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Pioneering a new class of drugs with a broad portfolio and global partnerships

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# Molecular Partners: Pioneering DARPin® therapies to transform the lives of patients with cancer and other diseases

#### **Broad pipeline of custom-built protein therapeutics**

- First DARPin candidate abicipar (licensed to AbbVie), CRL received from FDA in June 2020
- Immuno-oncology portfolio includes cutting-edge approaches:
  - First tumor-localized immune agonist in Phase 1 (licensed to Amgen), with 4-1BB as key target
  - New tumor-localizing immune agonist, with CD40 as key target
  - Peptide-MHC binding has delivered proof-of-concept
- COVID-19 DARPin antiviral candidate with best-in-class potential FIH planned November 2020 (Collaboration with Novartis)

#### A global team, united around a common purpose of bringing a new class of drugs to life

A unique blend of founding DARPin inventors and key hires



# Synergistic Partnerships Built on a Versatile Platform

# Ophthalmic

Partnership with Allergan/AbbVie on Abicipar, resulting in two positive Phase 3 studies.

CRL (June 2020): AbbVie evaluating next steps with agency

\$360m in potential milestones and teens royalty still possible

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# Oncology

Partnership with Amgen on FAP x 4-1BB localized immune modulator

Phase 1 conducted by MP and Amgen to develop for combination studies

~\$500m in milestones and high teen royalties



# Virology

Collaboration with Novartis on multi-specific COVID antivirals

Novartis committed to clinical development in 2021 and manufacturing through Sandoz

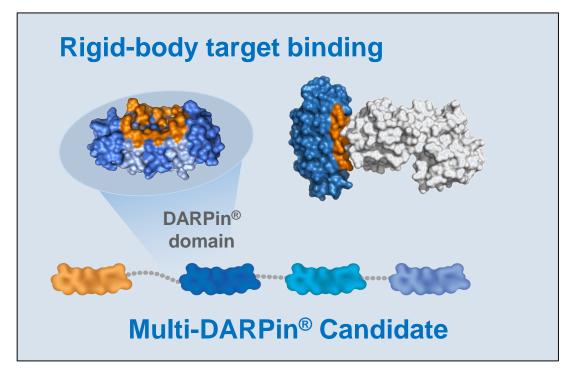
~\$230m in upfront and near-term milestones with 22% royalty on sales

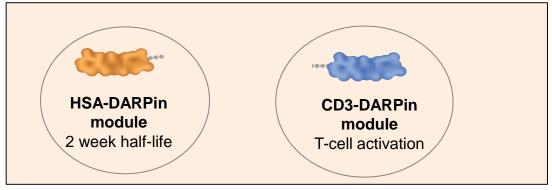


Over ~\$1B in potential milestone across multiple programs



# DARPin Custom-Built Features and Benefits





#### Multi-DARPins: Incredible versatility by design

#### **Unlock** potent MoAs:

Localized activation and pro-drugs

#### **Super-potency:**

Cooperative binding for complete inhibition

#### Rigid-body target binding

#### **Expand** target space:

Specific binding for undruggable targets (pMHC)

#### **DARPin behavior & toolbox**

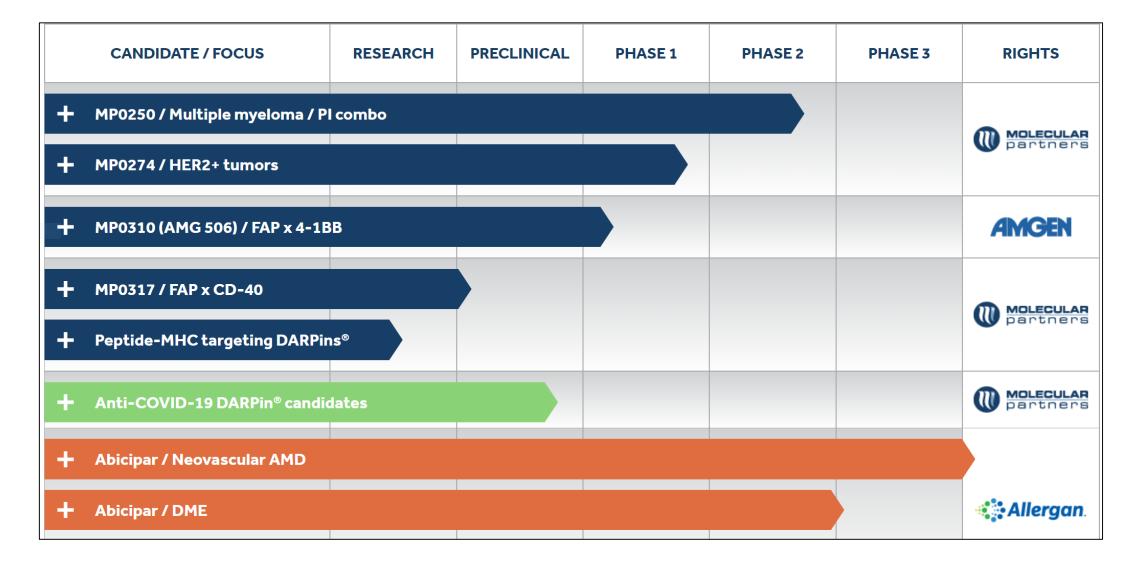
#### **DARPin toolbox:**

All modules can be re-incorporated into new candidates

**Speed to clinical POC & low-cost production:** multi-DARPin selection and *E.Coli* production



# A Balanced and Robust Portfolio

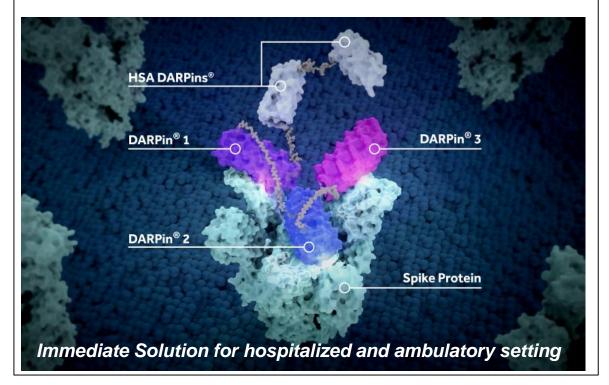


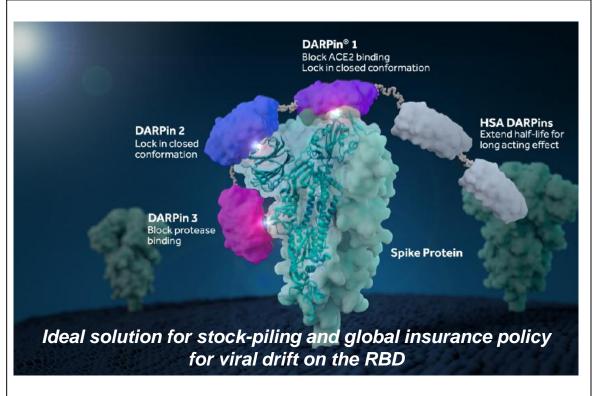


# MP0420 & MP0423: DARPin® solutions to SARS-Cov2

#### MP0420 - best-in-class

- 3 different DARPins blocking the RBD (mAB mixture in one) for highest potency & to prevent viral escape
- Long half-life single injection
- > s.c. injection simple application in ambulatory setting
- Low costs and high numbers of doses available





#### MP0423 - first-in-class

- 3 DARPins blocking different domains of the viral spike
- High activity even if RBD mutates heavily and escapes all vaccines and therapeutic antibodies
- All other benefits of MP0420



# Novartis collaboration highlights strengths of each company

Novartis: manufacturing, supply and logistics for global reach

A common sense of principles, purpose, and urgency

Both parties commit to global access, aiming to make candidates available to all countries in need

Molecular Partners: two multi-specific anti-COVID candidates

Novartis has the clinical expertise and capabilities fast development



# Commercial Framework:

#### **Near term milestones total CHF 210M**

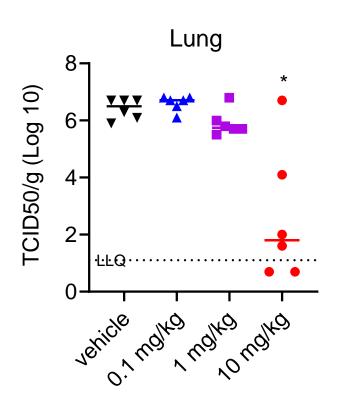
- CHF 60M 'upfront', including subscription of CHF 40M worth of MOLN ordinary shares at a price of CHF 23/share
- Receipt of CHF 150M milestone upon commercial exercise (likely in within 2021)

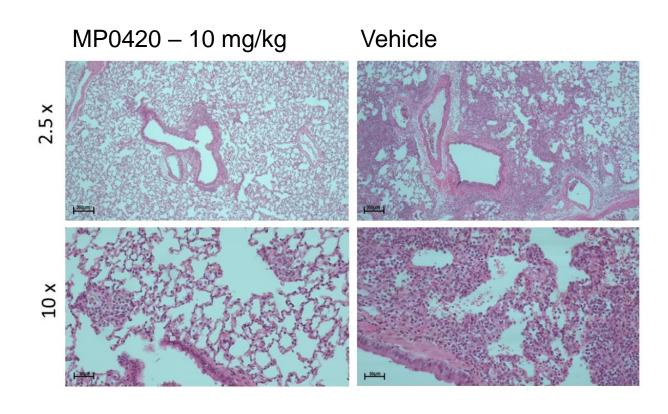
# 22% royalties in commercial markets

 MP acknowledges and supports Novartis' goal of making this drug globally available, including in markets and countries where financial resources might otherwise limit access, where MP will forgo any potential royalties.



# MP0420 – in vivo Activity – Hamster Model



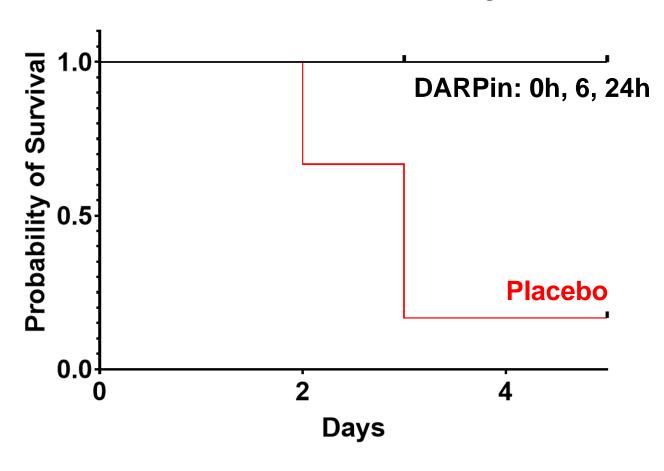


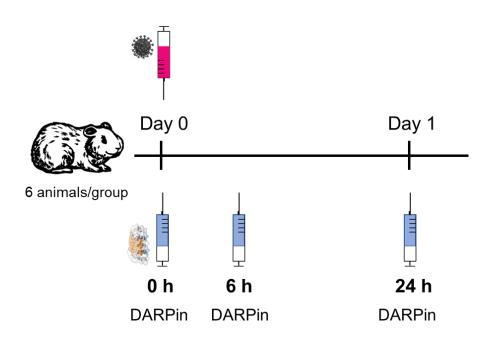
- Hamster in vivo data show dose-dependent activity of MP0420
- Lung exposure & activity of the DARPin candidate via HSA DARPin module confirmed
- In vivo efficacy confirmed with DARPin MoA, without risk of Antibody-Dependent Enhancement (Fc-mediated)



# Therapeutic effect, designed for global impact

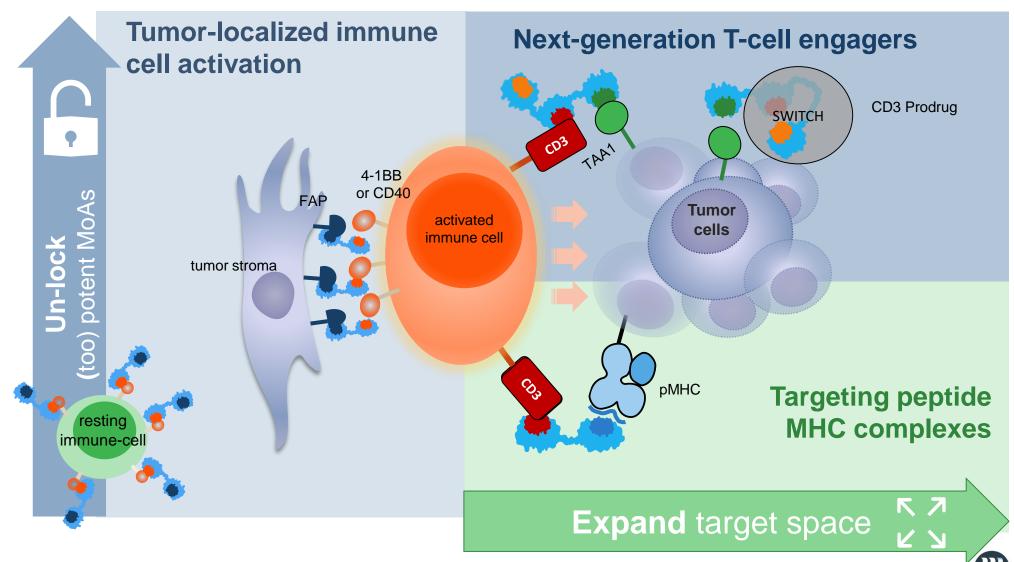
## **Survival of Animals Over Study Duration**





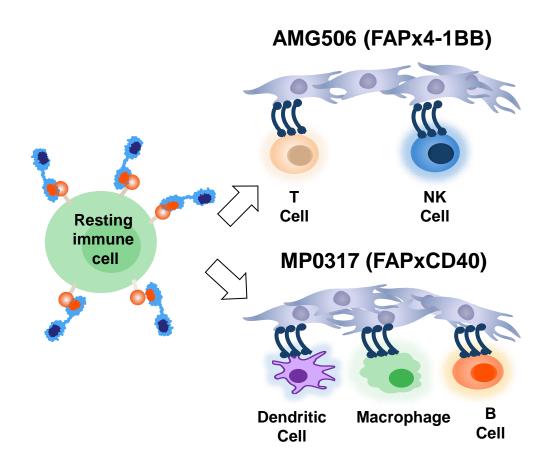


# Applying our Therapeutic DARPin® Designs



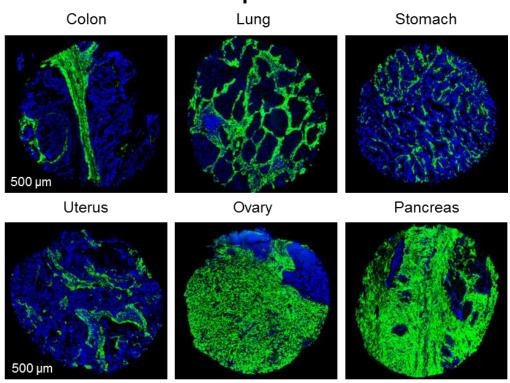
**MOLECULAR** partners

# Unlock: Local Activation of Immune cells: Fibroblast Activation Protein (FAP) as a general switch



- No activation by mono-binding of FAP or CD40/4-1BB
- Simultaneous binding leads to tumor-local immune activation

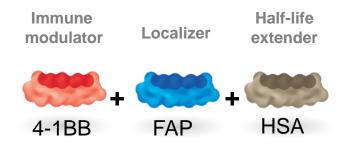
# FAP expression adequate for immune activation in multiple solid tumors

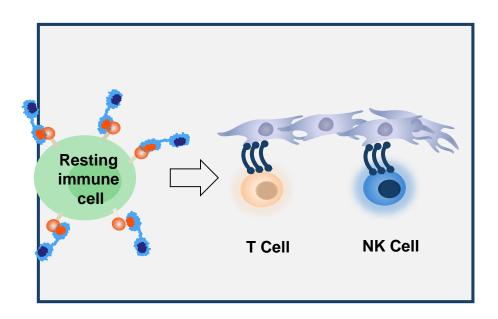


Human FAP, DAPI



# MP0310 (AMG 506): Localized Activation of 4-1BB



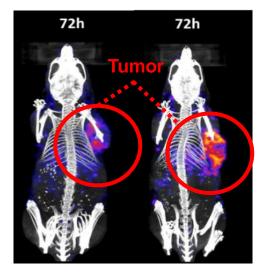


- → 4-1BB is a potent co-stimulatory molecule on T cells, but
  development has been slowed due to systemic toxicity concerns
- Novel mode of action: localized activation of 4-1BB in a FAP dependent manner
- Dose escalation ongoing: Phase 1 trial in patients with FAP positive tumors that have progressed on SOC
- Phase 1b combination studies with to be conducted by Amgen
- \$50m upfront, ~\$500m in milestones plus royalties

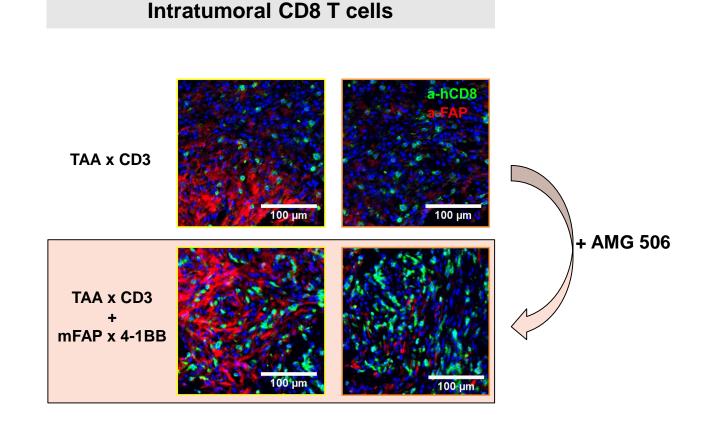


# Combination of AMG 506/MP0310 and TAA x CD3 Bi-Specific Results in Significant Increase of Intratumoral CD8+ T Cells

FAP-Mediated Tumor
Accumulation of AMG 506
HT-29-T-implanted NSG mice

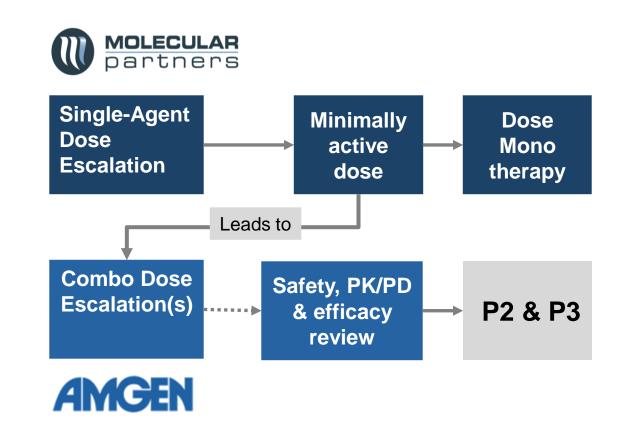


no-FAP x 4-1BB mFAP x 4-1BB



# Cornerstones of Amgen Collaboration for AMG 506 (MP0310)

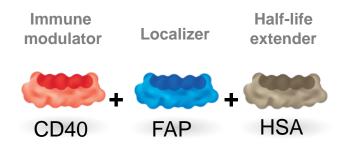
- AMG 506 Co-development
  - MP tests mono dose escalation
  - Amgen tests combinations
- Deal terms
  - \$50m upfront payment
  - \$497m in potential MS
  - Royalties up to high-teens
- MP retains rights to combine AMG506 with DARPin candidates in the pipeline

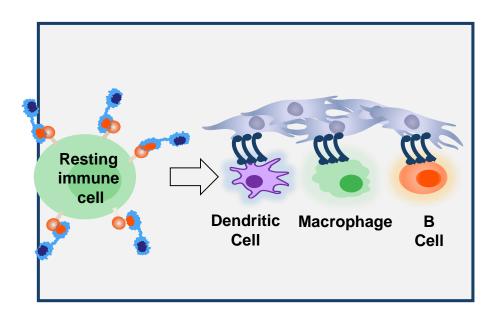


- Dose escalation ongoing
- Initial data from ph 1 study expected in H2 20
- Data used to inform potential Ph1b combination studies with Amgen assets which will be conducted by Amgen



### MP0317: Localized Activation of CD40

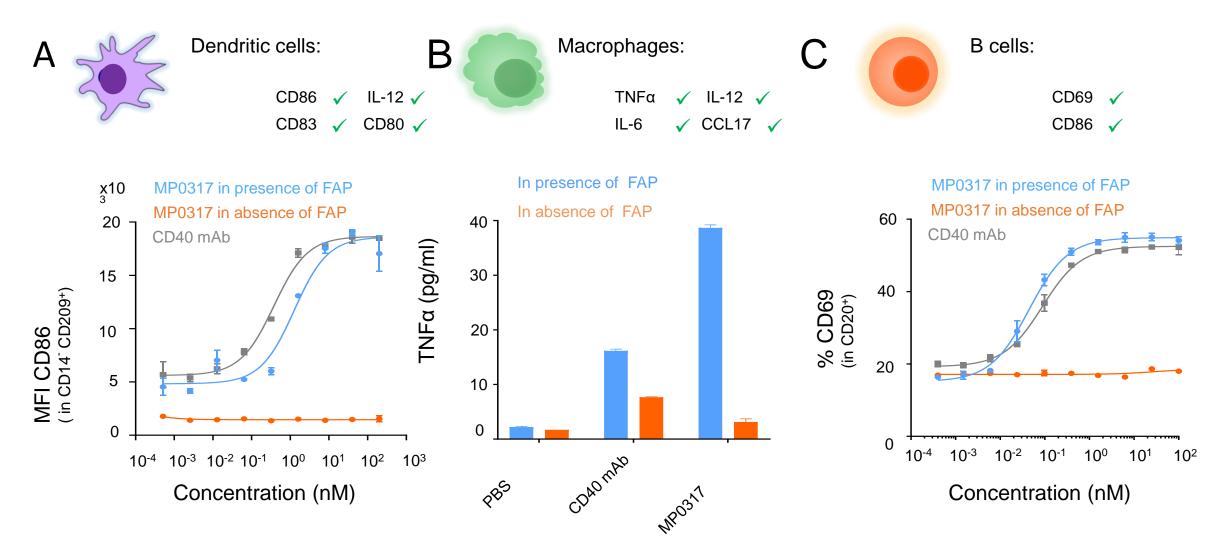




- ➤ CD40 serves pivotal role in the immune response via interactions between T cells and antigen-presenting cells
- Novel mode of action: Localized activation of CD40 in a FAP dependent manner, potentially avoiding systemic toxicity, and optimized dosing.
- Additional recruitment dendritic cells, macrophages, and B cells should allow for robust immune response in the tumor
- IND filing around year-end 2020: Phase 1 early 2021
- Novel trial design will allow for rapid POC



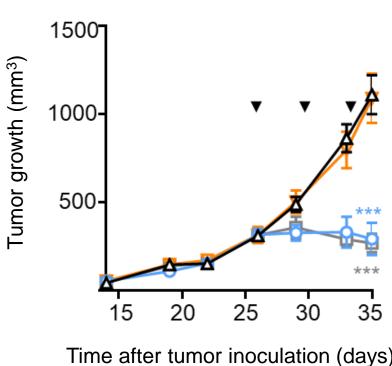
# MP0317: FAP-dependent activation of specific immune cells



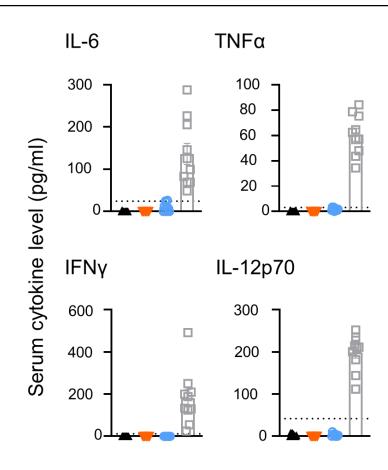


# MP0317 shows full activity with no detectable side-effects

#### **FAPHIGH TUMOR:** MC38-FAP Colorectal cancer



Time after tumor inoculation (days)

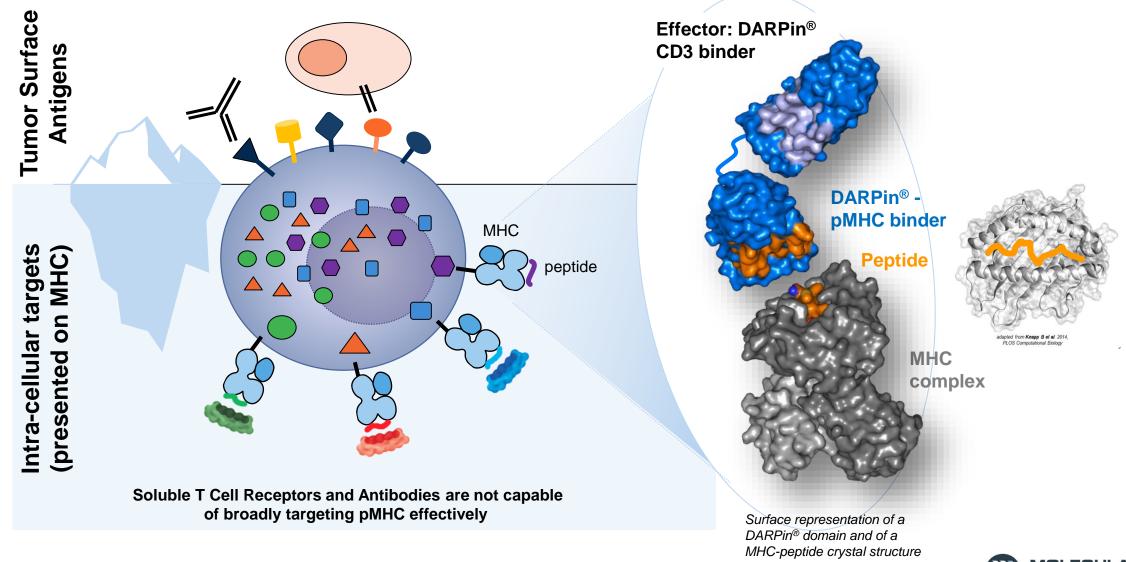


#### **Vehicle**

Neg. CTRL\* mFAP x mCD40 mCD40 Ab

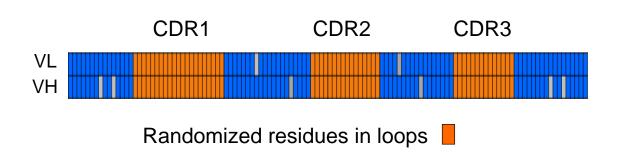


# **Expand: Peptide MHC:** Approach for "Inaccessible" Highly Selective Targets

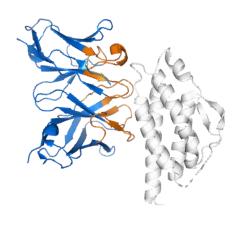


# DARPins are uniquely designed to target Peptide MHC

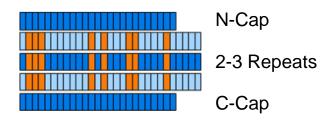
#### Antibody (Ig-) Domain: binding via flexible loops



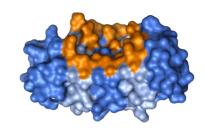


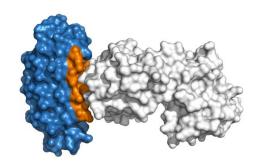


#### DARPin® Domain: binding via rigid surface



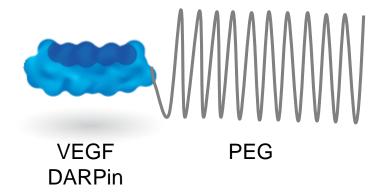
Randomized residues on rigid surface







# Abicipar: Potential to be the First Fixed 12-Week anti-VEGF





First long-acting anti-VEGF under FDA review

- Potential best in class anti-VEGF offering sustained vision gain and reduction in treatment burden
- ➤ Two positive clinical trials (CEDAR & SEQUOIA) show improved and maintained visual acuity at both 1-year and 2-year timepoints with quarterly injections
- Additional studies for DME planned (TBD)
- June 2020: CRL received from FDA- next steps to be discussed with agency
- ➤ Global partnership with Allergan/Abbvie includes remaining milestones ~(\$360m) as well as double-digit royalties on WW sales



# Financial Overview & Milestones:

- Cash September 30, 2020: CHF 133m, No debt
  - Expense Guidance for FY2020: CHF 65-75m
  - Successful capital raise of CHF 80m, completed in early July 2020
- Addition funding from Novartis transaction (CHF 60m, received per end October 2020)
  - Funded into 2023, without consideration of future milestones
- ~\$1B in potential milestones from R&D partners yet to be realized
  - \$165m milestone from Novartis upon commercial licensure of Covid-DARPins
  - ~\$500m in milestones from Amgen for AMG506 (MP0310)
  - >\$360M in approval and commercial milestones associated with Abicipar
- Up to double-digit royalties outstanding with current R&D partners



# **Expected Catalysts**

	2020/2021
Abicipar	<ul> <li>Next steps ref. approval and launch in nAMD (US and EU)</li> <li>Discussions with FDA to resolve CRL issues from June 2020</li> </ul>
MP0250	<ul> <li>Additional P2 data from PI-combo trial</li> <li>Continued development of MP0250 in partnership</li> </ul>
AMG 506 (MP0310)	<ul> <li>Identify AMG 506 (MP0310) dose in ongoing phase 1</li> <li>Initiation AMG 506 (MP0310) combination trials</li> </ul>
MP0420	<ul> <li>Manufacturing scale-up for broad supply ongoing</li> <li>FIH of anti-SARS-Cov-2 DARPin in Q4 2020 (November)</li> <li>Additional clarity on clinical development before YE</li> </ul>
MP0317	<ul> <li>Prepare for MP0317 IND submission</li> <li>Additional scientific publications and presentations</li> <li>FIH H1 2021</li> </ul>

#### Funded into 2023

(excl. any future proceeds related to partnerships)





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# **EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT**

# Executive Management and Senior Leadership Team



#### Patrick Amstutz, PhD, CEO

- Co-founder, former CBO & COO
- Member of the Board of Directors
- PhD in biochemistry from UZH



#### Dr. Nicolas Leupin, CMO

- Proven track record in drug development
- Former CMO argenx, senior positions at Celgene



#### Michael Stumpp, PhD, COO

- Co-founder, previously CSO
- PhD in biochemistry from UZH



#### Andreas Emmenegger, CFO

- Former CFO Glycart, Finance Roles at Roche
- >20 years experience as CFO of private & listed companies and in fund raising, IPOs





# Ana Cerdeira, VP Strategic Planning and Portfolio Strategy

 Former VP Emerging Markets Portfolio Mgmt. at Takeda



#### Julien Gander, General Counsel

 Director Legal & Group Risk Mgmt and Senior Legal Counsel at Lonza



#### Seth Lewis, SVP IR, Comms, Strategy

 Head of IR and Comms at Surface Oncology, Bavarian Nordic A/S, 9 years at Trout Group



#### **Daniel Steiner, SVP Head of Research**

- Previously responsible for DARPin generation, PK extension, enabling work for DARPin selection
- PhD, Univ. of Zurich, Plückthun lab

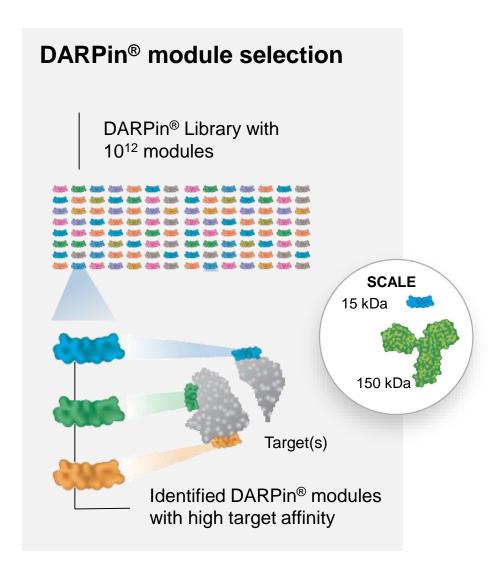


#### **Alex Zuercher, SVP Development**

- Previously VP of Operations and Director of CMC at MP
- Cytos Biotechnology and Spirig Pharma



# Custom-built DARPin Proteins: Novel Therapeutic Modality



#### Ideal drug-like properties

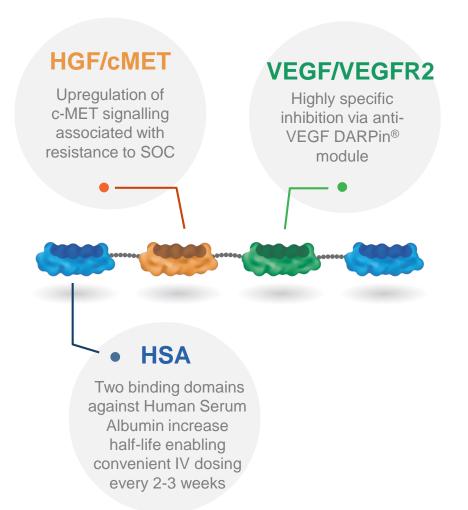
- Natural multi-specific binding protein of human origin
- High potency and specificity
- High stability and solubility
- Systemic half-life of up to 14 days (HSA-DARPin technology)
- Low immunogenic potential
- IP protected, platform & products
- Validation to the market with Abicipar

#### **Differentiating technical features**

- Rigid body target binding
- Multi-specific target binding (>2)
- Speed to sample biology space
- High-yield, low-cost production



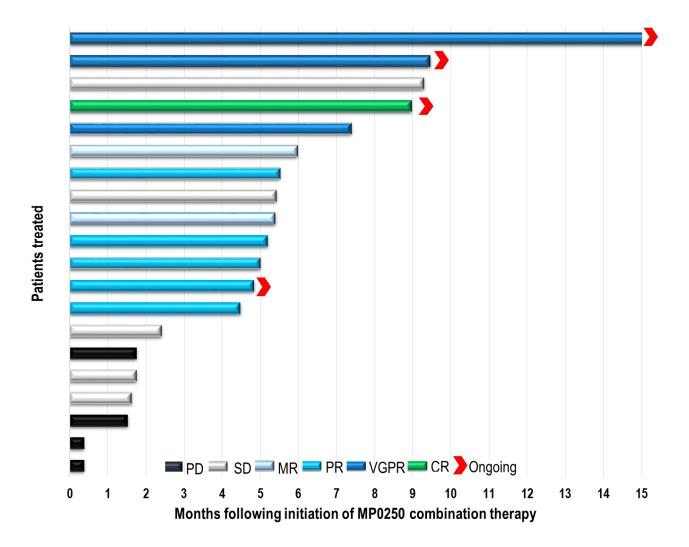
# MP0250: First Multi-DARPin® Product Candidate with potential in MM



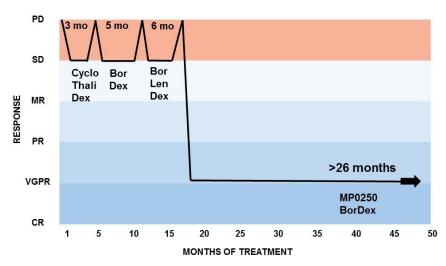
- ➤ First in class approach in targeting tumor micro-environment that selectively targets both the VEGF/VEGFRR2 and HGF/cMET pathways simultaneously
- Promising clinical activity in Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma patients in combination with bor/dex
- Activity also seen in patients that have not responded well or have become resistant to any of the established drug classes. Safety profile in line with MoA.
- Potential to be combined with any drug /class in MM, proteasome inhibitors, IMiDs and antibodies



# MP0250: Deep and Durable Responses



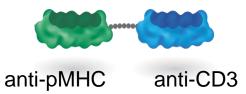
- Heavily pretreated patients, median of 4 prior lines
- Responses in patients who had never responded
- 4/6 patients coming directly from Dara had clinical benefit (incl. 4/5 Dara-refractory patients)
- Infusions well tolerated
- Sustained exposure throughout treatment periods
- No clearing or neutralizing anti-drug antibodies (ADA; only 1/40 patients with relevant ADA titer)

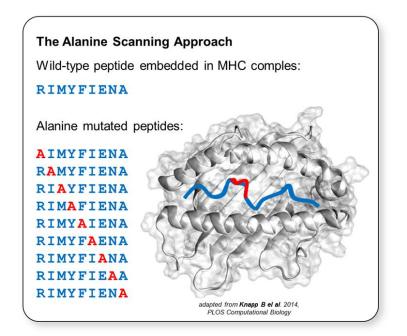


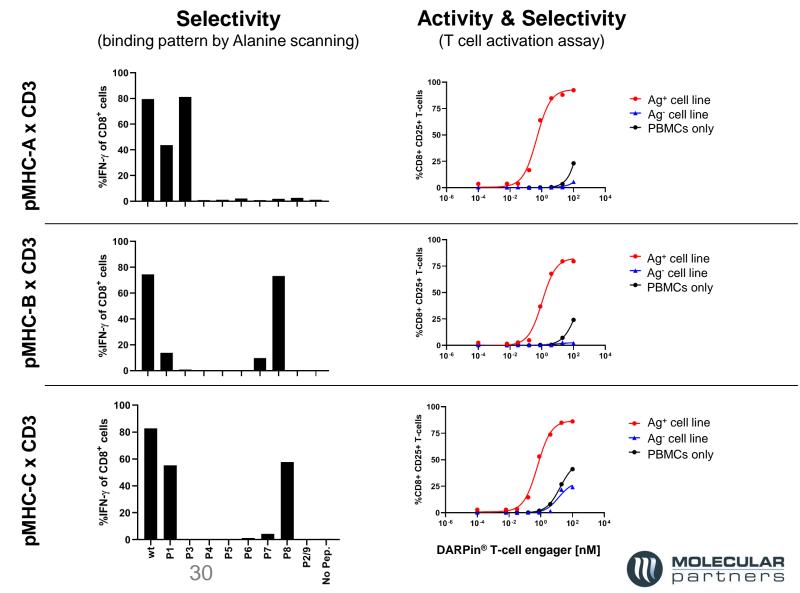


# **pMHC:** Rapid and Straightforward Selection of Diverse DARPin<sup>®</sup> pMHC Binders with High Selectivity

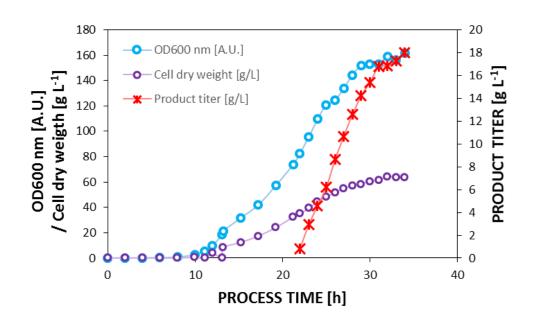
#### DARPin® candidate







# COVID-DARPin Manufacturing Advantages





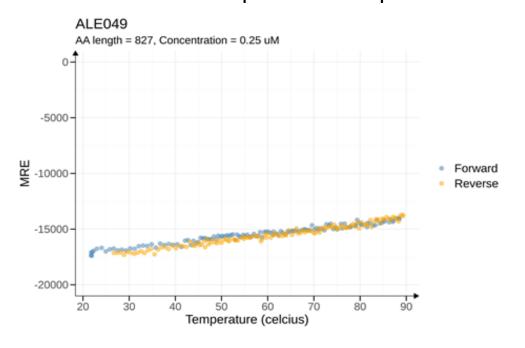
- High yield bacterial production
  - Over 1kg of DARPin material produced in 100L
- No lengthy cell line development
- Standard chromatography and filtration steps for DSP
- Up to four manufacturing cycles per month on a single fermenter
- Additional production slots confirmed with AGC (100L & 1000L)
  - Slots available for both MP0420 and MP0423

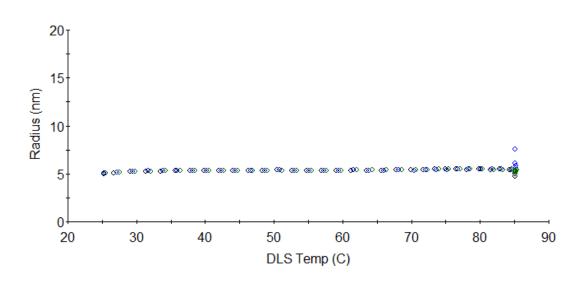


# MP0420 is stable even at elevated temperatures

**CD measurement** at 0.25μM before and after temperature ramp/reverse scan

Aggregation onset (DLS) at 1mg/ml

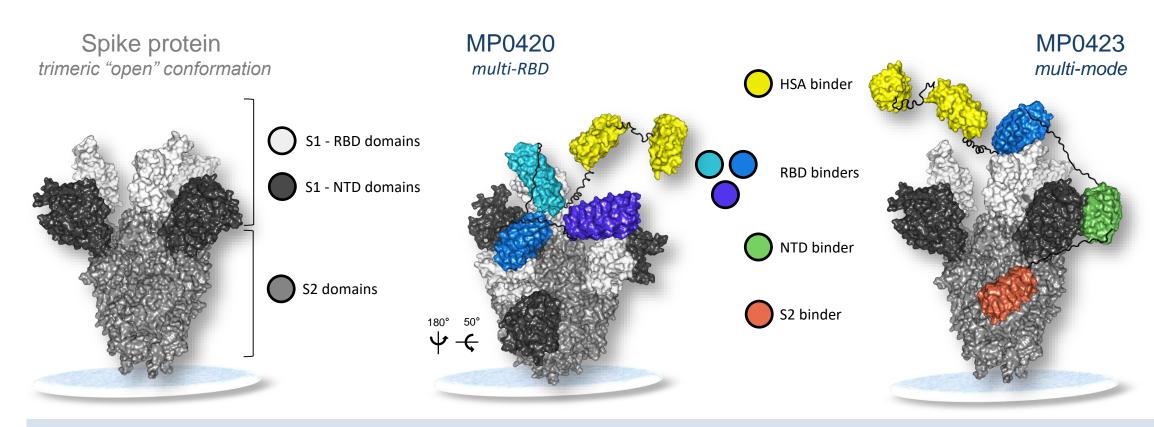




- MP0420 is highly heat stable and does not show any tendency for aggregation
- Potential opportunity to investigate liquid storage at room temperature



# MP0420 & MP0423 – Two COVID-DARPin Candidates

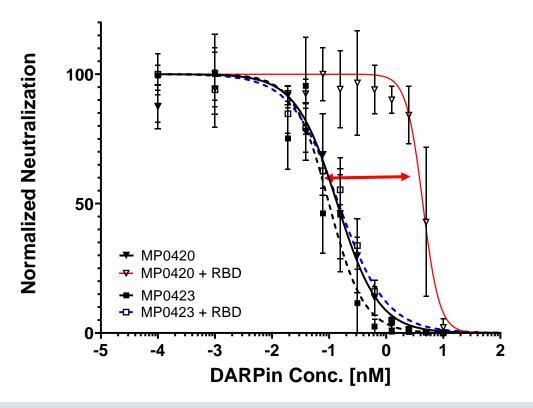


- Development of two distinct Covid-DARPin Candidates, MP0420 and MP0423
- MP0420 is a Best-in-Class RBD inhibitor, MP0423 is the only multi-mode approach to date
- Natural antibodies (& vaccines) target mostly the RBD; MP0423 protects that Achilles heel



# MP0423 – full activity with and without RBD

DARPin Candidate Titration in VSV\_SARS-CoV-2 Pseudotype Assay



Name	IC50 (nM)
MP0420	0.1387
MP0420+RBD	4.387
MP0423	0.09933
MP0423+RBD	0.1466

 MP0423 is the only biologic therapeutic approach that includes, but does not depend on, RBD targeting



# Two differentiated anti-COVID candidates

- MP0420 Best-in-Class anti-COVID-Candidate
  - ✓ Highest potent drug candidate avoiding viral escape
  - ✓ Long-acting and safe drug candidate
  - ✓ Production of amounts for global use feasible (and not competing with mABs)
  - ✓ Simple out-patient dosing opportunity (s.c.)
  - ✓ Speed to FIH Q4/2020
- MP0423 as global solution to cover the Achilles heel of antibodies & vaccines: escape to any and all RBD mutations
  - ✓ All of the benefits of MP0420
  - ✓ Speed to FIH H1/2021



# COVID-DARPin Development Status

## Manufacturing

- First GMP material already produced in August
- Additional slots booked at AGC Biologics (100L and 1000L)



# Regulatory

- FIH for MP0420 in Q4 (November)
- Engaging with multiple clinical consortia for streamlined clinical trial and regulatory processes

# Government Support

- Swiss Army Lab supported all virology work
- Swiss Government reservation agreement for 200'000 doses of MP0420
  - High mid-single digit million CHF reservation fee
  - Price per dose will be negotiated once dose is fixed

