# THERAPEUTICS

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## Harnessing the Powerful Biology of the TGF- $\beta$ Superfamily

Clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel therapeutics that target the TGF-B superfamily

Approach validated by FDA-approved third-party products derived from native amino acid sequences

- Infuse (BMP2) for spinal fusion (Genetics Institute/Medtronic-Sofamor)
- Reblozyl<sup>®</sup> (modified activin receptor IIB) for β-thalassemia and myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS) (Acceleron Pharma/BMS)

Leveraging our extensive experience in TGF-β superfamily protein structure, function and protein engineering to generate a clinical pipeline of differentiated therapeutics:

**KER-050**: Modified activin receptor IIA (ActRIIA) ligand trap designed to be differentiated from Reblozyl®

- Addresses ineffective erythropoiesis by modulating TGF-β superfamily signaling
- Potential to correct multiple cytopenias in patients with MDS and myelofibrosis (MF)

**KER-047**: Activin receptor-like kinase 2 (ALK2) inhibitor designed to treat anemia caused by elevated hepcidin and fibrodysplasia ossificans progressiva (FOP)

 Initial clinical indication is iron-refractory iron deficiency anemia (IRIDA); potential to treat anemia associated with chronic inflammation and MF

**KER-012**: Proprietary selective activin receptor ligand trap in preclinical development for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) and bone disorders

## Keros is Developing Differentiated Clinical Assets in Hematological and Musculoskeletal Disorders

		Phase of Development					
Program	Asset	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Status	Next Milestones*
	KER-050 (therapeutic protein)	Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS)				Completed Phase 1 clinical trial	Initiate Phase 2 clinical trial: H2 2020
Hematology		Myelofibrosis (MF)					Initiate Phase 2 clinical trial: 2021
	KER-047		Anemia from high hepcidin				Complete Phase 1 clinical trial: mid-
Musculoskeletal	(small molecule)	Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva (FOP)				Phase 1 clinical trial	2020
Preclinical Pipeline	KER-012 (therapeutic protein)	Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension Bone Disorders				Ongoing preclinical studies	Initiate Phase 1 clinical trial: H2 2021
Musculoskeletal	ActRII Variant	Metabolic disease	Novo Nordisk			Ongoing preclinical studies	

Anticipated clinical milestones are subject to the impact of COVID-19 on our business.

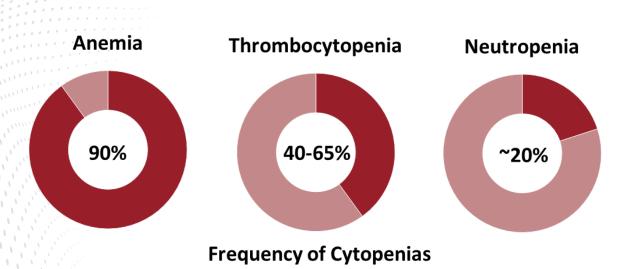
# **KER-050**

A novel treatment designed to address diseases arising from ineffective hematopoiesis

- Myelodysplastic syndromes
- Myelofibrosis

## **Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS) Overview**

Hematologic malignancy predominantly affecting the elderly, resulting in multiple cytopenias (anemia, thrombocytopenia, neutropenia) due to ineffective hematopoiesis



60,000-170,000

Prevalence of MDS patients in US\*

15,000-20,000

New MDS patients diagnosed each year\*

## **KER-050 Designed to Fill Treatment Gap for Cytopenias in MDS**

#### Anemia treatments

#### **Red Blood Cell (RBC) Transfusion**

Risk of infection and iron overload

#### **ESAs**

- Low proportion of responders in Aranesp® Phase 3 clinical trials
- Benefit limited to patients with low transfusion burden and low endogenous EPO levels
- ESAs only impact early progenitors in red blood cell lineage

#### **Reblozyl®**

- Phase 3 trial only evaluated RS positive patients, a subset of patients with **defects in terminal maturation**, with only 38% responders vs 13% placebo
  - RS positive patients account for an estimated 15% of MDS cases\*
- Targets terminal differentiation of RBCs
- Similar to ESAs, benefit primarily in low transfusion burden

#### Thrombocytopenia treatments

#### **Platelet Transfusion**

• Risk of infection and allergic reactions

## CREDICZY Aranespi darbepoetin alfa Rebiczy early progenitors (uspatercept-aamt) to injection 25mg + 75mg BFU-E CFU-E Pro-E Baso-E Poly-E Ortho-E Reticulocyte RBC

**KER-050** 

Erythropoiesis Differentiation and Maturation Spectrum

## **KER-050 is a Modified ActRII Fusion Protein**

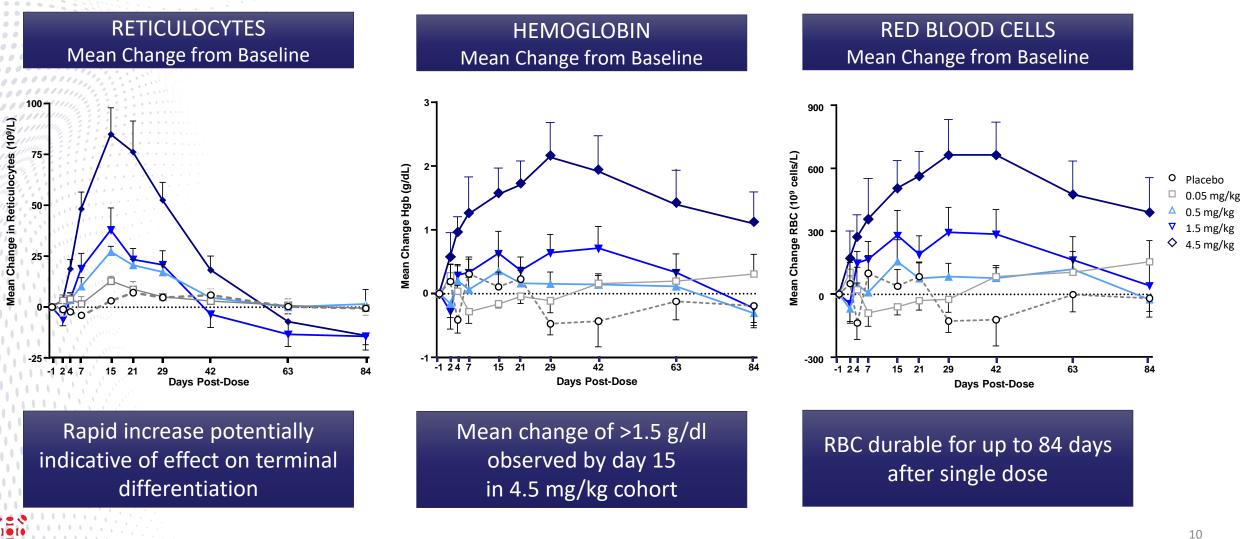
- Activin receptors are expressed on hematopoietic cells and modulate differentiation
- KER-050 is a ligand trap composed of a modified extracellular domain of activin receptor IIA (ActRIIA) fused to the Fc region of human IgG
- KER-050 is designed to bind to ligands that signal through the activin receptors and to increase RBCs and platelets

## **KER-050 Completed First-in-human Trial**

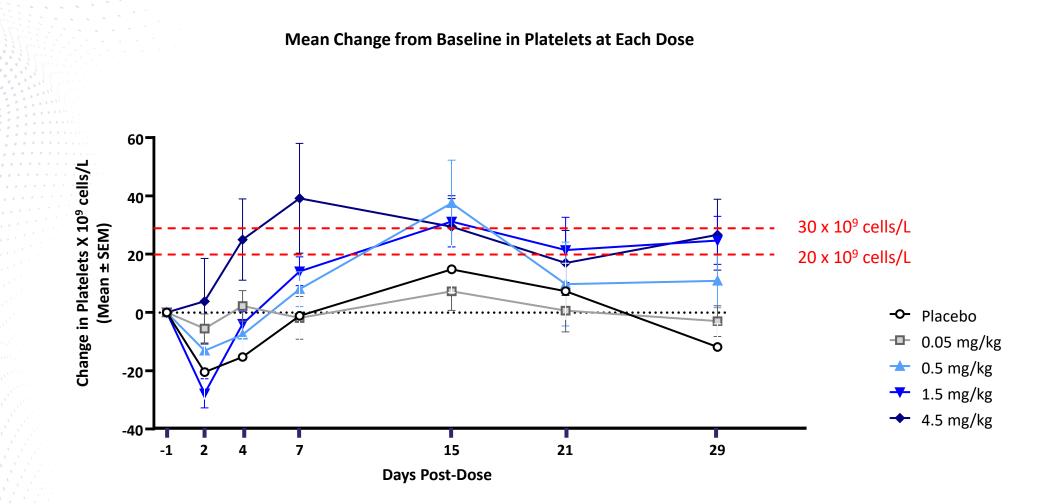
- First-in-human trial was designed to explore the safety, tolerability and PK in healthy volunteers with a secondary objective of changes in PD (hematology and bone biomarkers)
- Observed to be well tolerated at dose levels up to 4.5 mg/kg, the highest dose level tested
- The most common adverse events observed in subjects in this trial were nausea, gastroenteritis and injection site erythema
  - Consistent with the mechanism of action of KER-050, increased hemoglobin and hypertension
  - Reversible, mild hypertension events observed only in subjects with an approximately 3 g/dL increase in hemoglobin



## KER-050 Treatment was Observed to Lead to Robust and Sustained Increases in Reticulocytes, Hemoglobin and RBCs after a Single Dose

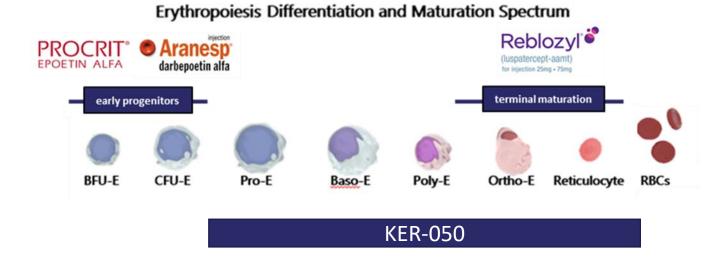


## **KER-050 Treatment was Observed to Lead to Clinically Meaningful Changes in Platelets after a Single Dose**



## **KER-050** has a Potentially Differentiated Mechanism of Action

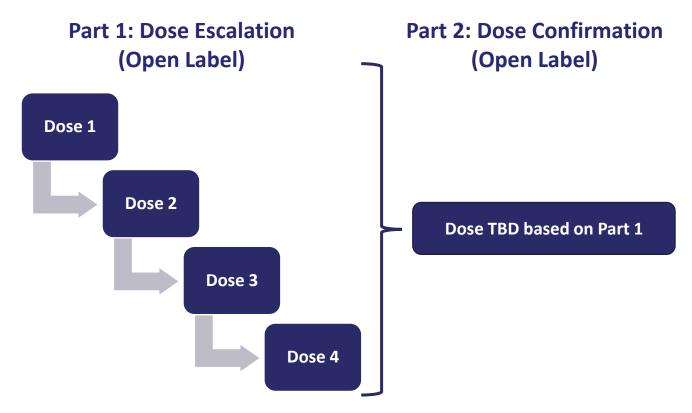
- Robust and sustained increases observed in RBCs, hemoglobin and reticulocytes support the potential for administration of monthly or less frequent dosing
- Observed sustained response potentially supports the dual mechanism of promoting early and late stages of erythropoiesis



 Clinically meaningful increase observed in platelets after a single dose, which we believe differentiates KER-050 from other agents that only affect RBCs

## Expect to Commence a Phase 2 Trial of KER-050 in MDS (H2 2020)

- Open label Phase 2 trial in two parts to explore changes in hematology with treatment in patients with MDS
  - Red blood cell parameters
  - Platelets
- 12-week treatment with monthly dosing and 12-week follow up
- Part 1: Dose escalation to evaluate response in RS positive and non-RS positive patients
- Part 2: Dose confirmation



Treatment in Parts 1 and 2: 12 weeks Safety follow up: 12 weeks

## **Myelofibrosis (MF) is Characterized by Ineffective Hematopoiesis**

- Molecular abnormalities in JAK-STAT pathway result in expansion of RBC and platelet precursors and subsequent ineffective hematopoiesis
- Megakaryocyte accumulation/breakdown is implicated in the inducement of bone marrow fibrosis
- KER-050 increased RBCs and platelets in our Phase 1 clinical trial
- We believe that KER-050 has the potential to address ineffective hematopoiesis, which is central to MF
- Plan to initiate a Phase 2 trial in MF in 2021, evaluating effect on platelets and RBCs

## 16,000-18,500

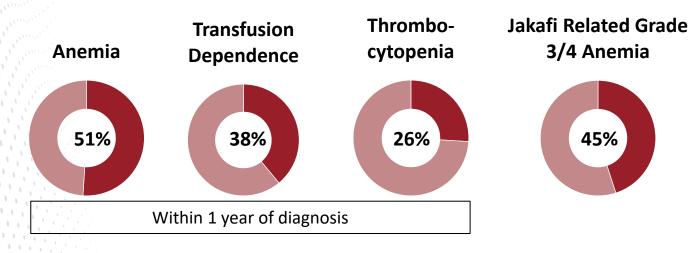
Prevalent MF patients in US\*

## >3,000

New MF patients diagnosed each year\*\*

#### ~100 %

Nearly all MF patients will become transfusiondependent\*\*\*



\*Gangat 2011;\*\*Srour 2016; \*\*\*Naymagon 2017

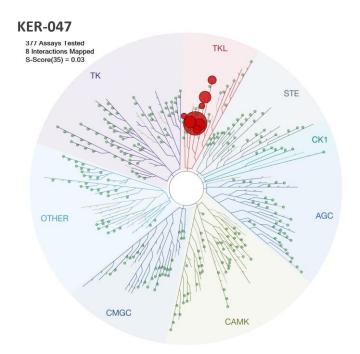
# **KER-047**

A novel treatment designed to address

- Anemia arising from high hepcidin levels
- Fibrodysplasia ossificans progressiva (FOP)

## **KER-047: A Potentially Potent and Selective ALK2 Inhibitor**

- Small-molecule inhibitor of the activin receptor like kinase-2 (ALK2) kinase domain
- **Potency:** Low nanomolar IC<sub>50</sub>
- Selectivity: Highly selective over kinases outside of the TGF-β superfamily as well as other, structurally similar TGF-β receptors
  - Data from cell-based reporter assays established > 20-fold potency for ALK2 compared to ALK1 and ALK5, which have 77% and 65% homology to ALK2, respectively (Kingsley, D.M., 1994)
- PK/ADME: Suitable for 1x daily oral dosing

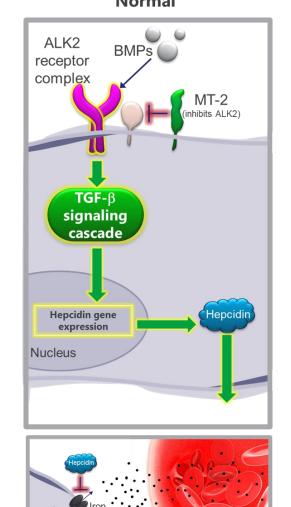


Invitrogen kinase screen at 1 mM

## **ALK2** Regulates Hepcidin and Iron Homeostasis

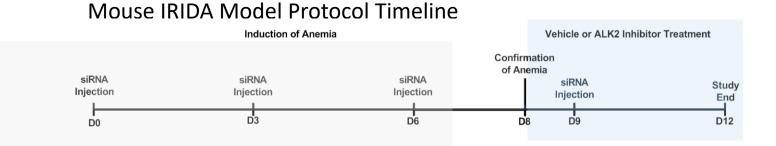
- ALK2 signaling in the liver controls hepcidin expression, a hormone that controls iron transport
- Excessive ALK2 signaling results in high hepcidin and a shortage of iron availability for RBC production
- ALK2 signaling requires BMP ligand and the co-receptor hemojuvelin
- Hepcidin expression is tightly regulated and controls expression of ALK2 suppressor protease MT-2
  - Loss of MT-2 causes the genetic disease iron-refractory iron deficiency anemia (IRIDA)
- High hepcidin has also been implicated in anemia of chronic disease
- Modulating ALK2 signaling will normalize high hepcidin levels, restore serum iron and ameliorate anemia



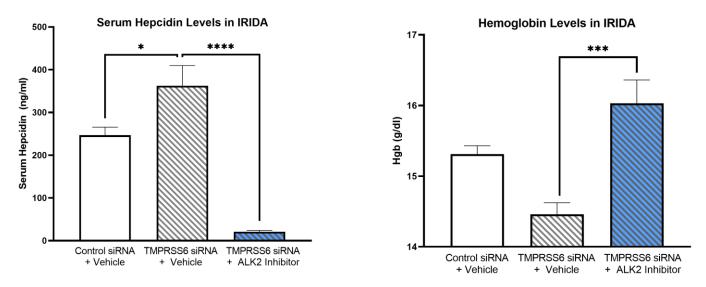


## Keros ALK2 Inhibitors Observed to Resolve Anemia in TMPRSS6-Deficient Mice

- TMPRSS6 encodes MT-2, the protease that suppresses ALK2 signaling
- MT-2/TMPRSS6 deficiency results in IRIDA
- siRNA knockdown of TMPRSS6 in mice copies human IRIDA patients
  - Increases hepcidin and reduces hemoglobin
- Our small molecule ALK2 inhibitor reversed high hepcidin and ameliorated anemia resulting from TMPRSS6 deficiency in wild-type mice



#### Mouse IRIDA Model Data



\*P>0.05; \*\*\*P>0.001; \*\*\*\*P>0.0001 (Two-way ANOVA followed by Sidak post test)

## **ALK2** Mutation is a Driver of FOP

FOP is a rare genetic disease in which muscles and connective tissues transform into bone

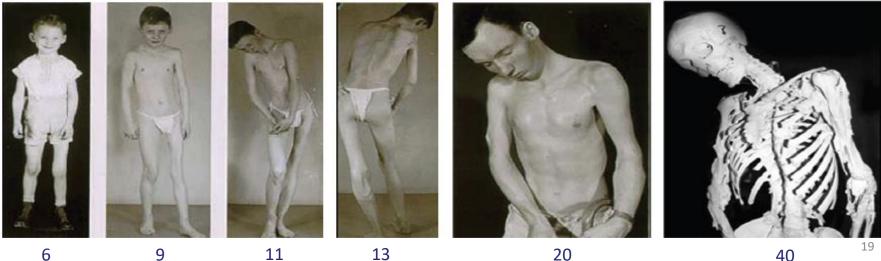
No cure or effective treatments

- Most patients are confined to a wheelchair by third decade of life
- Typical life expectancy 40 years

Caused by single amino acid mutations in ALK2 that leads to gain-of-function

KER-047 is designed to target ALK2

### An example of **FOP** progression

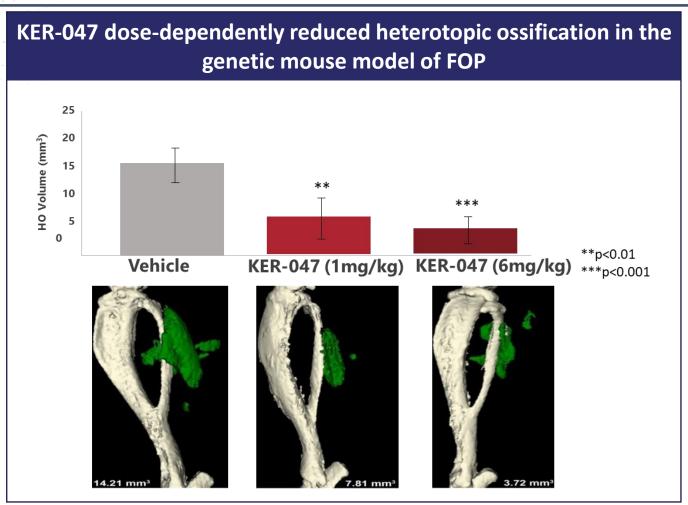


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## **KER-047 Exhibited Dose-dependent Efficacy in FOP Mouse Model**



Preclinical studies conducted in young animals demonstrated that ALK2 inhibition did not result in growth plate ablation or synovial joint malformations

# Two Phase 2 Trials to Provide Proof-of-Concept for Anemia Arising from High Hepcidin and FOP

- We are conducting a Phase 1 clinical trial to evaluate single and multiple ascending doses of KER-047 in healthy volunteers
- The primary objectives of this trial are to assess safety, tolerability and pharmacokinetics of KER-047
  - Evaluating biomarkers of iron homeostasis



- KER-047 is designed to normalize high hepcidin levels, restore serum iron and ameliorate anemia
- We expect to initiate a Phase 2 clinical trial in patients with high hepcidin, including IRIDA, in H1 2021
- KER-047 is designed to prevent the development of new, and expansion of existing, heterotopic ossification

FOP

• We expect to initiate a Phase 2 clinical trial in patients with FOP in H1 2021

# **KER-012**

A preclinical program designed to address

- Bone loss disorders such as osteoporosis and osteogenesis imperfecta
- Pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH)

## **KER-012 (Preclinical Product Candidate)**

- Proprietary selective activin receptor ligand trap in preclinical development for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) and bone disorders
- In preclinical studies, KER-012:
  - Demonstrated high affinity for, and potent inhibition of, ligands involved in the regulation of bone homeostasis
  - Increased bone mineral density and trabecular bone volume in wild-type mice and mice with established osteoporosis
  - Did not increase red blood cell production in cynomolgus monkeys
- We believe KER-012 has the potential to increase the signaling of BMP pathways by inhibiting activin A and activin B signaling and, consequently, treat diseases such as PAH that are associated with reduced BMP signaling



# **Keros Summary**

## We Believe Keros is Positioned for Clinical and Commercial Success

- Keros is focused on the development of novel TGF- $\beta$  therapeutics
  - Robust biology that has been validated in the clinic
- Keros is well-positioned to harness the potential of the TGF- $\beta$  superfamily
  - Multiple product candidates expected to commence Phase 2 trials
  - Clinical programs have potentially differentiated mechanism of action
- Our discovery approach has the potential to identify additional molecules with differentiated profiles from existing third-party products and product candidates
  - Pipeline of preclinical assets: bone, muscle and pulmonary



## **Anticipated Key Milestones**\*

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- Initiate Phase 2 trial in MDS
- Initiate Phase 2 trial in myelofibrosis

## **KER-047**

- Present preclinical data demonstrating potential to address anemia
- Complete Phase 1 SAD/MAD trial
- Present Phase 1 healthy volunteer data
- Initiate Phase 2 trial in anemia with high hepcidin, including IRIDA
- Initiate Phase 2 trial in FOP

## KER-012

Nominate molecule for pre-IND development

EHA25 (June 2020) H2 2020 2021

EHA25 (June 2020) mid 2020 H2 2020 H1 2021 H1 2021

H2 2020

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# **Thank You**