solid tumors especially melanoma for ORR

# SPOTLIGHT

Phase 2 liver metastasis from CRC (MSS)- 2nd L

Phase 2 liver metastasis from GC (MSS)-3rd L



### Enable anti-PD1 primary resistance in cold tumors

Target liver metastasis which dictate prognosis in two GI malignancies

# SPOTLIGHT

Melanoma Phase 2 trial-2nd L



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## SPOTLIGHT CLINICAL TRIALS

SPOTLIGHT	Phase 1	BO-112 monotherapy	
SPOTLIGHT	Phase 1b	BO-112 + anti-PD1 combination in anti-PD1 resistant patients	
SPOTLIGHT 202	Phase 2	BO-112 + pembrolizumab combination in Liver Metastases	
SPOTLIGHT 203	Phase 2	BO-112 + pembrolizumab combination in melanoma	

### SPOTLIGHT CLINICAL TRIALS

SPOTLIGHT 101 Phase 1 SPOTLIGHT 102 Phase 1b





- Phase 1
- BO-112 monotherapy

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#### Study design

- BO-112 (0.6 mg and 1mg) administered intratumorally up to 3 sequential times into a single lesion (median lesion size- 4 cm) to patients with solid tumors:
  - melanoma, leiomyosarcoma, and breast cancer
- Primary endpoint: safety and tolerability
- Secondary endpoint: tumor biomarkers of biological activity (apoptosis/necrosis & T-cell infiltrate)
- 16 patients in 3 Study cohorts
  - 6 patients: 0.6 mg single IT
    administration
  - 3 patients: 0.6 mg three consecutive IT administrations (same lesion)
  - 7 patients: 1.0 mg three consecutive IT administrations (same lesion)



#### Results

- Tumor Biomarkers post treatment demonstrate clear clinical benefit:
  - Increases in tumor cell death observed in 15/16 patients (despite only 1-3 injections)
  - Increases in CD4+ and CD8+ T cell infiltrates observed in 6 and 3 patients, respectively
  - non-injected lesions show
    increased tumor necrosis
  - 52 different genes associated with immune response were upregulated in the tumor
- Increased peripheral blood biomarker activity post treatment:
  - Increased (> 15% vs. baseline) CD8+, CD4+ T cells, CD4+ T regs, NK, DC, pDC, monocytes and B cells in PBMNCs from 14/16 subjects
- Safety and tolerability well tolerated with mild flu-like symptoms

Pre and post-treatment images from multiplex analysis of a tumor biopsy.









IT injection



Phase 1

BO-112 monotherapy

#### Abscopal effects observed with BO112 monotherapy



Increased necrosis in non-injected metastatic lesions from 46 year-old female with stage IV leiomyosarcoma and progressive disease after several lines of chemotherapy including an anti PD1/LAG 3 combination.

#### Pre and post images from CT-scans

#### Pre-treatment

Post-treatment





Phase 1b

BO-112 + anti-PD1 combination in anti-PD1 resistant patients



#### Study design

- Regimen: Addition of intratumoral BO-112 to anti-PD1 therapy
- Inclusion criteria: anti-PD1 resistance (Radiological progression while on anti-PD1 therapy) - toughest to treat
- Sample size: 28 patients with metastatic disease
  - NSCLC 13, SCCHN 4, melanoma 10, & RCC 1
  - 71% had visceral (39% lung, 25% liver) or bone lesions
  - 43% of patients had received 2 or more prior lines of treatment
- 20/28 (71%) patients had only 1 lesion injected throughout the study
- Primary objective: safety and tolerability of combination
- Secondary objectives: immune responses, evidence of clinical benefit
- First efficacy assessment performed early: after only 4-5 injections



#### Results

- Increased anti-tumor CD8+T lymphocytes and genes associated with T cell cytotoxic effects and antigen presentation post-BO-112 correlates with ORR
- Evidence of Clinical Benefit:
  - BO-112 reversed primary anti-PD1 resistance in:
    - 50% (5/10) of Melanoma patients: 20% ORR (PR) & 30% SD\*,
    - 100% (1/1 RCC pt: ORR (PR)
    - 47% (8/17) of NSCLC & SCCHN patients: SD
  - Systemic tumor reduction also observed in non injected distal lesions
  - One patient (characterized as a SD) is a PR based on best response in target lesions
- No additional side effects



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Phase 1b

BO-112 + anti-PD1 in anti-PD1 resistant solid tumors



77% (17/22) of patients progressing to anti-PD1 became durable SD or ORR; melanoma: 50% DCR; (20% ORR\*)



Changes in CD8 T cell infiltrates in the tumor correlates with clinical benefit



#### Injection frequency & relevance vs competition in melanoma

- 2/10 and 3/10 of anti-PD1 primary resistant melanoma patients showed durable PRs or SD, respectively with BO-112 injected only up to 4-5 injections before the efficacy assessment (12 weeks)
- Combination of CMP-001 (TLR9 agonist, Checkmate) + pembro in a similar population reported\*
- ORR of 7.7% 4 injections first 12 weeks
- ORR 22.5% 8 injections first 12 weeks
- \*Abstract CT144. Milhem et al. AACR 2018

# SPOTLIGHT SPOTLIGHT

Conclusions

#### Monotherapy

- Favorable safety, clinical & biomarker activity observed after single intratumoral injection
- Abscopal effects with monotherapy very hard to observe in solid tumors



### BO-112+ anti-PD1 in anti-PD1 resistant patients

- 77% clinical benefit in patients from different solid tumors with up to 30% ORR in melanoma
- Clinical signal across all studied indications, meaningful responses in melanoma and patients with liver metastases
- Post-treatment changes in CD8+ T cell infiltrate in tumor is a biomarker to predict responses



- Focus on melanoma and patients with liver metastases
- ORR as primary endpoint
- Unmet medical need in 2L in CRC, 3L Gastric, and 2L melanoma
- Potential for accelerated approval if ORR similar or superior to Spotlight 001 & Spotlight 002
- 3 separate Phase 2/POC trials (liver metastases in patients with CRC, liver metastases in patients with GC, and melanoma)

### SPOTLIGHT CLINICAL TRIALS

Spotlight 202 Phase 2 Spotlight 203 Phase 2



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# SPOTLIGHT

- Phase 2 colorectal and gastric cancer with liver metastasis
- BO-112 + pembrolizumab in collaboration with Merck overcoming primary resistance

Success enables liver mets as potential defining indication for registration of BO-112 in combination with anti-PD1 therapy for patients with CRC and GC. This concept could be used for other indications such as melanoma and NSCLC.

#### Rationale for liver metastasis indication

- Liver metastasis is the most common metastasis in colorectal (CRC) and gastric cancer (GC)
  - Poor prognosis; high unmet need; rapid read out
  - Variable levels of immune cell infiltration (associated with treatment outcomes), usually "cold"
  - Single organ type for injections minimizes organspecific heterogeneity of tumor microenvironment
- Evidence of safety and activity from SPOTLIGHT 101 and 102 in anti-PD1 resistant patients:



■ 1st assessment ■ End of Study (week 17)

**NSCLC: % change from baseline** 

 Monotherapy: Increase in necrosis observed in liver metastases from patient with adenoid cystic carcinoma after 2 injections of BO-112



#### Study overview

- 1. Open-label, non-comparative, two-stage study of BO-112 in combination with pembrolizumab in up to 26 3rd line anti-PD1 naïve patients with liver metastases from CRC
- 2. Open-label, non-comparative, two stage study of BO-112 in combination with pembrolizumab in up to 43 2nd line anti-PD1-naïve patients with liver metastases from Gastric/GEJ cancer
  - Trial started enrolment June 2020
  - Sites: Belgium, Germany, Italy, Spain
  - Primary endpoints: ORR and AEs grade 3
  - Secondary endpoints: disease control rate (DCR), duration of response, PFS, OS at 6 months, AEs all grades
- Collaboration with Merck & Co.



# SPOTLIGHT

- Phase 2 in 2L Melanoma
- BO-112 + pembrolizumab in 2L melanoma resistant to anti-PD1's

#### Study overview

- Phase 2/POC, open-label, single arm clinical study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of intra-tumoral administration of BO-112 in combination with pembrolizumab in patients that have progressed on anti-PD1-based therapy as first line in refractory unresectable malignant melanoma stage III or IV
- Indication: 2nd line melanoma
- Q4 2020 start
- 40 patients
- Sites: France, Germany, Italy, Spain (UK, US, Netherlands, Israel, Belgium to follow)
- Primary endpoint: ORR
- Secondary endpoints: disease control rate (DCR), duration of response (DOR), progression-free survival (PFS), overall survival (OS), and iRECIST ORR, DCR, DOR and PFS

#### 2L MELANOMA anti-PD(L)1 resistant



## Investigator-led studies

**UCLA Phase 1 Sarcoma Clinical Trial** 



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#### UCLA Investigator-led Phase 1 study of nivolumab + BO-112 in Sarcoma

Third-party support and validation



#### Study overview

- Phase 1 clinical trial to study side effects of Nivolumab + BO-112 before surgery for treatment of resectable soft tissue sarcoma
- Rationale:
  - Immunotherapy with mAb (e.g. nivolumab) may help immune system attack the cancer and may interfere with ability of tumor cells to grow and spread
  - Immunotherapy with BO-112 may induce changes in immune system and may interfere with ability of tumor cells to grow and spread; giving nivolumab + BO-112 before surgery may work better in treating patients with soft tissue sarcoma compared to nivolumab alone
- Q4 2020 start
- 25 patients
- Sites: US
- Primary endpoint: frequency and severity of AEs and doselimiting toxicities
- Secondary endpoints: immune-oncologic impact of combined regimen of nivolumab and BO-112 and pathologic treatment effect



Led by Dr. Anusha Kalbasi, physician-scientist and radiation oncologist, UCLA Department of Radiation Oncology & UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center



## Use of proceeds

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### Series B Use of Proceeds

€22 million raise to complete and follow through three separate Phase 2/POCs



#### Increasing sector focus underlines significant potential value

Developing a competitive position

- Checkmate and Idera (TLR9 agonist) targeting solid tumors
- Clinical package shows BO-112 uniquely able to modify immune pathway, making tumor cells more susceptible to therapy
  - BO-112 demonstrated similar efficacy with fewer injections
  - Potentially superior efficacy combining tumor intrinsic pathways with innate immunity activation
  - Lower injection requirement = barrier to entry for competitors



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