
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 7, 2019

ADURO BIOTECH, INC.
(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-37345
(Commission
File Number)

94-3348934
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

740 Heinz Avenue
Berkeley, California 94710
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (510) 848-4400

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☐ Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☒

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☒

Item 8.01. Other Events.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 is an investor presentation that Aduro Biotech, Inc. plans to present during the 37th Annual J.P. Morgan Healthcare Conference commencing on January 7, 2019.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	<u>Aduro Biotech, Inc. Investor Presentation.</u>

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 7, 2019

ADURO BIOTECH, INC.

By: /s/ Jennifer Lew

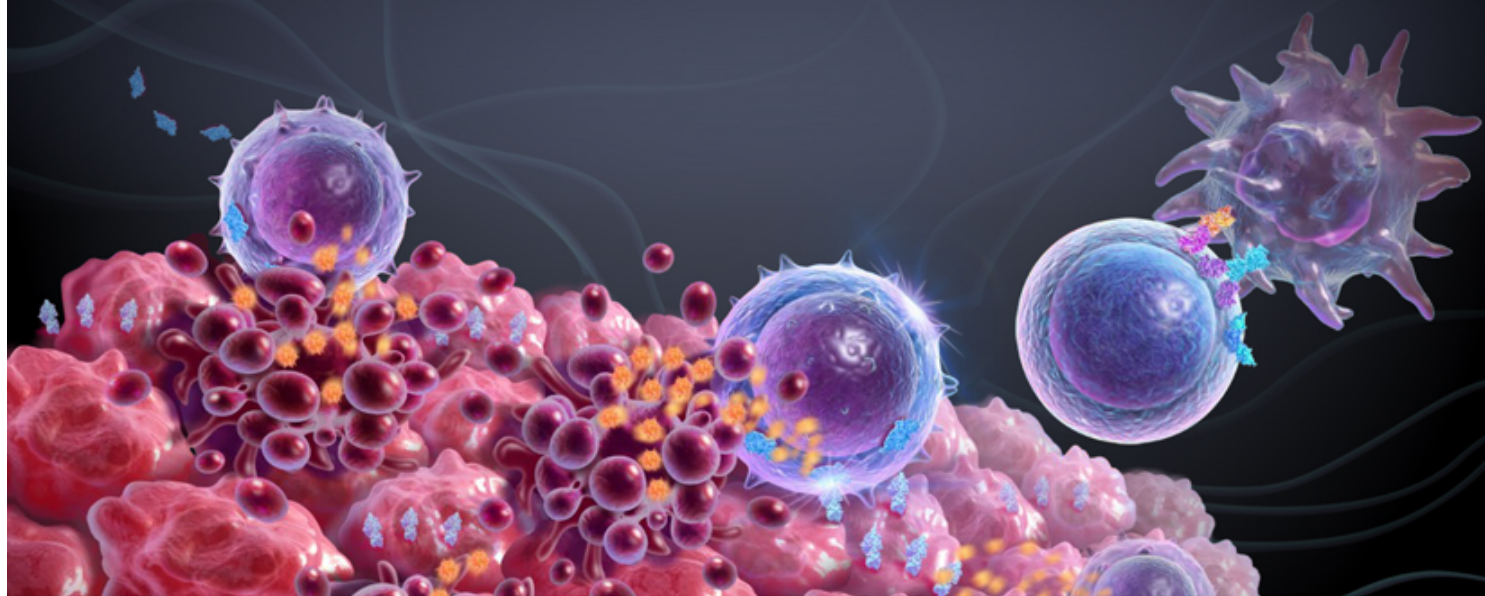
Name: Jennifer Lew

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Corporate Presentation

January 2019

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Aduro Corporate Highlights

STING

- Leadership in STING pathway biology
- Advancing first-in-class STING agonist ADU-S100 + checkpoint inhibitors to address areas of high unmet need in oncology
- cGAS-STING Pathway Inhibitor program aiming to treat autoimmune/inflammatory disease
- Collaborations provide complementary capabilities



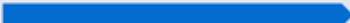
APRIL

- Innovative, wholly-owned anti-APRIL antibody BION-1301 in Phase 1/2 multiple myeloma study
- BION-1301's differentiated mechanism of action will be evaluated in IgA Nephropathy in 2019

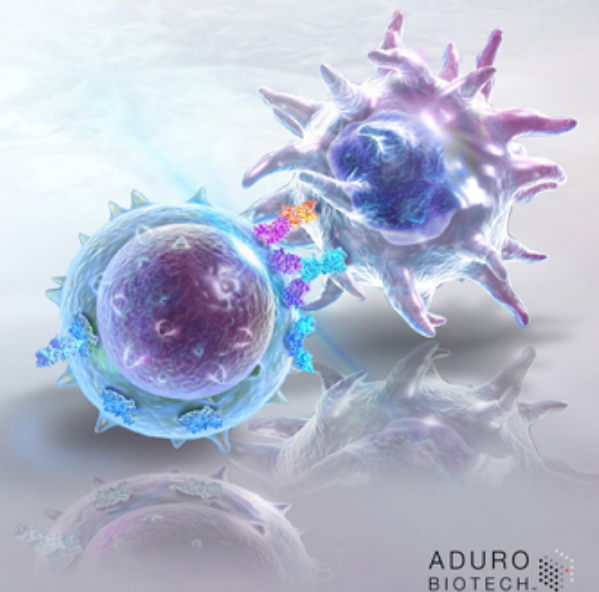
Financial Strength

- \$278M at end of 3Q 2018 provides operating capital into 2021

Focus of Aduro Pipeline

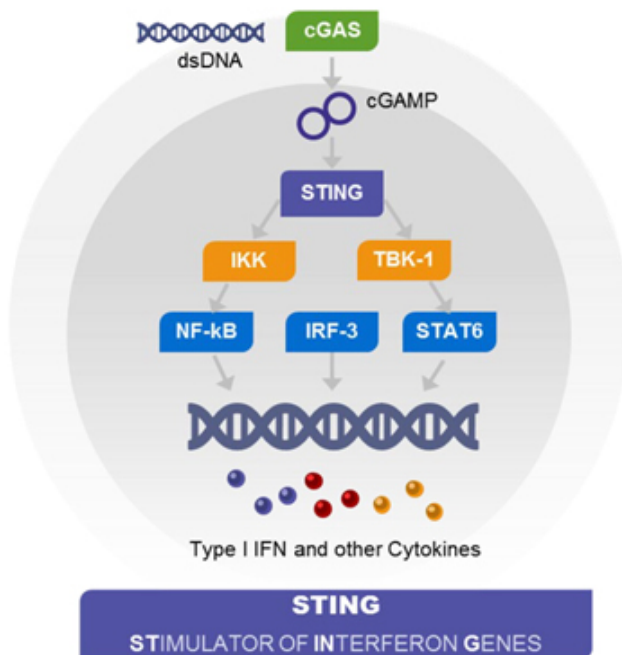
Program		Target	Indication	Discovery	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Partner
STING	ADU-S100 (MIW815)	STING	Multiple tumors					 NOVARTIS
	ADU-S100 + spartalizumab	STING	Multiple tumors					 NOVARTIS
	ADU-S100 + ipilimumab	STING	Melanoma					 NOVARTIS
	ADU-S100 + anti-PD-1	STING	Head & Neck (planned)					 NOVARTIS
	cGAS-STING pathway inhibitor program	cGAS-STING pathway	Autoimmune					 Lilly
APRIL	BION-1301	APRIL	Multiple Myeloma					
	BION-1301	APRIL	IgA Nephropathy (planned)					

ADU-S100 STING Agonist



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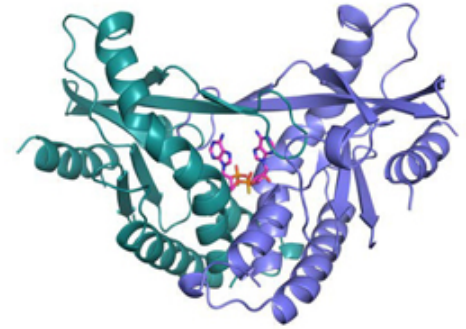
STING Plays a Critical Role in Activation of Tumor Immunity



- STimulator of INterferon GENES (STING) is a critical component of an innate immune pathway
 - STING protein function activated by cyclic dinucleotides
 - Immediate production of type I IFN and innate immunity
 - IFN- β is a signature cytokine of activated STING
- STING activation is required for rejection of cancer in various mouse models

Key Attributes of ADU-S100 (MIW815) First-in-Class STING Agonist

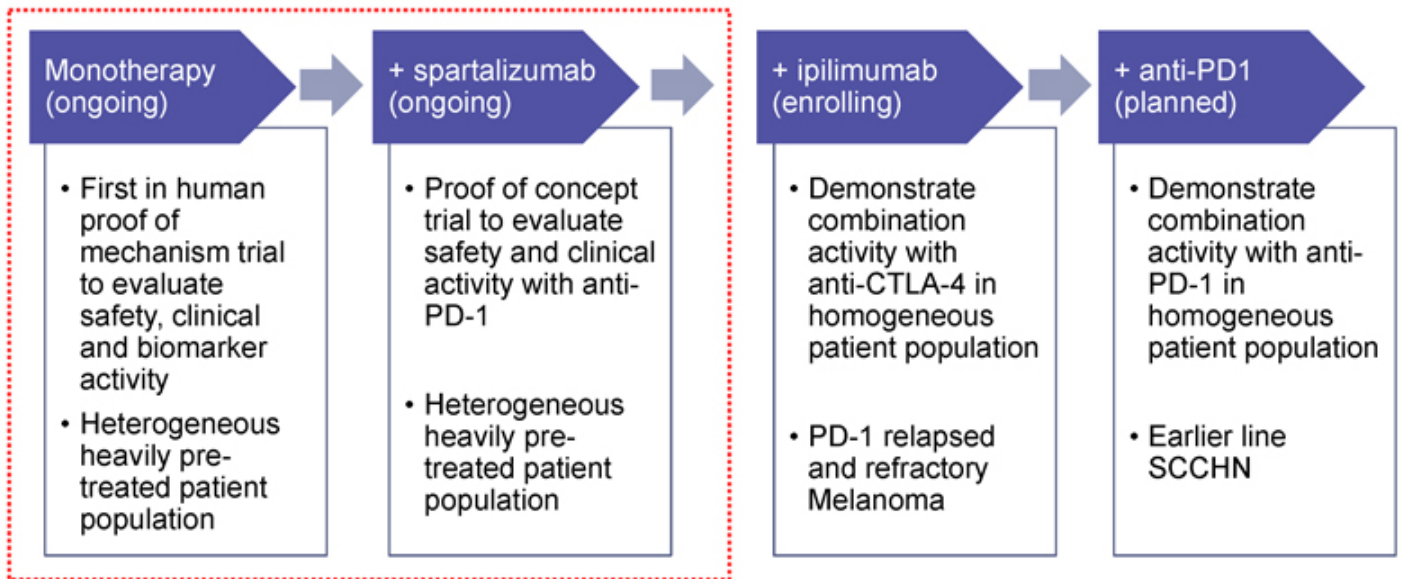
- Demonstrated preclinical anti-tumor activity
 - Induces local innate immune activation – cytokine production – in injected tumors
 - Activates tumor-specific CD8+ T cells and systemic tumor rejection, bridging innate to adaptive immunity
 - Effectively combined with checkpoint inhibitors to enhance efficacy and durable immunity
- Well-tolerated and encouraging clinical signals in ongoing early phase trials
- Collaboration with Novartis provides \$250M upfront, development cost share and profit share; Aduro leads U.S. commercialization



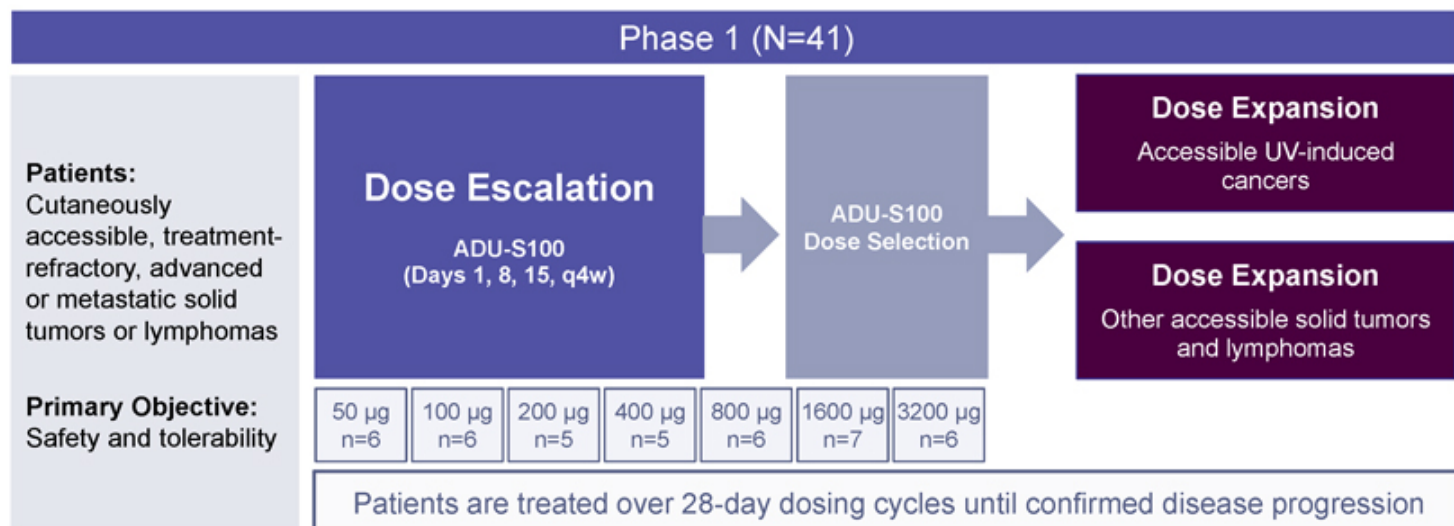
ADU-S100 (MIW815)
bound to STING
(X-ray crystal structure)

Advancing ADU-S100 (MIW815) Clinical Development

First-in-human clinical experience in heavily pre-treated patients with a diverse set of advanced cancers



Phase 1 ADU-S100 (MIW815) Monotherapy Trial Dose Escalation Reported



Phase 1 ADU-S100 (MIW815) Monotherapy Trial Baseline Patient Demographics

All Patients (N=41)

Median age years (range)	Sex n (%)	Race n (%)	ECOG PS n (%)	Prior therapy with a checkpoint inhibitor n (%)	Number of prior regimens n (%)
62 (26–80)	Male 18 (43.9)	Caucasian 27 (65.9)	0 11 (26.8)	Yes 22 (53.7)	0 3 (7.3)
	Female 23 (56.1)	Black 6 (14.6)	1 30 (73.2)	No 19 (46.3)	1 4 (9.8)
		Asian 2 (4.9)			≥2 34 (82.9)
		Other/unknown 6 (14.6)			

Number of Tumor Types: 22

ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status.

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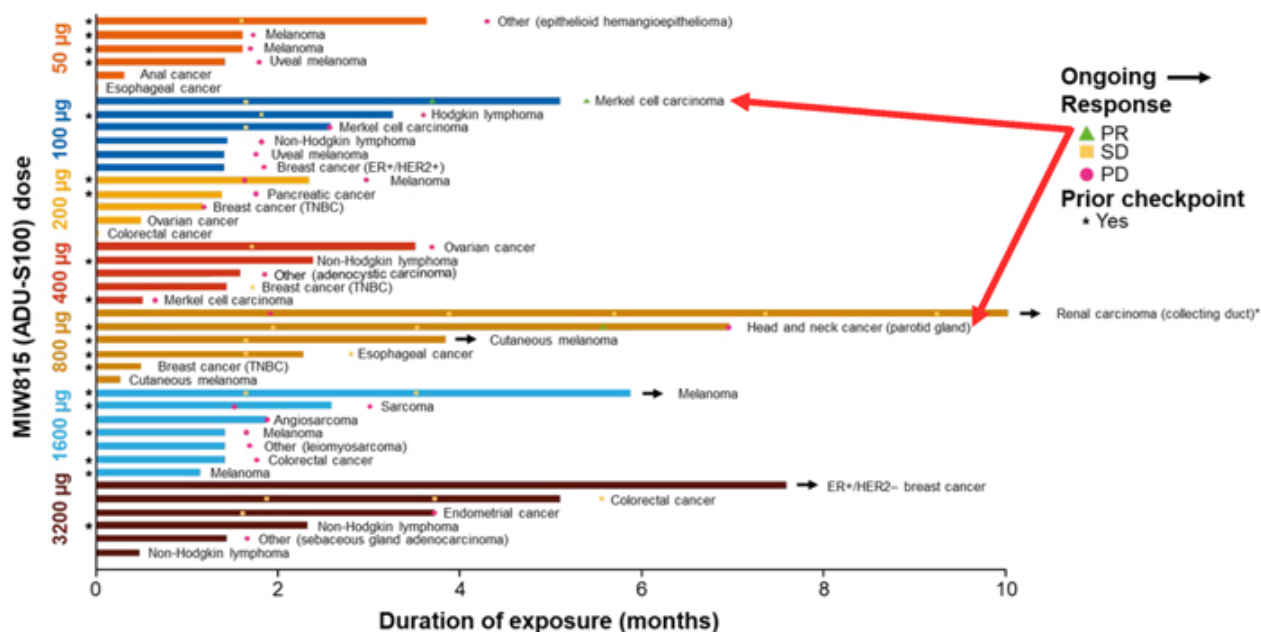
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Phase 1 ADU-S100 (MIW815) Monotherapy Trial Safety and Tolerability

Adverse Event	%
≥1 any AE	78.0
Led to discontinuation	0.0
Grade ≥3	12.2
Led to death	0.0
AEs in ≥10% of patients	
Headache	14.6
Injection Site Pain	14.6
Pyrexia	14.6

- **No DLTs observed during the first cycle of treatment**
 - No patients discontinued treatment due to an AE
- Elevated lipase was the only Grade 3/4 suspected related AE reported in >1 patient (n=2; 4.9%)
- Treatment-emergent serious AEs were reported in 1 patient (Grade 3 dyspnea and Grade 4 respiratory failure at 1600 µg dose level)
 - This was related to underlying disease progression

Phase 1 ADU-S100 (MIW815) Monotherapy Trial Time on Treatment and Response Evaluation



Data cut-off: August 16, 2018.

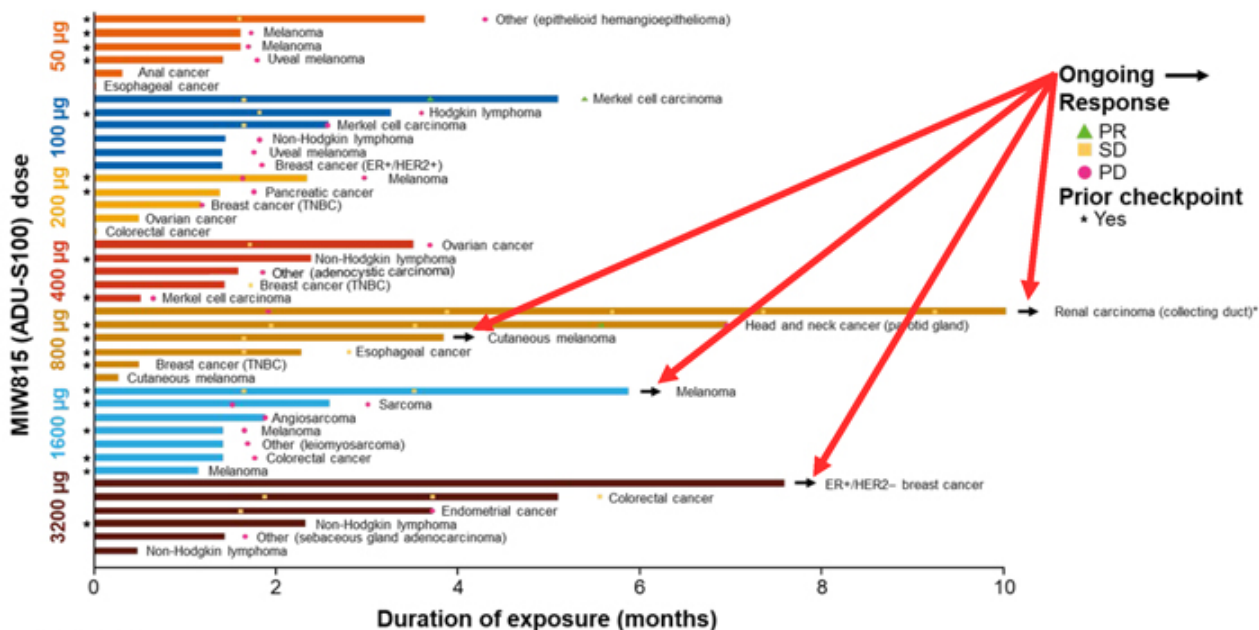
*Patient ongoing treatment at 13 months.

ER+, estrogen receptor-positive; HER2-, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2-negative; HER2+, HER2-positive; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease; TNBC, triple-negative breast cancer.

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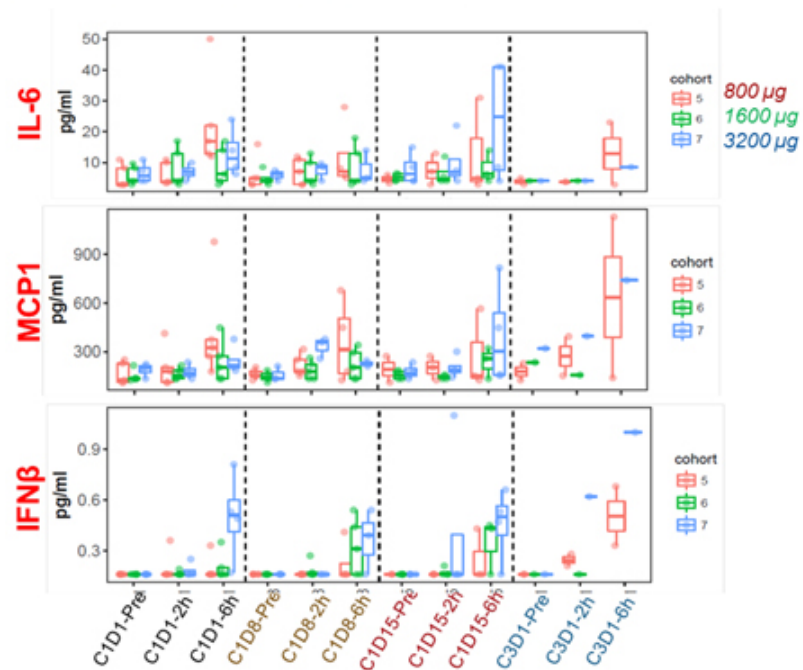
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Phase 1 ADU-S100 (MIW815) Monotherapy Trial

Systemic Signals of STING Target Engagement: IL-6, MCP1 and IFN- β

Systemic cytokines consistently observed > 800 mcg

Cytokines trend higher with repeat dosing



Data Highlights from Phase 1 ADU-S100 (MIW815) Monotherapy Trial

Good safety profile

Well-tolerated in heavily pre-treated, heterogenous patient population

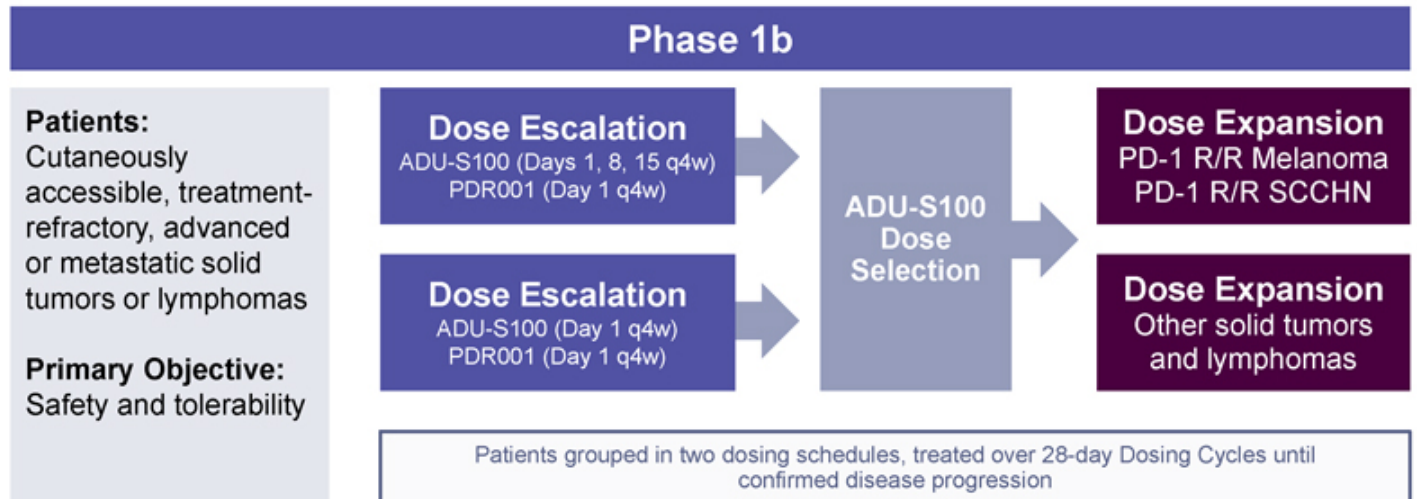
Preliminary signs of clinical and biomarker activity

- 2 of 40 patients treated had a PR, one patient received prior anti-PD-1 therapy
- 11 patients achieved SD

Target engagement

Observed increases in key systemic cytokines, including IL-6, MCP-1 and IFN- β , after ADU-S100 (MIW815) administration, indicating target engagement and activation of the STING pathway

Phase 1b ADU-S100 (MIW815) + spartalizumab (PDR001) Trial Ongoing



Preliminary Observations from Phase 1b ADU-S100 (MIW815) + spartalizumab Trial

50 patients enrolled;
Dose escalation
ongoing

Patients treated with full-dose PDR001 and increasing dosing of intratumoral ADU-S100 (50-400mcg)

Safety profile
consistent with
monotherapy study

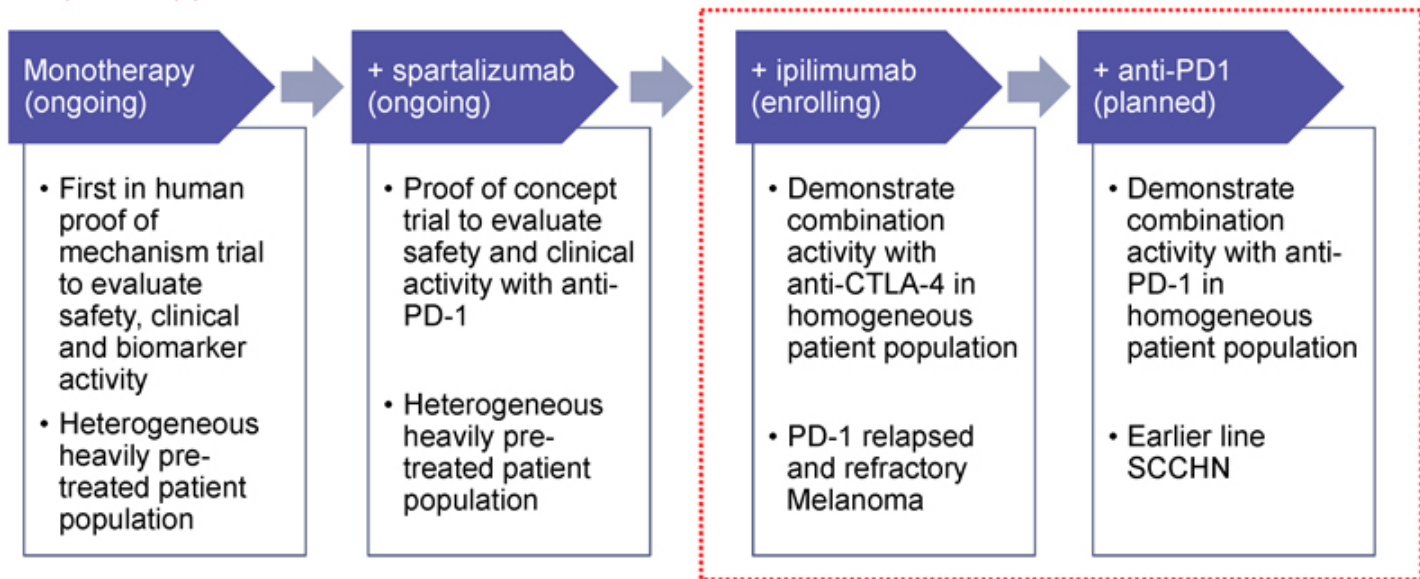
No DLTs have been reported

Clinical responses
observed in several
tumor types

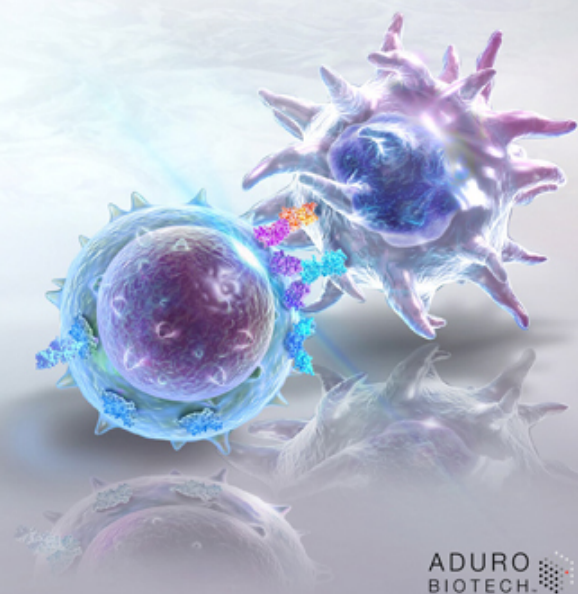
- Two patients had previously demonstrated responses to checkpoint inhibitor therapy alone
- Reduced tumor volume in injected and non-injected lesions in some patients
- Several patients remained on study >6 months

Clinical Observations to-date Support MOA of ADU-S100 (MIW815)

Dose expansions and further exploration in homogenous populations – important next steps to assess ADU-S100 (MIW815) potential

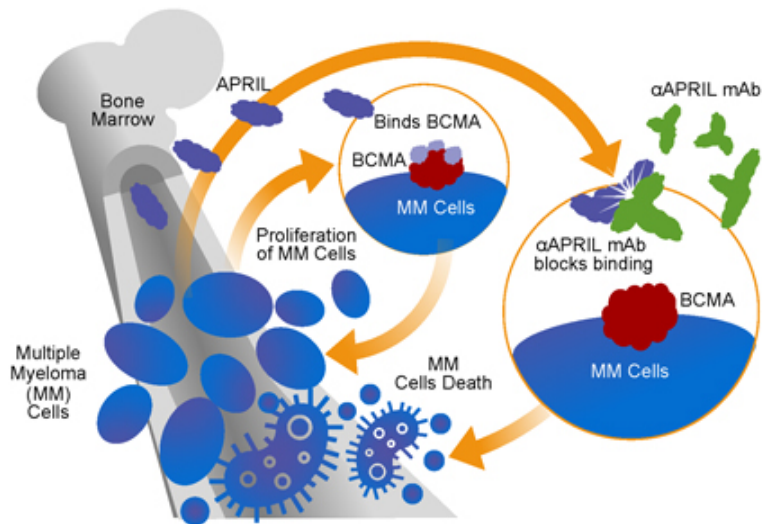


BION-1301 APRIL Antibody



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Multiple Myeloma Cell Survival and Proliferation Enhanced by APRIL Produced in Bone Marrow Niche



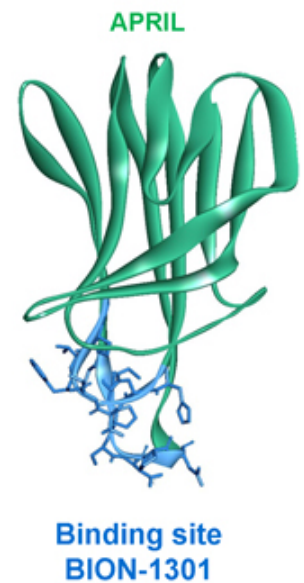
- **APRIL: A Proliferation Inducing Ligand**

- Soluble factor that binds to BCMA and TACI receptors and induces signaling
- Implicated in Multiple Myeloma (MM), CLL, CRC, and IgA Nephropathy

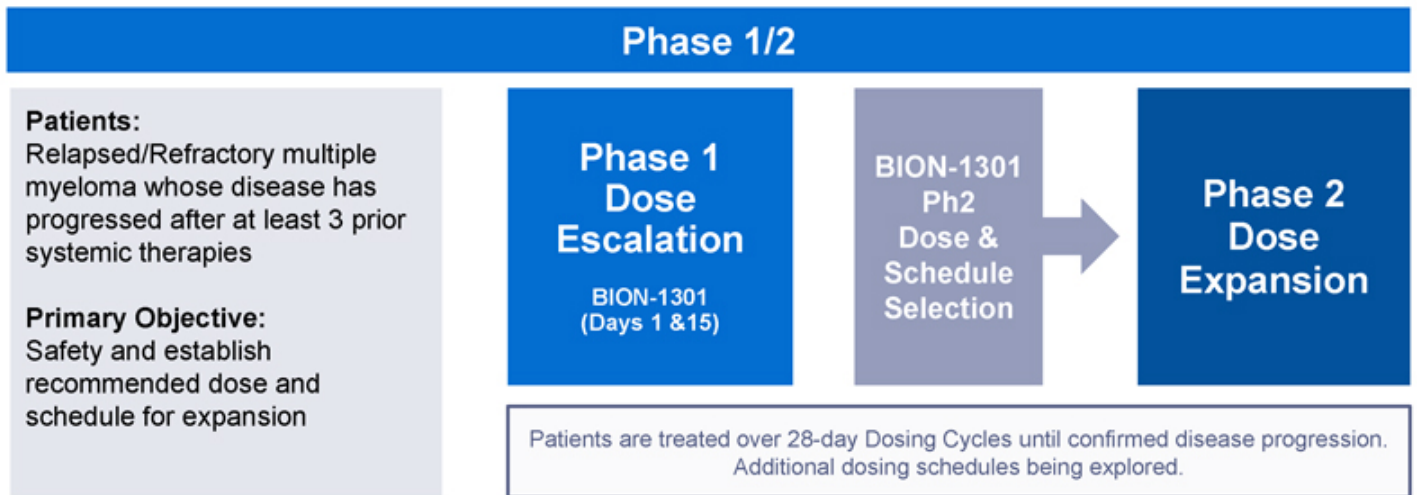
- **Blocking APRIL is a distinct approach to inhibit both BCMA and TACI** that appears to have immunomodulatory properties

Key Attributes of BION-1301 First-in-Class APRIL Antibody

- BION-1301 **fully blocking** antibody, blocks APRIL binding to **both receptors BCMA and TACI**
- Preclinical data support **biological and scientific rationale in MM** and expansion into combinations and adjacent cancer indications
 - Blocking APRIL inhibits MM tumor growth, drug resistance and immune suppression
 - Demonstrated single agent activity inhibiting myeloma cells and regulatory T cells
- **Well-tolerated** in preclinical and early clinical study
- **Wholly-owned asset with opportunity in IgA Nephropathy and other diseases**

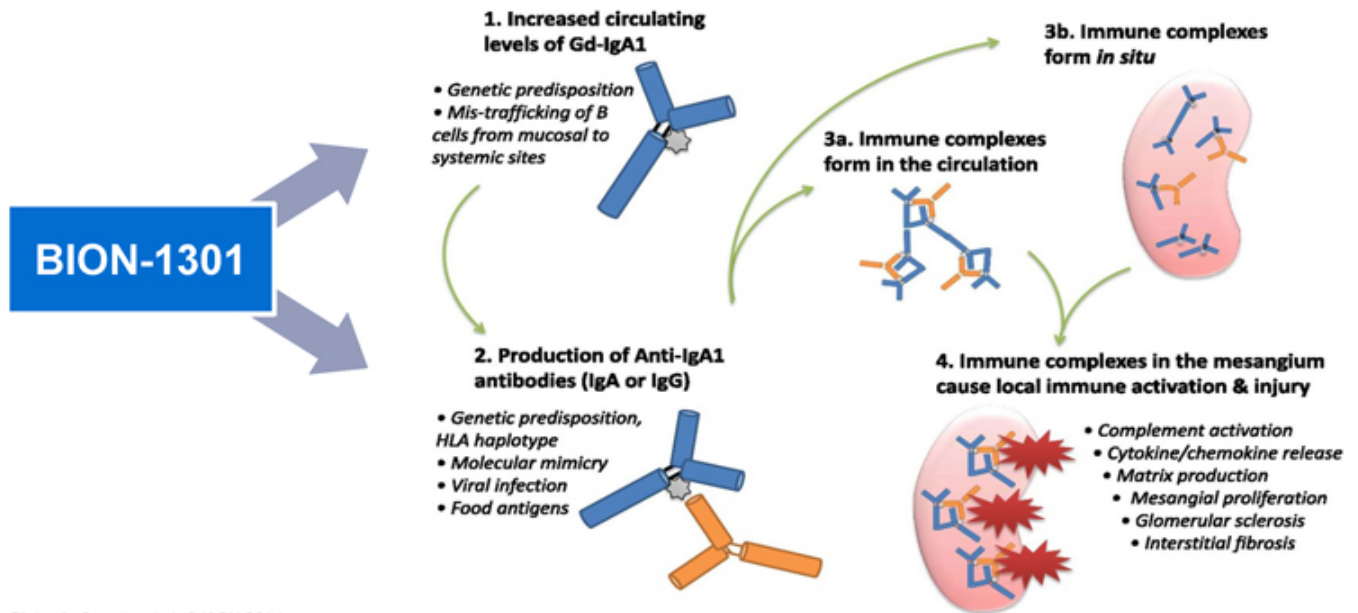


Phase 1/2 BION-1301 Multiple Myeloma Trial Ongoing



BION-1301 Mechanism of Action has Potential to Affect Multiple Steps of IgA Nephropathy Pathogenesis

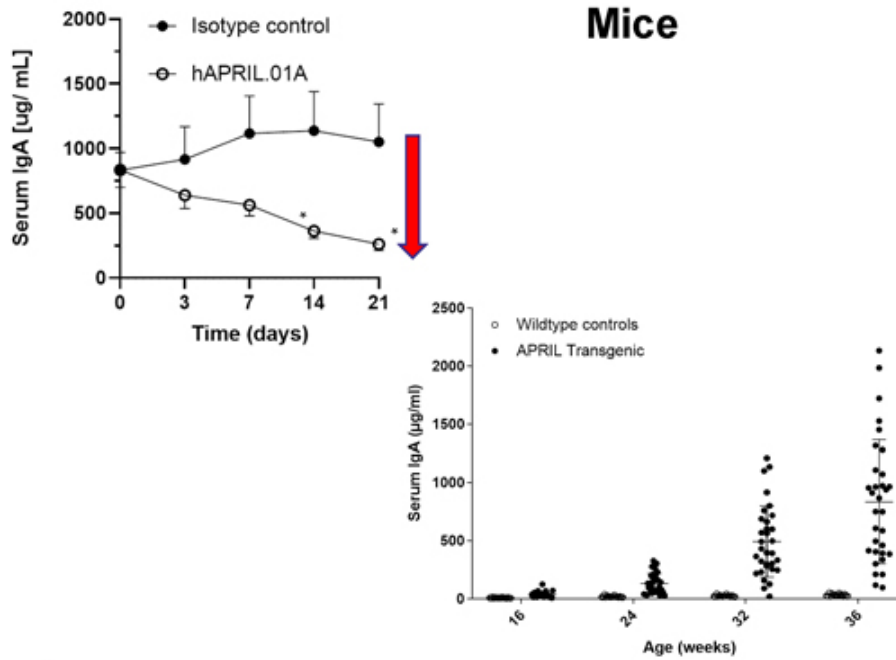
High unmet medical need and no approved drugs for IgA Nephropathy



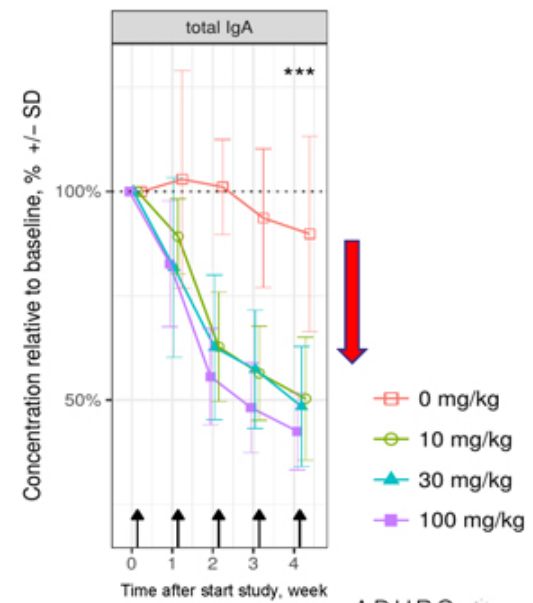
Pietro A. Canetta et al. CJASN 2014

Preclinical Data Provides Compelling Rationale for BION-1301 in IgA Nephropathy

Mice

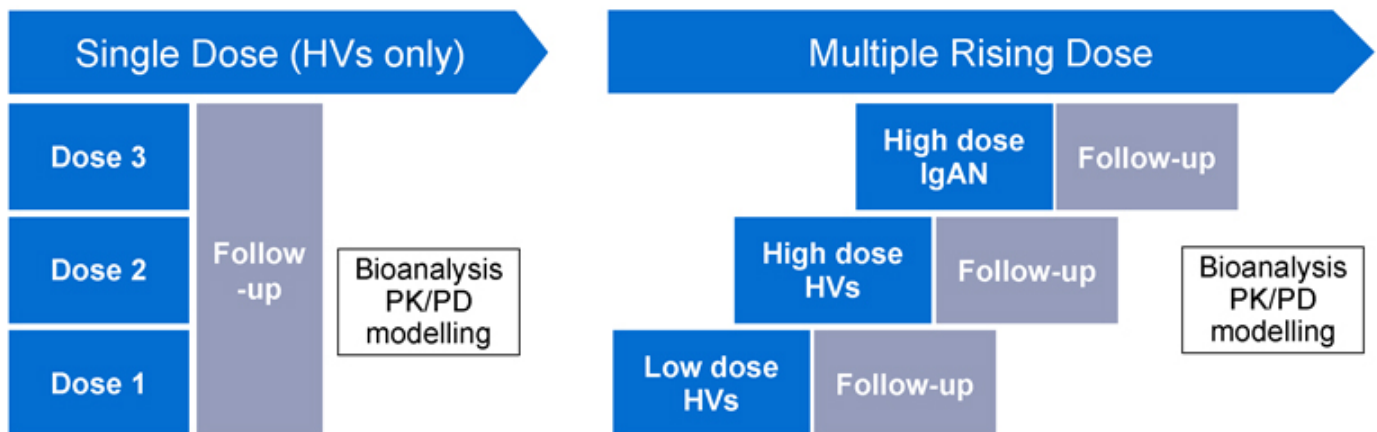


Non Human Primates

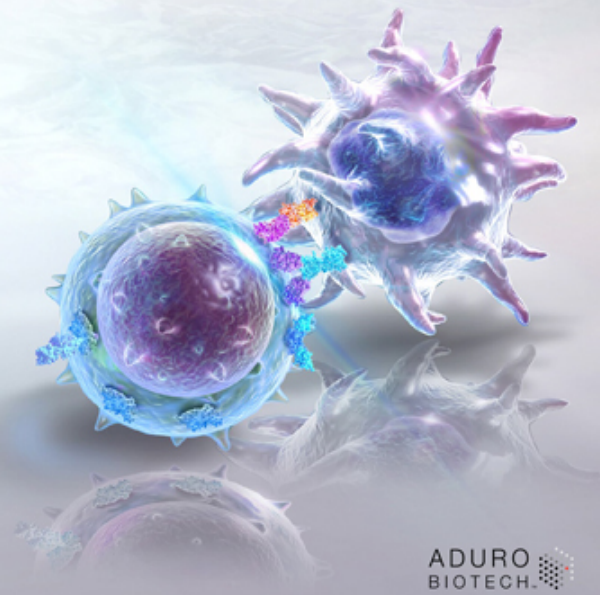


Phase 1 BION-1301 Trial in Healthy Volunteers and IgAN Patients

First-in-Human study designed to enable dose selection and generate proof of mechanism data



Business Overview



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Aduro Strategic Collaborations and Partnerships

	Program	Collaboration	Indication	Terms	Commercial
STING	ADU-S100 and other agonists	 NOVARTIS	Oncology	• \$700M upfront & potential milestones • \$50M equity • Co-development & co-commercialization	• Aduro leads US sales • Profit/expense share U.S., major EU and Japan • Royalties ROW
	cGAS-STING pathway inhibitor program		Autoimmune	• \$12M upfront • \$620M potential development and commercial milestones per product • Research funding	• Lilly responsible for global commercialization • Single to low-double digit royalties • Option to co-fund clinical development in exchange for increased royalties
B-select	Anti-CD27 agonist	 MERCK	Oncology	• \$447M potential milestones • Global license	• Mid single-digit to low teens royalties

Strong Financial Position and Broad Intellectual Property Portfolio

3Q 2018 Financials

Cash & cash equivalents as of September 30, 2018 \$278.6M

Operating expenses for 3Q 2018 \$28M

Shares outstanding as of September 30, 2018 79.1M

Extensive Patent Portfolio

Global Rights (includes in-licensed patents)

- >150 issued composition and methods patents
- >300 pending applications

Nominal Expiration

- STING: 2025-39
- BION-1301: 2030-38

Upcoming Anticipated Milestones

		H1 2019	H2 2019
STING	ADU-S100 + ipilimumab Initiate Phase 1 dose escalation in PD-1 R/R melanoma	●	
	ADU-S100 + spartalizumab Initiate Phase 1 dose expansion		●
	ADU-S100 + spartalizumab Report Phase 1 dose escalation results		●
	ADU-S100 + anti-PD-1 Initiate Phase 1b/2 dose escalation in earlier line head and neck cancer		●
APRIL	BION-1301 Initiate Phase 1 IgAN study in healthy volunteers	●	
	BION-1301 Report Phase 1 MM dose escalation results		●
	BION-1301 Initiate Phase 2 MM dose expansion study		●

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