



# Ensovibep Clinical Results Call

**EMPATHY Part A**

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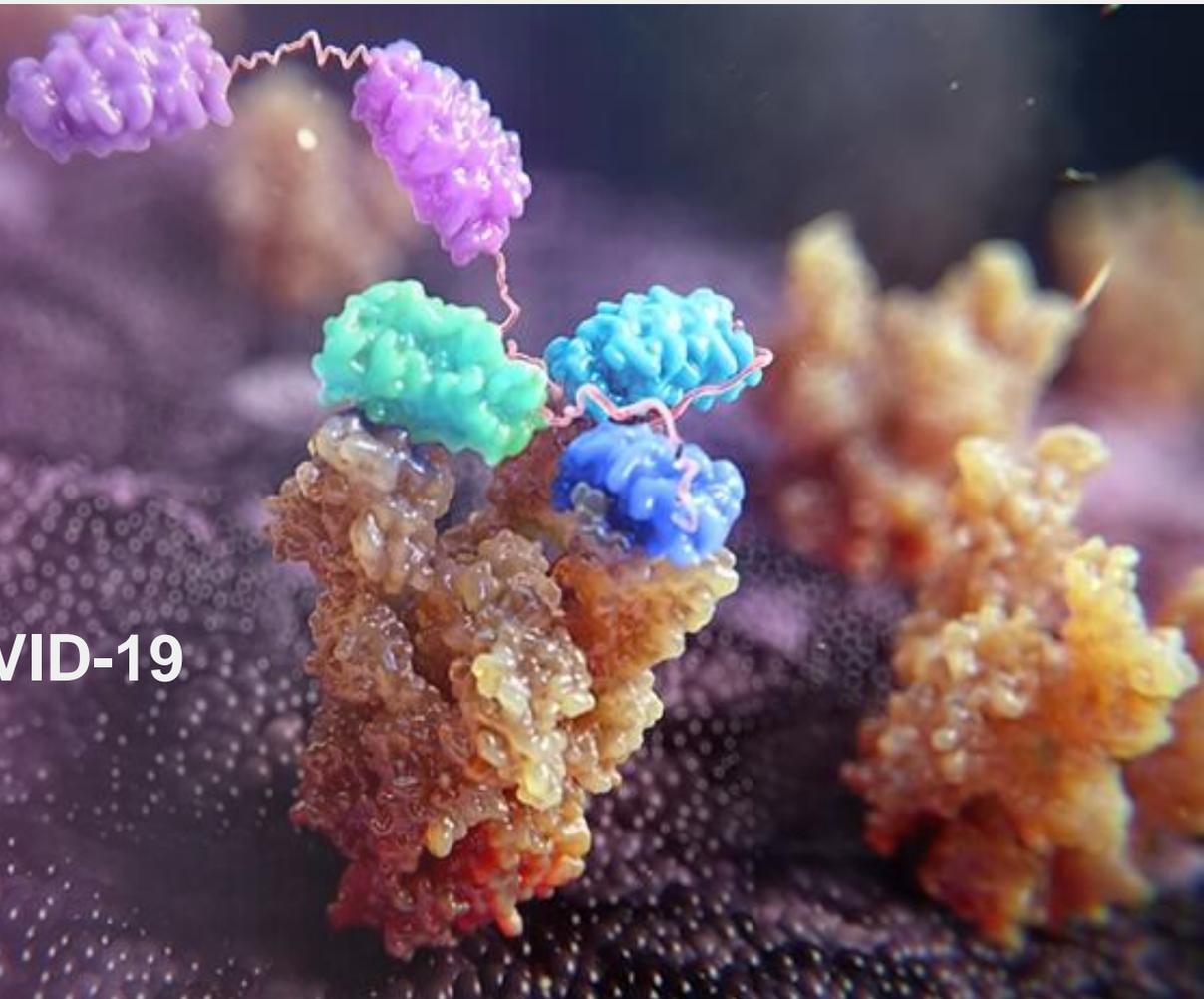
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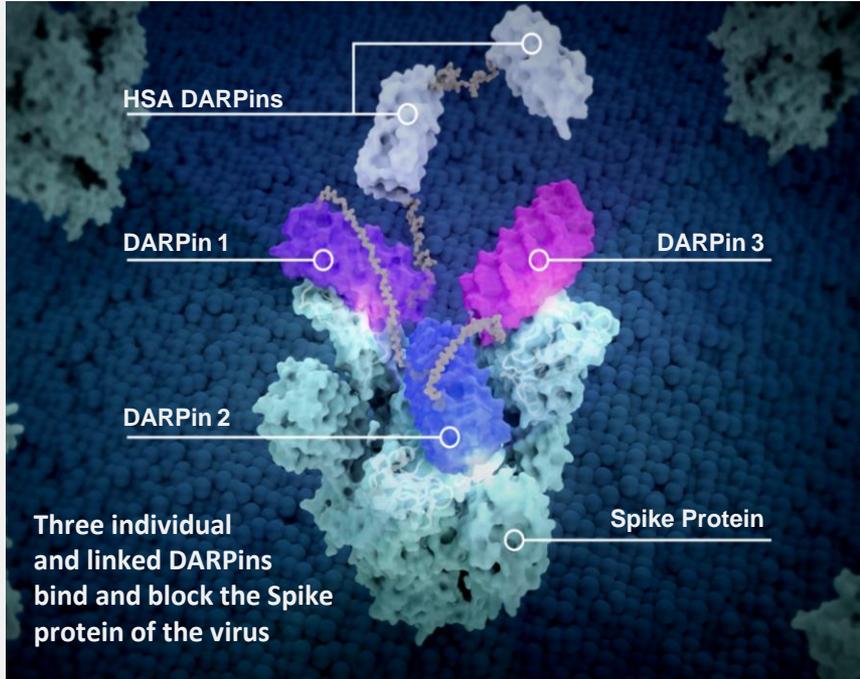
**Ensovibep:**

**Advancement of COVID-19  
Clinical Program**



# Structure and Features of Ensovibep Neutralizing the SARS-CoV-2 Spike Protein

## 3D model of a DARPin molecule



## Characteristics

- High potency: high binding affinity and avidity leads to one of the highest anti-viral potencies reported to date
- Pan-variant activity: cooperative binding of different sites allows blocking of all described variants of concern, so far
- Simple administration: long-half life, high solubility and low dose efficacy can allow for single administration via i.v., i.v. bolus, or s.c. injection
- Supply: microbial manufacturing in *E.coli*

# Ensovibep: Clinical Development Overview

- **Empathy study (top-line analysis):**

- **Randomized 407 pts in Part A**

- Mild or moderate symptoms
- Rapid antigen test positive
- Un-vaccinated and vaccinated patients

- **Met primary endpoint:**

- Significant reduction in viral load ✓

- Clinically relevant secondary endpoints include:

- Reduction in risk of hospitalization and/or ER visits due to COVID-19, or deaths ✓
- Reduction in time to sustained clinical recovery ✓
- Safe and well-tolerated ✓

- **Novartis option exercise underway**

- **Phase 1 results / status (48 healthy subjects):**

- Healthy volunteer safety trial
- Half-life established: 2-3 weeks
- i.v. infusion, i.v. bolus, s.c. injection

- **Phase 2 single-arm results (12 pts):**

- Patients, confirmed COVID positive, with symptoms
- Validation of methods and approach

- **ACTIV-3 Phase 3 interim results**

- Hospitalized patients with confirmed COVID
- High dose of 600 mg tested in ~250 patients, stopped at futility analysis for lack of efficacy
- ***Safe and well-tolerated (included in ensovibep safety database)***

# EMPATHY Phase Part A (Phase 2) Clinical Design and Endpoints

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Demonstrate superiority of ensovibep, compared to placebo, in reducing SARS-CoV-2 viral load through Day 8 and select a dose for Phase 3 (PoC &amp; DRF)</b>
<b>Population</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ambulatory symptomatic adult patients diagnosed with COVID-19 with onset of symptoms within 7 days prior to dosing and with a positive pre-dose Rapid Antigen Test on the day of dosing</li></ul>

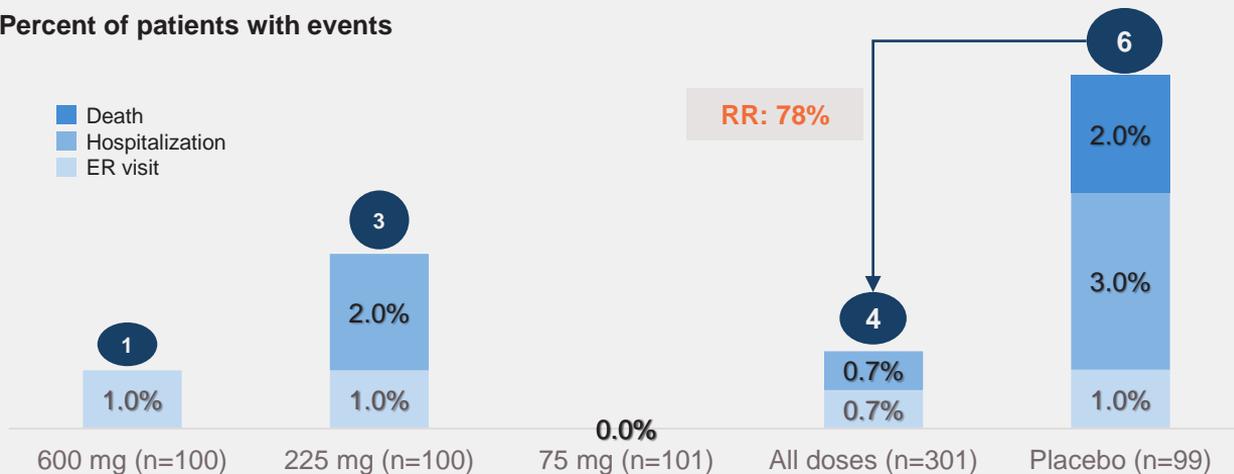
<b>Primary Endpoint</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Time-weighted change from baseline (measured at Day 3, Day 5, and Day 8) in <math>\log_{10}</math> SARS-CoV-2 viral load in nasopharyngeal swabs through Day 8</b></li></ul>
<b>Key Secondary Endpoints</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proportion of patients with hospitalizations (<math>\geq 24</math> hours of acute care) and/or ER visits related to COVID-19 or death from any cause up to Day 29</li><li>Time to sustained clinical recovery based on resolution or improvement in clinical symptoms with no worsening up to Day 29</li></ul>

ensovibep 600mg i.v.	~ 100 pts
ensovibep 225mg i.v.	~ 100 pts
ensovibep 75mg i.v.	~ 100 pts
placebo i.v.	~ 100 pts

# EUA Submission Supported by Secondary End Point in Reductions in Hospitalization and or ER Visit or Death

## Patients with hospitalization and/or ER visit related to COVID-19 or death

### Percent of patients with events



Numbers indicate absolute number of patients

### Note:

In the hierarchy of ER-visit/hospitalization/death- patients are counted in the highest category

- ER visits exclude those resulting in hospitalization/ death
- Hospitalizations exclude those that resulted in death

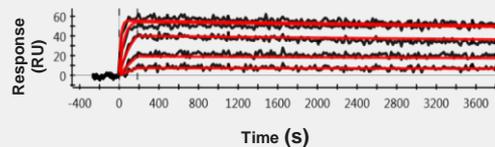
# Topline Results Show Significant Reductions in Viral Load, Risk of Hospitalization and Death, and Faster Time to Recovery

- Statistically significant reduction of viral load from baseline, through Day 8 over placebo for all doses (primary endpoint)
- Fewer hospitalization and/or ER visits related to COVID-19 and no deaths for ensovibep treated patients vs. those on placebo (secondary endpoint)
  - **4/301** patients with hospitalizations and/or ER visits related to COVID-19 or death across all treatment arms
  - **6/99** patients in the Placebo arm
  - Relative risk reduction of **78% for all events; hospitalization, ER visits and/or death**
    - Relative risk reduction of **87% for hospitalization and/or death\***
  - **No deaths** in any treatment groups, whereas **two deaths** occurred in placebo treated patients
- Clinically meaningful benefit for patients treated with ensovibep (secondary endpoint)
  - **Median time to clinical recovery was faster** for ensovibep treated patients vs. placebo
  - **More patients demonstrated clinical recovery** when treated ensovibep vs. placebo (day 29 cutoff)
- No unexpected safety findings were observed in Part A

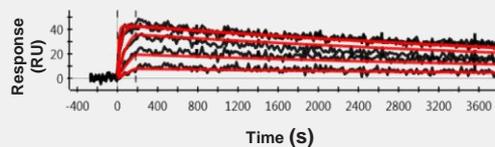
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# Cooperative Target Engagement Leads to Super Affinity

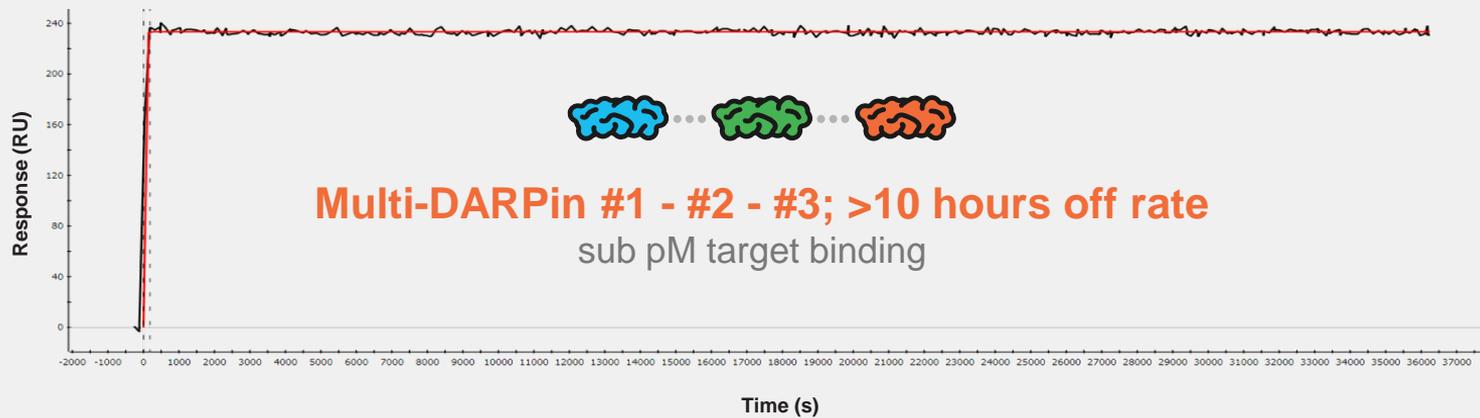
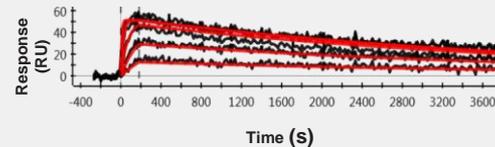
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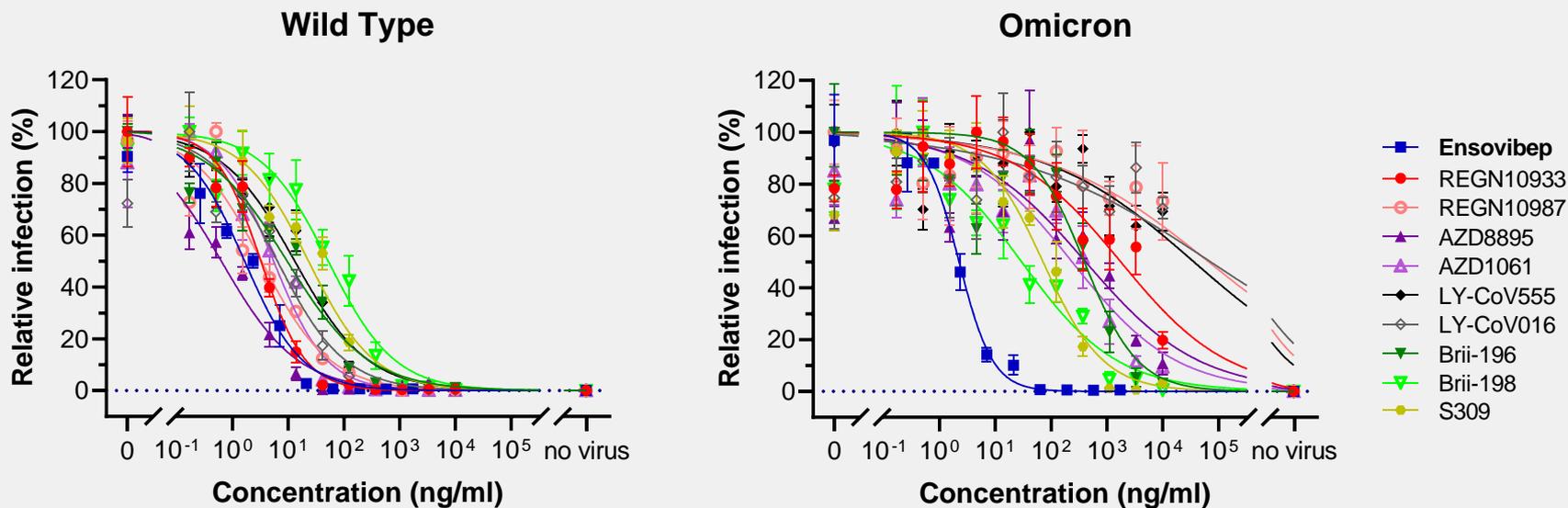
DARPin #2; 1 hour off-rate 



DARPin #3; 1 hour off-rate 



# Ensovibep Retains Full Activity Against Omicron



# Ensovibep Retains Full Activity Against Omicron – Table

Compound	Wild Type	Omicron (Q493R)	
	IC <sub>50</sub> (ng/mL)	IC <sub>50</sub> (ng/mL)	fold change to wt
<b>Ensovibep</b>	1.6	2.2	1.4
REGN10933	3.2	>1000	>100
REGN10987	3.3	>1000	>100
LY-CoV555	13	>1000	>100
LY-CoV016	6.4	>1000	>100
S309	23	72	3.1
AZD8895	0.6	415	>100
AZD1061	5.5	237	43
Brii-196	9.5	392	41
Brii-198	52	30	0.6

\*Publicly available sequences of variable domains from monoclonal antibodies were used to generate a panel of antibodies used in this assay

# Ensovibep: Tri-Specific Antiviral for COVID-19



## Target Patient



- Presently millions of new cases every day globally, despite vaccines and boosters
- Currently – COVID related hospitalizations remain near all-time highs
- Over 5 million reported deaths in the world

## Disease Biology



- Viral entry dependent on viral spike protein binding to ACE2 receptor
- Spike protein is a trimer with three identical subunits
- Multiple variants evolving mutations in the spike protein and other locations

## DARPin Advantage

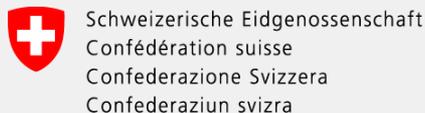


- First and only tri-specific antiviral in development, able to bind all three subunits at once
- Designed for greater viral inhibition through cooperative binding
- Retains full potency against all variants of concern, to date, including delta and omicron

# Ensovibep Upcoming Milestones

- **EMPATHY (Novartis / MP)**
  - 407 patients enrolled, Part A results - **positive**
  - EUA submission expected early 2022
  - Discussion with appropriate federal agencies regarding supplies of ensovibep
  - Part B initiate (N≥1,700)
- **Large-scale commercial manufacturing established at Novartis**
  - Microbial production in e. coli
- Planned initiation of subcutaneous Phase 2/3 study ( led by Novartis)

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# Ensovibep – Summary of EMPATHY Results

- **EMPATHY Phase 2b met its primary endpoint**
  - A statistically significant dose-response signal of ensovibep based on change in viral load from baseline, through Day 8
- **Clinically relevant secondary endpoints:**
  - Combined risk reduction (hospitalization, ER visits, and death) of **approximately 80%**
  - Faster recovery and more complete recovery for patients receiving ensovibep vs. placebo
- **75mg identified** as the lowest efficacious and safe dose, to be **taken forward in Phase 3 and for EUA submission**
- **EMPATHY results confirm ensovibep as safe and well-tolerated at all dose levels**
- **Ensovibep has shown pan-variant-activity, including Omicron**



# Licensing Agreement with Novartis and Financial Guidance Update

Summary and Terms

# Novartis Deal Terms and Updated Financial Guidance

- **Novartis has informed Molecular Partners that it will exercise option for in-licensing of ensovibep**
  - Completion of in-licensing will trigger CHF 150m milestone payment
  - CHF 60m previously received at signing of option agreement (20m cash/40m MOLN shares)
- **22% royalty on sales in commercial countries payable by Novartis following completion of in-licensing**
  - Molecular Partners has agreed to forgo royalties in lower income countries and is aligned with Novartis' plans to ensure affordability based on countries' needs and capabilities.
- **Molecular Partners expects approximately CHF 133 million cash and cash equivalents\* as per December 31, 2021**
- **Upon receipt of the CHF 150 million option exercise milestone from Novartis, Molecular Partners now estimates its cash runway to extend well into 2025**
  - Excluding any potential royalty income as well as excluding potential further cash flows to or from R&D partners

## Summary:

- **Positive EMPATHY results represent a potential immediate and impactful solution in a constantly evolving pandemic**
  - Statistically significant reduction in viral load, reduction in risk of hospitalization and death, and time to recovery.
  - Continued evidence of 'pan-variant' activity across all variants of concern
  - Acceleration of EUA filing, initiate discussions with authorities about stockpiling of ensovibep
- **Novartis' execution of license agreement**
  - CHF 150m option
  - Flat 22% royalty rate in commercial markets
- **Validation of DARPin Platform and Molecular Partners capabilities**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> multi-DARPin moving to potential approval, paves the way for other multi-specific solutions to any number of biological problems including oncology, infectious diseases or other applications

# Pipeline



Pipeline						
CANDIDATE / FOCUS	RESEARCH	PRECLINICAL	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	RIGHTS
Ensovibep – Covid	Covid ambulatory – Empathy					NOVARTIS MOLECULAR partners
Next Gen Covid	Future VoC*					
AMG506 / MP0310 FAP x 4-1BB	Solid tumors					AMGEN
MP0317 FAP x CD40	Solid tumors					MOLECULAR partners
MP0533 CD3 x CD33+CD70+CD123	AML					MOLECULAR partners
Abicipar VEGF	wet AMD – Cedar & Sequoia					MOLECULAR partners
Radio Ligand Therapy	Solid tumors					NOVARTIS
Platform Discovery						
Radical simplicity & Conditional Activation					MOLECULAR partners	
Additional Infectious Diseases						

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