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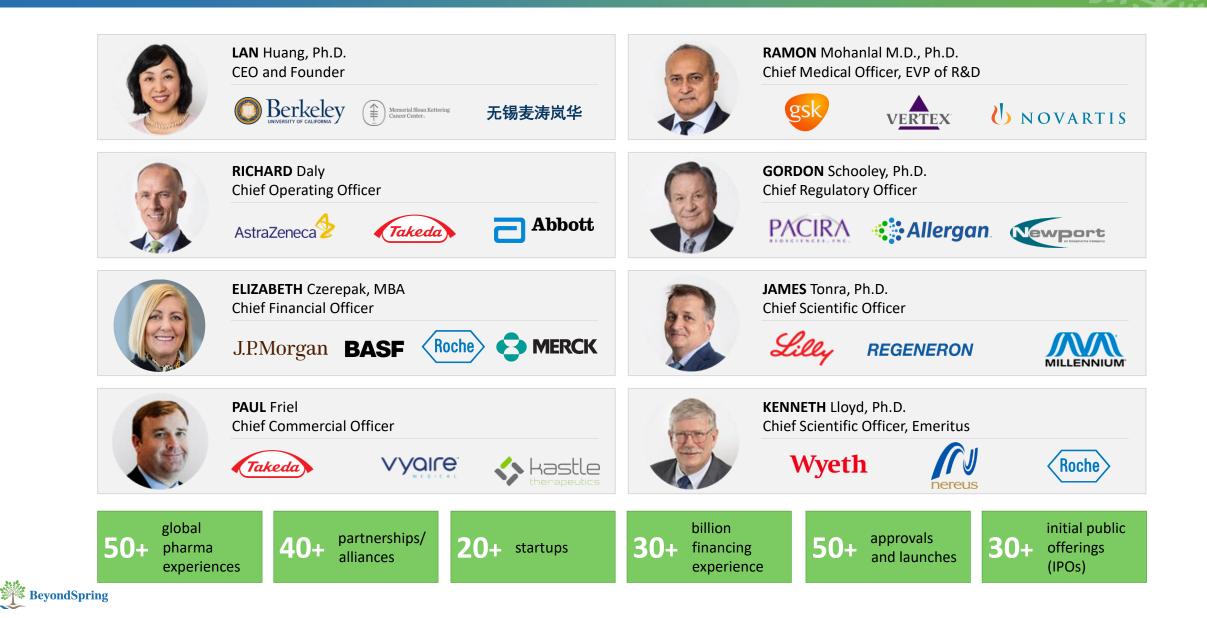
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## Experienced leadership team with 50+ product launches



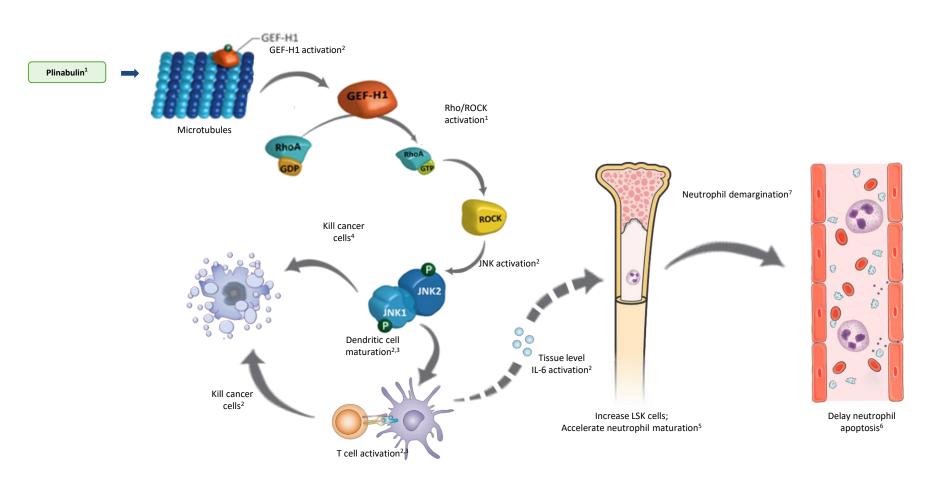
### Two Near-term NDAs & robust drug development pipeline

	Indication	Program	Trial name / collaborator	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Commercial rights	Status/Ne>	t Milestone
Late stage	CIN (All cancer, all chemo)	Plinabulin + pegfilgrastim	PROTECTIVE-1 (Study 105)	Phase 3 primary endpoint met at interim analysis Phase 3 primary endpoint met at interim analysis				Global <sup>1</sup>	China NDA Submission Q1 2021 <sup>1</sup>	U.S. NDA Submission Q1 2021
			PROTECTIVE-2 (Study 106)							
	NSCLC (2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> line)	Plinabulin + docetaxel	DUBLIN-3 (Study 103)	Phase 3 second int	erim analysis complete	ed		Global <sup>1</sup>		Global Final Ph3 data H1 2021
Investigator-initiated IO	NSCLC (2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> line)	Plinabulin + nivolumab	Fred Hutch/Univ. Washington/UCSD					Global <sup>1</sup>	Finished phase 1	
	SCLC	Plinabulin + nivolumab + ipilimumab	Rutgers University					Global <sup>1</sup>	Ongoing	
	Multi-cancer (2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> line)	Plinabulin + PD-1/PD-L1 + radiation/chemo	MD Anderson						Initiate phase 1 in 7 cancers Q1 2021	
Investigator-initiated IO	Oral T cell co-stimulator	BPI-002						Global		
	IKK inhibitor	BPI-003						Global		
	Oral neo-antigen generator	BPI-004						Global		
Subsi diary	1 <sup>st</sup> target KRAS	Targeted Protein degradation (TPD, molecular glue)	Seed Therapeutics <sup>3</sup>					Global <sup>1</sup>		

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Note: <sup>1</sup> Rolling submission basis in China. <sup>2</sup> Global rights to Plinabulin ex-China. 58% ownership of Chinese subsidiary, Dalian Wanchunbulin Pharmaceuticals Ltd., which owns Chinese rights to Plinabulin. <sup>3</sup> Seed Therapeutics is a subsidiary of BeyondSpring Therapeutics.

## Plinabulin: first-in-class agent, stimulating innate and adaptive immune system (Proven Target: Immune Defense Protein GEF-H1)



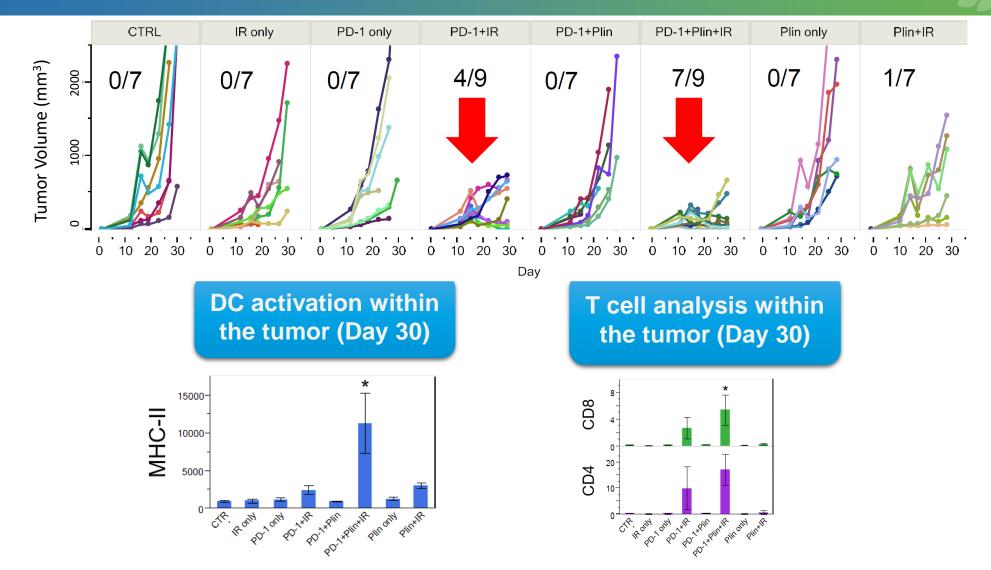
Plinabulin's immune mechanism designed to enable its effects in multiple cancer indications:

- Chemotherapy Induced Neutropenia (CIN): Designed to protect progenitor cells from chemo assault in bone marrow with week 1 benefit, which compliments G-CSF week 2 benefit for improved benefit potential
- NSCLC: Chemo (e.g. docetaxel) introduces real time tumor antigen, Plinabulin is designed to mature DC, leading to T cell activation, and durable anti-cancer benefit
- Multiple Cancer Indications: Triple combo combines "tumor antigen generation" from chemo/radiation, plinabulin "adding T cell gas", and PD-1/PD-L1 "release the brake" for potential maximum durable anticancer benefit



Note: <sup>1</sup> La Sala et al., 2019 Chem. <sup>2</sup> Kashyap et al., 2019 Cell Reports. <sup>3</sup> Zhang et al., 2005 Mol Cell Biol. <sup>4</sup> Singh et al., 2011 Blood. <sup>5</sup> Suwa et al., 2000 Am J Physiol Heart Circ Physiol; Ghosh et al., 2018 ACR Annual Conference; Blayney et al., Society of Leukocyte Biology. <sup>6</sup> Asensi et al., 2004 Infection and Immunity.

## Triple Combo: Plinabulin + PD-1 + Radiation the Best Tumor Response in PD-1 non-responsive tumor model (MD Anderson)







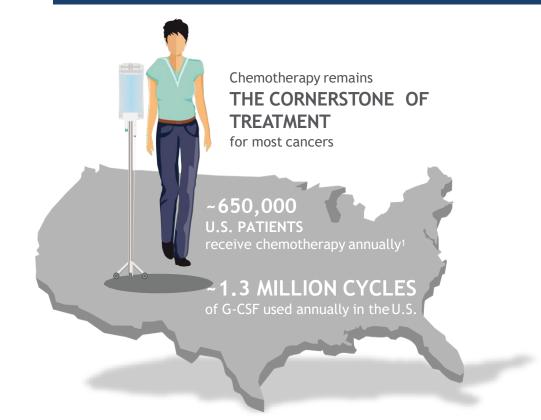
## Breakthrough Therapy Designation (US & China FDA) - NDA submission Q1 2021

Plinabulin + G-CSF

in Chemotherapy-Induced Neutropenia (CIN)

## Plinabulin will add value to a large and growing CIN market - PD-1 + chemo approved, so chemo will not go away

#### Plinabulin + G-CSF in each cycle of chemo in non-myeloid cancers prevented or reduced the severity of neutropenia



#### U.S. Sales -- \$4.5 Billion<sup>2</sup>

As a combination therapy Plinabulin's base of business is G-CSF units

G-CSF cycles/year:

- U.S.: 1.3 million<sup>2</sup>
- Global: 4 million<sup>3</sup>

Unit growth (U.S.):<sup>2</sup>

- MAT Aug '19: 6.8%
- MAT Aug '20: 1.1%\*

## 50%+ growth expected in use of first-line chemotherapy by 2040 worldwide<sup>4</sup>

Note: <sup>1</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Information for Health Care Providers. Available at: <u>www.cdc.gov/cancer/preventinfections/providers.htm</u>. Accessed February 21, 2020; <sup>2</sup> NSP IQVIA July '20; <sup>3</sup>G-CSF market size based on IQVIA data (MIDAS for ex-U.S. and DDM MD for U.S.; Q3 '16 to Q2 '18. Standardized G-CSF units. 4. Wilson B, Jacob S, Yap ML, et al. Estimates of global chemotherapy demands and corresponding physician workforce requirements for 2018 and 2040: a population-based study. Lancet Oncology 2019; 20(6): 769-780.

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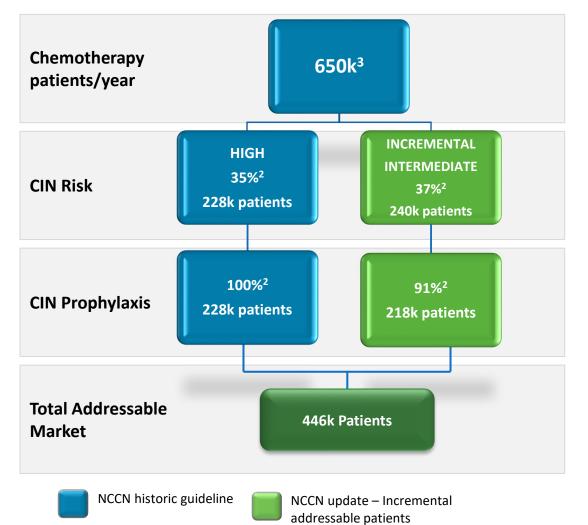
\* Growth despite a 20% decline in chemotherapy cycles nationwide from March – June '20 due to the pandemic.

## New CIN guidelines double the Addressable US Market

### • CIN guidelines modified in early 2020:

- COVID-19 recognized as a universal risk factor
- Prophylaxis now recommended for both high and intermediate risk patients
- The addressable population increased by 100%:
  - 2019: 30% of intermediate risk patients received prophylaxis for CIN<sup>1</sup>
  - 2020: 90% dramatic jump in approach to preventing CIN<sup>2</sup>

CIN Prophylaxis Market dynamics post-guideline update



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1 BYSI qual market research Sept 2019, 2 BYSI qual Market research Aug 2020, 3 https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/preventinfections/providers.html

## High unmet medical need even with SOC G-CSF

#### CIN is a dangerous decrease in a patient's white blood cell count. If Grade 4 neutropenia (ANC < 0.5x109 cells/L) is not treated, patients could die in first cycle of chemotherapy

#### **Short-term Outcome Benefit**

G-CSF monotherapy is suboptimal and leaves a significant clinical gap

**CIN** #1 reason for FN, hospitalization, sepsis, mortality and chemotherapy disruption<sup>1</sup>

#### Long-term Outcome Benefit

Chemotherapy's anti-cancer effectiveness is linear to its dose

Slight Changes in Dosing or Delivery Can Have A Devastating Impact on Survival<sup>2</sup>

Reduction in Relative Dose Intensity

15%

Reduction in Overall Survival

50%

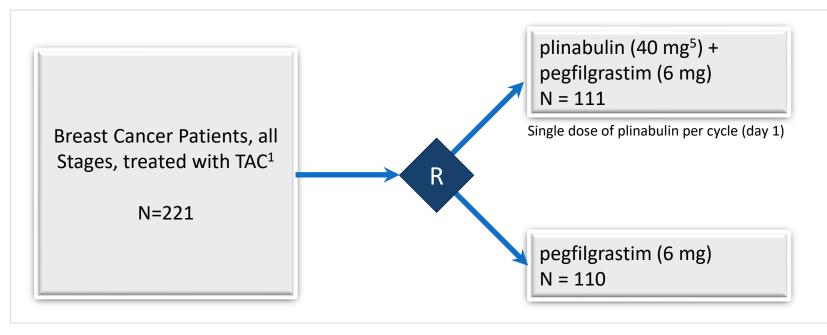
More than 75% of negative clinical consequences occur in Week 1 after chemo; G-CSF cannot prevent week 1 Plinabulin + G-CSF has the potential to address this important unmet clinical need<sup>3</sup>



Source: <sup>1</sup> Lalami Y, Klastersky J.. Crit. Rev Oncol Hematol. 2017; 120:163-179.<sup>2</sup> Bonadonna G, Valagussa P, Moliterni A et al. Adjuvant cyclophosphamide, methotrexate, and fluorouracil in node-positive breast cancer. N Engl J Med 1995;332:901-906.<sup>3</sup> Cancer, Volume: 98, Issue: 11, Pages: 2402-2409, First published: 17 November 2003, DOI: (10.1002/cncr.11827)

Plinabulin trials designed to maximize broad potential: Plinabulin + G-CSF for all chemo in non-myeloid cancers

#### **Protective-2 Phase 3 Design** (4 cycles of chemo treatment)



Double blinded, active controlled, global trial (CRO & central lab: Covance)



<sup>1</sup>TAC=Docetaxel, doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide. <sup>2</sup>Duration of Severe (Grade 4) Neutropenia <sup>3</sup>Absolute Neutrophil Count <sup>4</sup>Relative Dose Intensity <sup>5</sup>Fixed dose, equivalent to 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup>

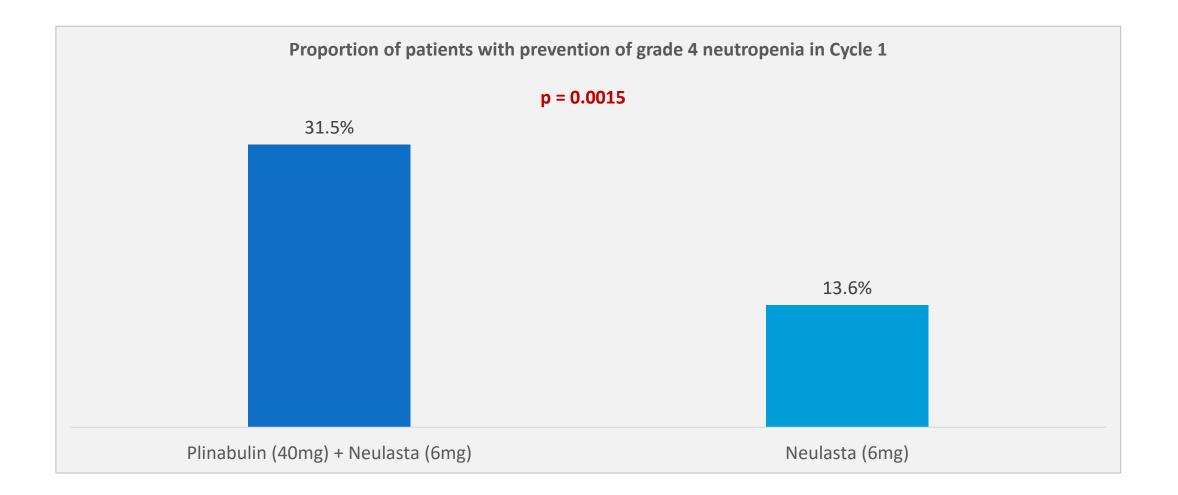
#### Primary Endpoint:

 % prevent Grade 4 neutropenia (Cycle 1)

#### Secondary Endpoints:

- Mean DSN<sup>2</sup> (Cycle 1, Day 1-8)
- Mean ANC<sup>3</sup> nadir (Cycle 1)
- % of prevention of grade 3 and 4 neutropenia (Cycle 1)
- DSN (Cycle 1)
- % of bone pain (Cycle 1)
- Composite risk
- % of RDI<sup>4</sup> < 85%

## Plinabulin – G-CSF combination demonstrated over 100% better prevention of grade 4 neutropenia in Cycle 1



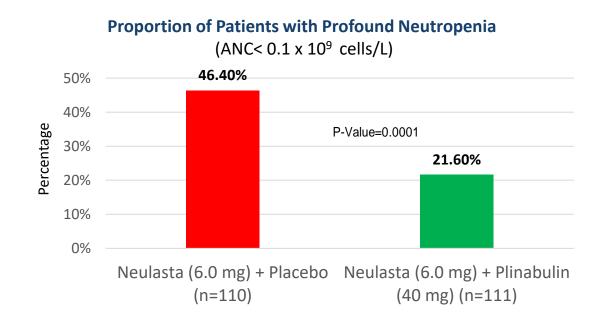


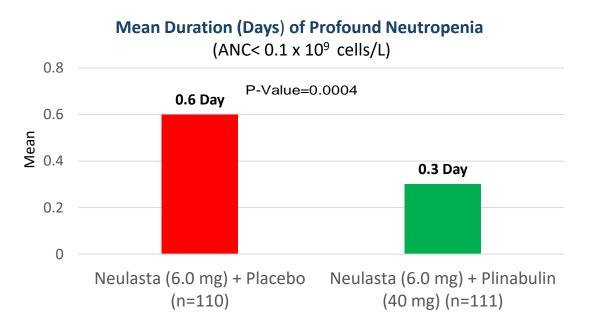
## PROTECTIVE-2 Phase 3 data: positive topline results with statistical significance favoring the combination

Key Efficacy Endpoints	Results (combo n=111, pegfilgrastim n=110)		
Primary endpoint:			
Proportion of patients with prevention of grade 4 neutropenia in Cycle 1	<ul> <li>31.5% vs. 13.6%, p=0.0015</li> <li>&gt;100% better prevention rate in combination of plinabulin + G-CSF</li> </ul>	Better safety profile in the combination vs. SoC	
Key secondary endpoints (based on ANC):		<ul> <li>&gt;20% less grade 4 AEs in the combination (58.6%),</li> </ul>	
Mean DSN in Cycle 1, Day 1-8	<ul> <li>p = 0.0065</li> <li>Plinabulin's MoA of early onset in Week 1</li> </ul>	compared to pegfilgrastim alone <b>(80.0%)</b>	
Mean DSN in Cycle 1 (severe neutropenia: ANC < 0.5 x 10 <sup>9</sup> cells/L)	<ul> <li>p = 0.0324</li> <li>Combination is better in CIN benefit vs. G-CSF in cycle 1</li> </ul>		
Mean ANC Nadir (x 10 <sup>9</sup> cells/L)	<ul> <li>0.538 vs. 0.308, p = 0.0002</li> <li>The combination helps to lift patients away from grade 4 danger zone</li> </ul>	<b>Profound Neutropenia</b> leads to 80% death in first week of infection <sup>1</sup> , 48% FN and 50% Infection <sup>2</sup> .	
Mean Duration of Profound Neutropenia in cycle 1 (Profound Neutropenia: ANC < 0.1 x 10 <sup>9</sup> cells/L)	<ul> <li>p = 0.0004</li> <li>Combo better than G-CSF alone in CIN benefit</li> </ul>		

BeyondSpring 1. Bodey et al. Ann Intern Med 64(2): 328 (1966); 2. Bodey et al. Cancer 41(4): 1610 (1978)

## Protective-2 (Phase 3): Superior prevention of Profound Neutropenia with Combination vs G-CSF alone





The combination reduces the incidence of Profound Neutropenia by >50% Compared to G-CSF Alone, which correlates to >40% FN risk reduction in the combo vs. G-CSF.



## Plinabulin+ G-CSF for CIN, NDA Submission in Q1 2021: Superior profile in a broad label: all chemo, non-myeloid solid tumor

## Plinabulin shown to statistically reduce Grade 4 neutropenia in 6 clinical trials (1,200+ patients)

**Registration Study** 

#### **Supporting Study**

Plinabulin vs. placebo

 Grade 4 reduction highly statistically significant (Study 101 and DUBLIN-3, p<0.0003 and p<0.0001 respectively)</li> Plinabulin + G-CSF combo vs. G-CSF mono (Protective-2)

- Superior response in primary and key secondary endpoints with statistical significance
- Effect size correlate with clinical meaningful endpoints

MOA support from 5 studies: Plinabulin early onset in Week 1, G-CSF effect in Week 2

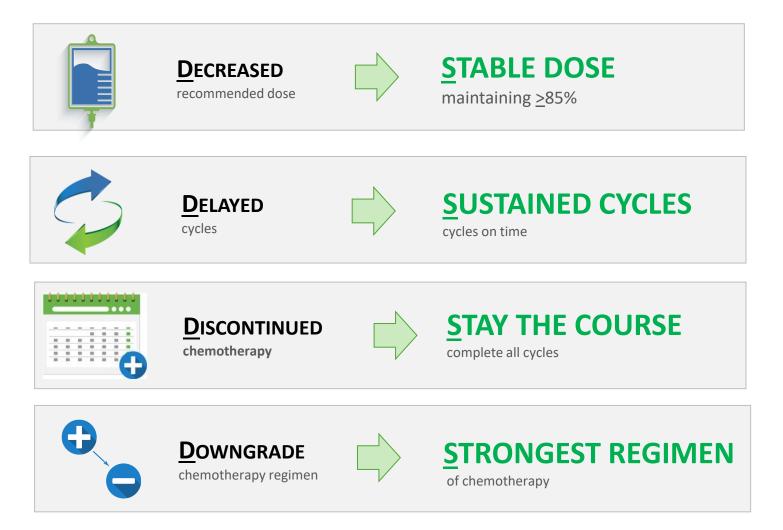
#### **Supporting Study**

#### Plinabulin vs. G-CSF (Protective-1)

- Non-inferior CIN activity
- Superior adverse event profile: limited bone pain, limited platelet reduction, and limited immune suppression<sup>1</sup>



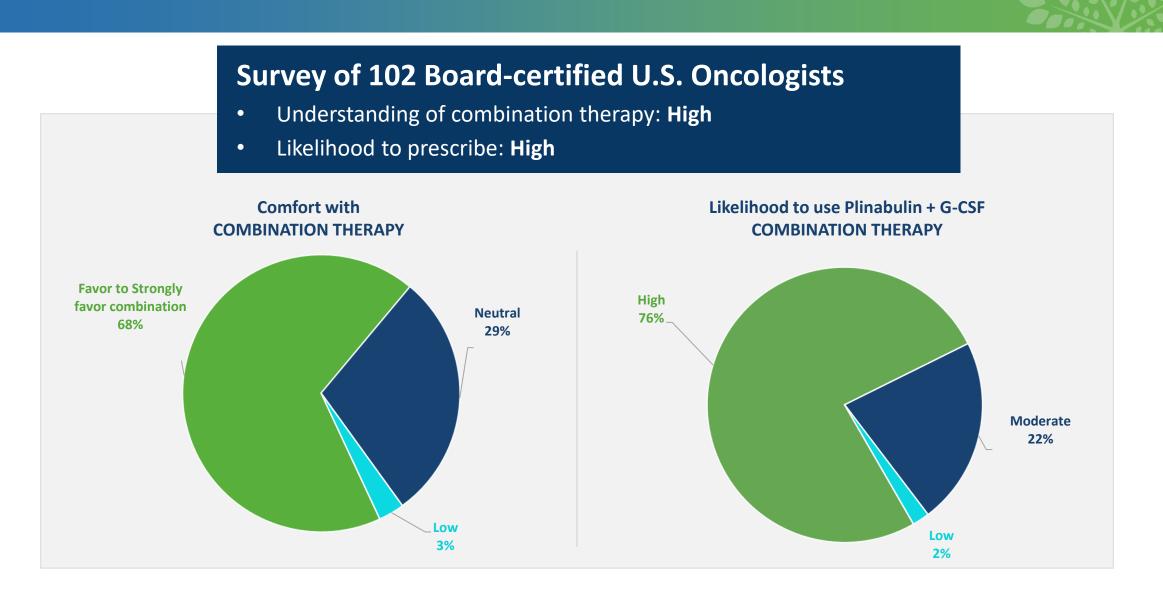
## Chemotherapy without compromise: Turning the 4 Ds into the 4 Ss



Plinabulin + G-CSF

- Differentiated clinical profile, potential to improve SOC
- Greater clinical control
- Improved outcomes

### Oncologists understand Plinabulin's potential to raise the SoC in CIN





Market research conducted Sep '20; n = 102 board certified U.S. oncologists; data on file BeyondSpring C01 Based on the product information you have just seen, how likely are you to prescribe the Product N + G-CSF combo for CIN in non-myeloid malignancies? C02 How would you rate your comfort with using a combination treatment (e.g. Product N + G-CSF combo) for CIN in non-myeloid malignancies

### Plinabulin + G-CSF: "Breakthrough Therapy" with potential to set a new SOC for CIN

#### Opportunity

- Market size
- ✓ Market growth
- ✓ NCCN guideline change
- Managed care coverage

#### **Unmet need**

- Grade 4 neutropenia complications
- CIN: #1 reason for therapy change (4Ds)
- Monotherapy G-CSF not effective
- ✓ 4Ds result in reduced OS

#### **Product differentiation**

Plinablulin + G-CSF addresses 3 oncologist needs:

- ✓ Maintains chemo regimen
- Keeps ANC out of the danger zone and thus less FN and less hospitalization
- ✓ Improved A/E profile

#### **Plinabulin+ G-CSF has the potential to:**

- Address the oncologist's desire for increased control
- Reduce patient anxiety and fears associated with interrupted therapy and adverse events
- Deliver improved chemotherapy care





# Plinabulin in NSCLCFinal phase 3 topline anti-cancer datain 1H 2021

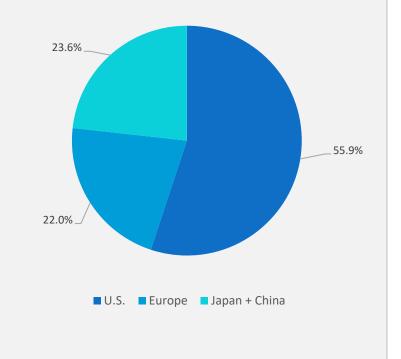


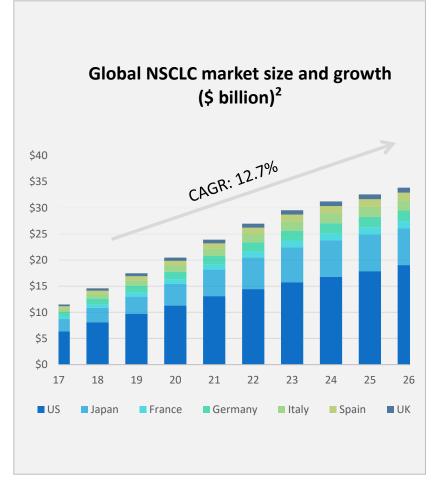
## Increasing incidence of non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)

#### **Key Investment Highlights:**

- ~1.5M NSCLC diagnoses globally
- Key NSCLC drug sales (U.S., Japan, and major EU markets):
  - \$11.5B in 2017
  - Increasing to \$33.9B by 2026
- Primary drivers of growth:
  - Increasing incidence of NSCLC
  - Premium-priced checkpoint inhibitor usage, particularly in the 1<sup>st</sup> line setting









## Approved therapies fail to address EGFR wild type NSCLC (85% of Western patients) in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> line treatment

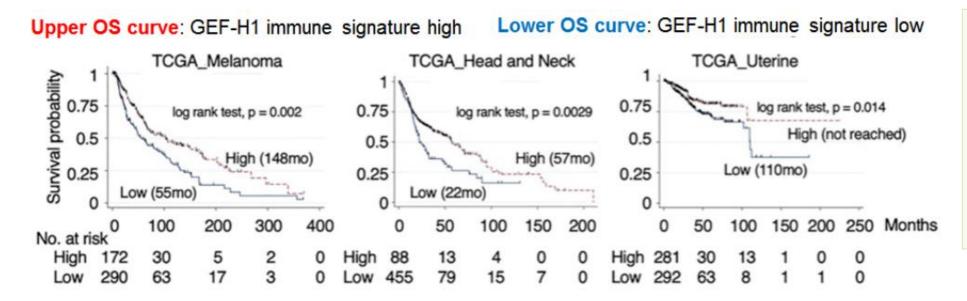
#### Only four therapies currently approved: Severe Unmet Medical Needs

	Moving into 1st line		2nd and 3rd lines		
	Nivolumab (PD-1) vs. docetaxel <sup>1</sup>	Pemetrexed vs. docetaxel <sup>2</sup>	Ramucirumab + docetaxel vs. docetaxel <sup>3</sup>	Plinabulin + docetaxel vs. Docetaxel <sup>4</sup>	
mOS	+2.8 months (12.2 vs. 9.4) HR = 0.73	+0.4 months (8.3 vs. 7.9) HR = 0.99	+1.4 months (10.5 vs. 9.1) HR = 0.86	+4.6 months (11.3 vs. 6.7) HR < 0.75 <sup>5</sup>	
ORR	19% vs.12%	9.1% vs. 8.8%	23% vs. 14%	18.4% vs.10.5%	
Grade 3/4 neutropenia	0% vs. 27%	5% vs. 40%	49% vs. 39%	7% vs. 26%	
DOR	17 vs. 6 months	4.6 vs. 5.3 months		12.7 vs. 1 months	
Conclusion	<ul> <li>Introduces potential cytokine storm leading to inflammation</li> <li>Moved into 1st line</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No efficacy improvement</li> <li>Approved based on low neutropenia rate</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Modest efficacy benefit</li> <li>Higher severe neutropenia rate than docetaxel</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Superior efficacy</li> <li>Superior CIN benefit</li> <li>Durable anti-cancer benefit</li> <li>Safety benefit</li> </ul>	



DUBLIN-3 (Study 103): Phase 3 in NSCLC hypothesis based on Plinabulin IO mechanism on activating GEF-H1, a proven target

#### GEF-H1 - higher GEF-H1 immune signatures associated with longer OS in cancer patient <sup>1</sup>

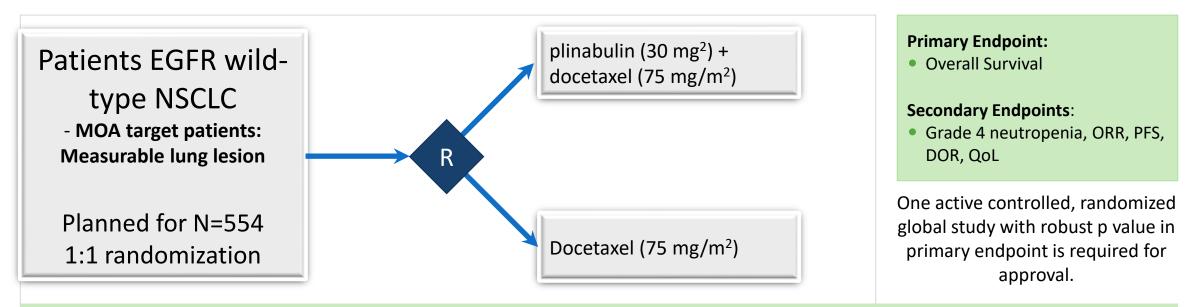


- Anti-cancer activity
- Augmentation of IO effect in combo with chemo or radiation, as antigen generator
- GEF-H1 mechanism driven OS benefit



## DUBLIN-3 (Study 103): Phase 3 in NSCLC – second interim analysis completed; DSMB recommended trial to continue

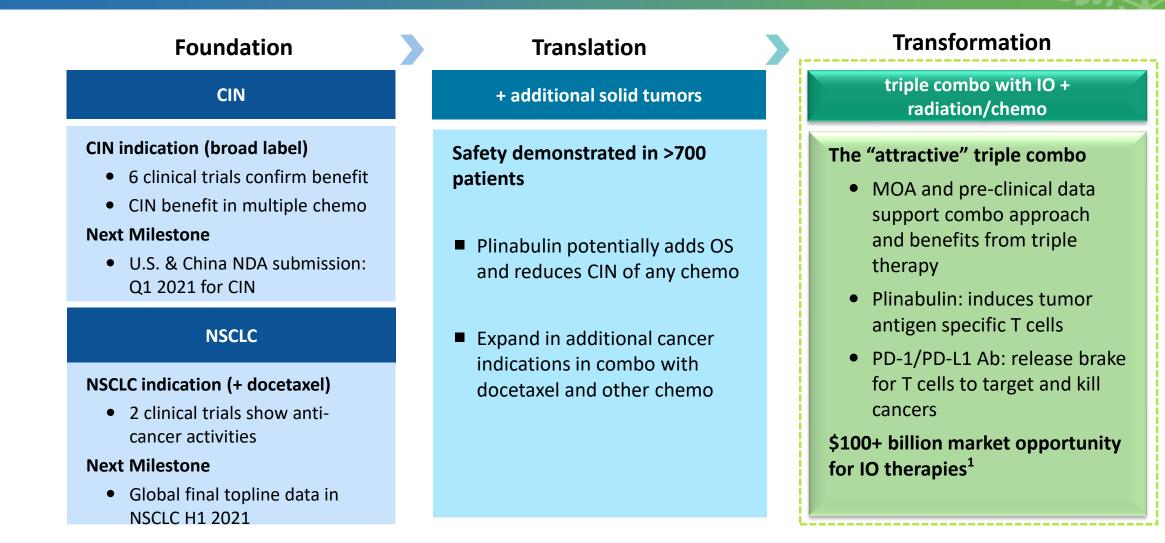
#### **DUBLIN-3 Phase 3 in NSCLC Trial Design**



- First interim analysis completed in Q1 2019 at 1/3 patient mortality. DSMB recommended trial to continue without modification (HR < 0.75 based on mOS)</li>
- Second interim analysis completed in Q2 2020 at 2/3 patient mortality. DSMB recommended trial to continue without modification
- Final analysis: 439 patient mortality; study succeeds if p < 0.046 for mOS 1H 2021

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## Plinabulin: "pipeline in a drug" for multiple cancer indications



## Near-term milestones will create significant value for Plinabulin in the next 12 to 36 months

- CIN in global markets -> compelling value creation potential from improving SOC, and large opportunity for life cycle management
- NSCLC in global markets -> large and growing patient population with large unmet medical need
- IO Combos -> multiple cancers and improving current therapies

Plinabulin life-cycle management related to CIN **IO Combos** Various cancers Clin.Data: Q4 2021 NSCLC Final topline global Ph 3 data: H1 2021 CIN U.S. + China NDA submission Q1 2021







SEED is a majority-owned subsidiary pursuing "Molecular Glue" targeted protein degradation to degrade diseasecausing proteins previously believed to be undruggable

- \$800M collaboration with Lilly on three targets
- Own targets (e.g., KRAS)
- Structure conducive to having additional collaborations

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## Appendix



### Strong network of advisors



Douglas Blayney, M.D.



- Founding member and former Board Member of the NCCN Guidelines for Neutropenia Management in U.S.
- Former president of ASCO

Management in China

Academy of Medical Sciences

• Former member of FDA's Oncologic Drugs Advisory Committee

Director of Oncology Department at Cancer Hospital Chinese

Medical Director of Stanford Cancer Institute

Principal Investigator, CIN Study 105 & 106 China

Chairman of the NCCN Guidelines for Neutropenia



Jeffrey Crawford, M.D.



David Ettinger, M.D.

#### SAB Member, NSCLC Study 103

U.S.

DSMB Chairman, CIN Study 105 & Study 106

Professor of Medicine at Duke University

• Chairman of NCCN Guideline for NSCLC and Board of Directors of NCCN Guideline

Chairman of NCCN Guidelines for Neutropenia Management in

• Lead investigator of the U.S. multicenter, randomized trial of Filgrastim (G-CSF, Neupogen), leading to FDA approval

• Alex Grass Professor of Oncology, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University

Yuankai Shi, M.D.



Principal Investigator, NSCLC Study 103 China

- Chairman of the NCCN Guidelines for NSCLC in China
- Co-founder of the Steering Committee of the Chinese Society of Clinical Oncology (CSCO)
- Director of GCP Center at Cancer Hospital of Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences



Avram Hershko, M.D.

#### SAB Member, Ubiquitination Platform

- Nearly 50 years of research leadership in ubiquitination pathway
- 2004 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for discovery of ubiquitinmediated protein degradation
- Distinguished Professor at Rappaport Faculty of Medicine at Technion in Haifa



## Plinabulin – first-in-class agent (a 20-year journey)

#### 2000-2005: NCE discovered 20 years ago from sea microbes, then optimized

- In 2000, new chemical entity (NCE) Halamide class compound was discovered from sea microbes by Nereus Pharmaceuticals based in San Diego, CA
- 300+ derivatives were made and screened through colon cancer cell lines, and Plinabulin was found to be most efficacious and safe compound to enter clinics

2005-2010: Early clinical studies showed unique clinical profile for Plinabulin, a tubulin binder; but did not know why

- Early clinical studies in NSCLC in Plinabulin + docetaxel showed durable anti-cancer benefit, and serendipitous finding of CIN benefit
- Mechanism as a tubulin binder cannot explain clinical profile

2010-2020: Research collaboration with experts in protein structure, immune and CIN field shed light on Plinabulin's unique MOA, leading to targeted clinical development and extended/strong patent protection to 2036

- Four MOA papers published in 2019, collaborating with leading scientists from Univ. of Basel, Fred Hutch, Mass General and MD Anderson
- Data from additional manufacturing and research provide strong basis for extended and strong patent protection to 2036 in 36 jurisdictions
- Design registration studies in CIN and NSCLC based on Plinabulin MOA and chart targeted clinical development programs.



## Plinabulin differentiated tubulin binding and its effect in DC maturation and GEF-H1 release published in Chem and Cell Reports

#### Chem

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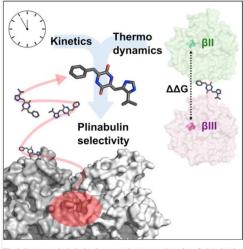
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#### Article

Structure, Thermodynamics, and Kinetics of Plinabulin Binding to Two Tubulin Isotypes



Plinabulin is a novel tubulin-binding agent that is currently in phase 3 clinical trials for cancer treatment and prevention of chemotherapy-induced neutropenia. Plinabulin binds within a distinct tubulin pocket, which differentiates it from other tubulin binders. Aimed at disclosing structural and energetic details of plinabulin binding to tubulin, we combine X-ray crystallography and computational modeling. We compare the plinabulin residence time with that of colchicine and combretastatin-A4. Our study helps understand potential mechanisms underlying differential effects of this family of anti-tubulin drugs.



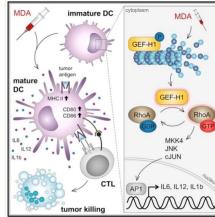
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#### **Cell Reports**

#### GEF-H1 Signaling upon Microtubule Destabilization Is Required for Dendritic Cell Activation and Specific Anti-tumor Responses

#### **Graphical Abstract**

Highlights



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#### In Brief

Certain chemotherapeutics elicit potent anti-tumor immunity. Kashyap et al. demonstrate that microtubuledestabilizing chemotherapeutics induce maturation of dendritic cells through activation of microtubule-associated protein GEF-H1. This leads to effective priming of CD8 T cells against tumor antigens. GEF-H1 is critical for anti-tumor immunity of microtubule-targeting

immunity of microtubule chemotherapy.

 GEF-H1 is released from microtubules, leading to its activation

· Microtubule destabilization in dendritic cells drives DC

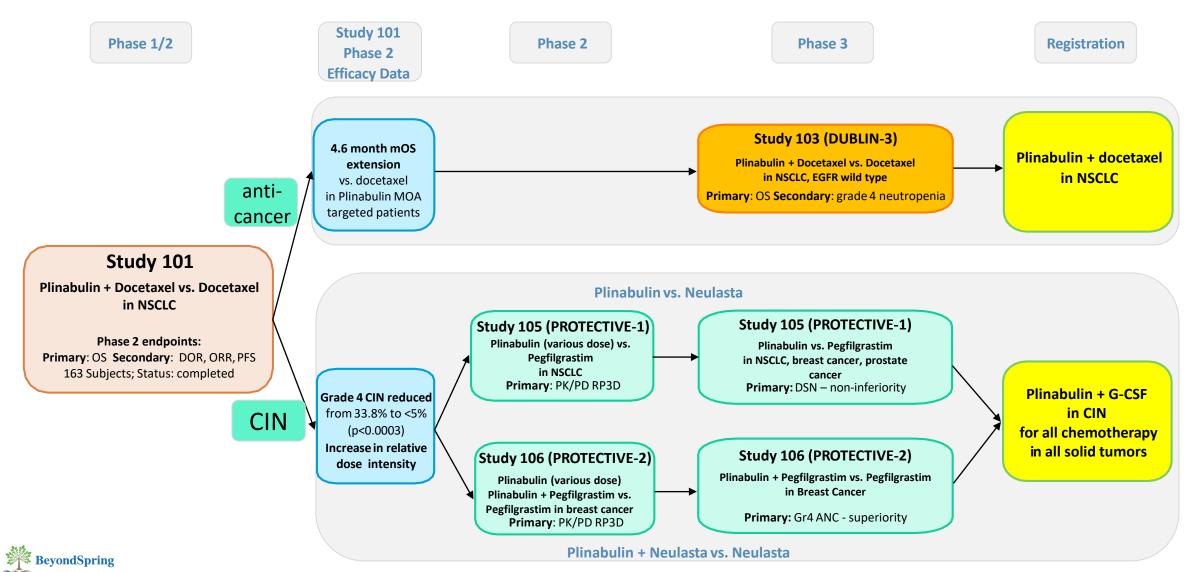
maturation and T cell activation

- GEF-H1 release triggers the RhoA-JNK-c-Jun signaling axis and AP-1 transcriptional response
- GEF-H1 is critical for DC maturation, antigen crosspresentation, and anti-tumor immunity

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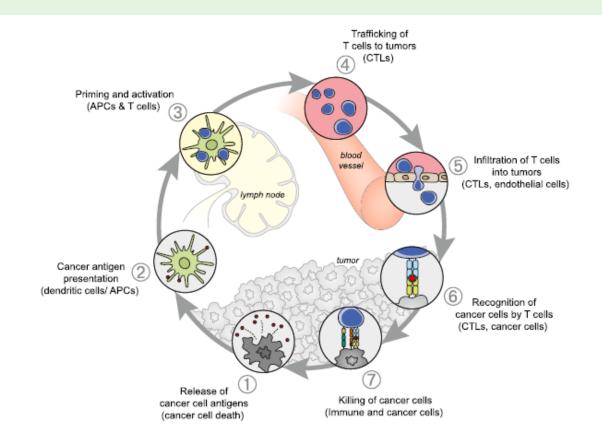
### **Plinabulin Registration Studies**



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## Plinabulin induces dendritic cell DC maturation, a key step in initiating anti-cancer immunotherapy

- The generation of cancer immunity is a cyclic process. In principle, the response of T cells to tumor cells should be amplified and expanded
- Initiating anti-cancer immunity includes antigen release, presentation and activation of cancer antigen-specific T cells.
   Dendritic cells are the most important antigen-presenting cells





### Global neutropenia market

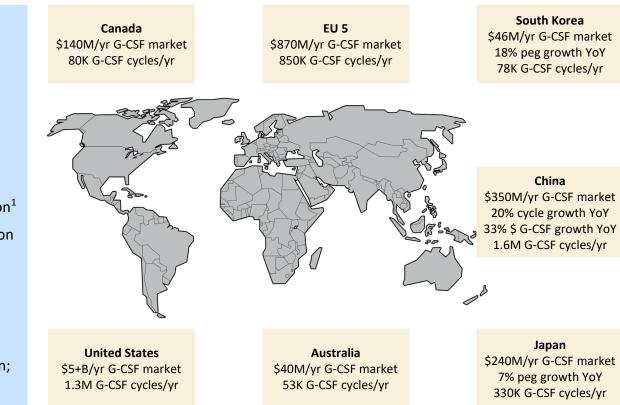
- CIN market = \$7 billion in 2017 (mainly used with high risk chemo)
- China and the U.S. represent 2/3 of all G-CSF global therapy
- Plinabulin positioning: Plinabulin as mono <u>or</u> combo therapy improves on the standard of care in the treatment of Chemotherapy Induced Neutropenia; potential for improved chemotherapy outcome

#### Addressable market

- Combination with G-CSF to
  - Improved neutropenia
  - Reduced bone pain
  - Improve compliance & persistency with chemo

#### Global

- G-CSF cycles/year = 4.3 million<sup>1</sup>
- G-CSF market value = \$7 billion
- Plinabulin + G-CSF: reduced neutropenia and improved bone pain; potential for improved compliance and persistency with chemo
- Plinabulin: reduced bone pain; improved thrombocytopenia and immune function



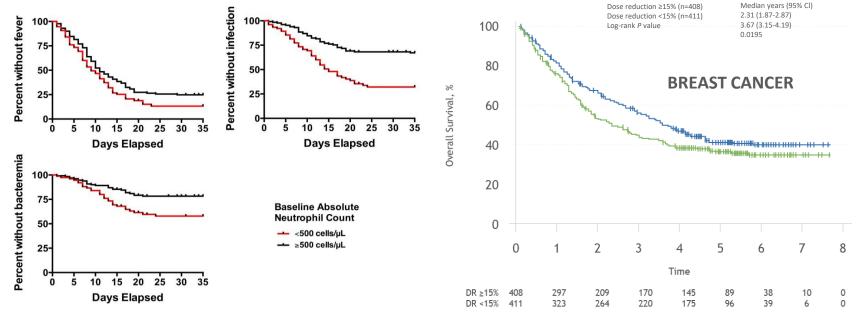
Note: <sup>1</sup> https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.3322/caac.21338. G-CSF market growth based on IQVIA data and DDM MD data Q3 '16 to Q2 '18. Standardized G-CSF units



## Grade 4 neutropenia leads to development of fever and infection; and to chemo dose reduction and less survival

Grade 4 neutropenia was associated with fever (p = 0.04), documented infection (p < 0.0001), and bacteremia (p = 0.002)<sup>1</sup>

Grade 4 neutropenia leads to dose reduction to <85% of optimum dose  $\rightarrow$  lower OS<sup>2</sup>



Clinical Breast Cancer, October 2018

Note: <sup>1</sup>Buckley SA et al., "Prediction of adverse events during intensive induction chemotherapy for acute myeloid leukemia or high-grade myelodysplastic syndromes." American J. Hematology 2014; 89(4): 423-28. 2. Denduluri N et al., Clinical Breast Cancer 18(5): 380-386 (2018); Lalami et al. Critical Reviews in Oncology / Hematology 120: 163-179 (2017).

## Potential for a broad Prevention of CIN label: Plinabulin + G-CSF for all chemo in non-myeloid solid tumors

#### The Premise

- Chemo kills fast dividing cells, which includes cancer cells, and white blood cells in bone marrow
- CIN is a problem with bone marrow, and not a problem with a specific type of cancer
- All bio-similar filgrastim or pegfilgrastim approval was based on TAC and breast cancer, which is an example of high-risk chemotherapy.

#### **Broad Label Potential for Plinabulin – G-CSF Combination**

- G-CSF class provides a base protection from severe neutropenia in week 2 following chemotherapy use.
- Plinabulin has MoA of protecting neutrophil in week 1 after chemotherapy, which has been consistently shown in five (5) trials that includes various chemotherapies, and in various non-myeloid cancer trials.
- Thus, the combination provides increased protection for the complete cycle 1 following chemotherapy.

#### **Proposed Label**

**Plinabulin when combined with G-CSF** is indicated for concurrent administration with a myelosuppressive chemotherapeutic regimen in patients with non-myeloid solid tumor for the prevention of chemotherapeutic induced neutropenia (CIN).

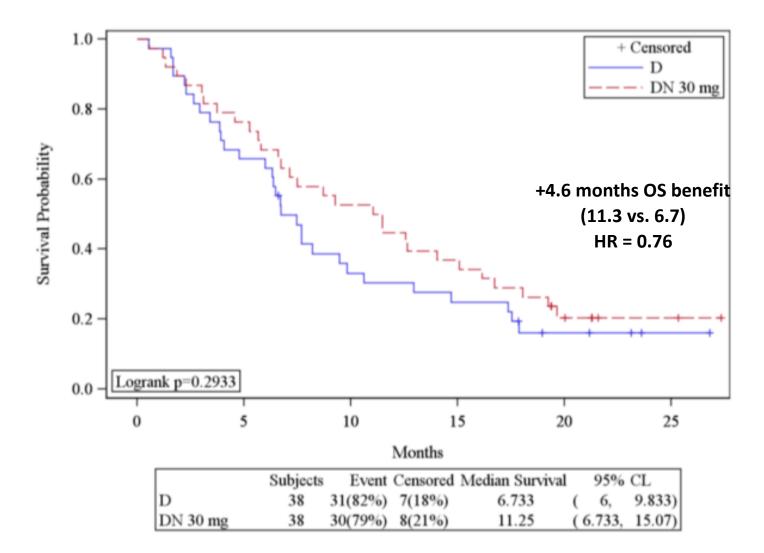


#### 2nd/3rd line NSCLC patients

	EGFR mutant	EGFR wild type	In EGFR wild type patients		
% of 2L/3L NSCLC patients (western)	15%	85%	Much larger population		
<b>mOS</b> SoC	18.3 months (TKI)	6-8 months (docetaxel)	Much shorter OS		
mOS TKI vs docetaxel <sup>1</sup>		5.4 vs 8.2 months	TKI worse than docetaxel		
Currently available therapies		PD-1 Pemetrexed Ramucirumab + docetaxel Docetaxel	All with significant limitations		
Severe unmet clinical need					

For lung cancer patients infected by COVID-19, death rate is 55%<sup>2</sup>

## Post-hoc Phase 2 data from Plinabulin in NSCLC in mechanism targeted patients shows overall survival benefit



- Plinabulin MoA- targeted patients: Measurable lung lesion with RECIST 1.1 (CT scan > 1 cm in lung); 70% of NSCLC
- Improved QoL and well tolerated safety profile





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