

# NOVEL RNA THERAPEUTICS THAT TARGET RIG-I

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# **RIGImmune Founders & Scientific Advisors**





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- Formed a Delaware Corp. in 2020
- Exclusive option to license extensive IP from Yale University
- Launched a Seed Round effort in April '21 with a \$5 million goal

# **Company Overview**





Biopharmaceutical research company developing immunomodulatory therapies against the cytosolic RNA sensor *RIG-I* 

**Stem Loop RNA Therapeutics** (SLRs) **A New Class of Therapeutic Oligonucleotides for Diseases Caused by RNA Viruses Antitumor Immune Response Induction** Internal platform for small molecule **RIG-I** agonist & antagonist development

# **Key Investment Highlights**



- Developing a novel class of host-targeted agents that activate the body's innate and adaptive immune capability for antiviral defense and antitumor response
  - Lead development product, SLR-14, could be in the clinic before YE'22
- Pan-viral benefit demonstrated efficacy in multiple models for diseases caused by RNA viruses
- SLR-14 demonstrated treatment & prevention effects for serious viral respiratory diseases
  - SARS-CoV-2, influenza
  - Capability for development as a vaccine adjuvant
- Antitumor immune response POC in multiple oncology models
  - Demonstration of abscopal effect, immune memory, and additive benefit with checkpoint inhibition
- Significant interest with potential support from Gates Foundation and NIAID
- Experienced leadership team to execute the development programs
- Future internal capability to develop RIG-I agonists & antagonists
  - Interferonopathies, inflammatory-mediated diseases

## **Significant Unmet Clinical Needs & Market Opportunities**





Influenza A virus (flu) epidemics occur annually\*

- 3 5 million severe cases annually
- ~ 500,000 deaths worldwide each year

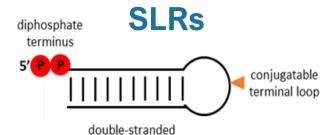
HPIV3 & RSV cause severe respiratory disease in infants and children

**SARS & MERS have caused significant morbidity** and mortality

SARS-CoV-2 has infected >180 million people globally thus far

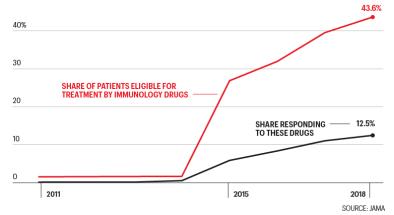
\* Prevalence substantially lower in 2020-21 season





### double-stranded stem (10-18 bp)

**RISING HOPES** The range of cancers that immunotherapies could treat has grown sharply in recent years.

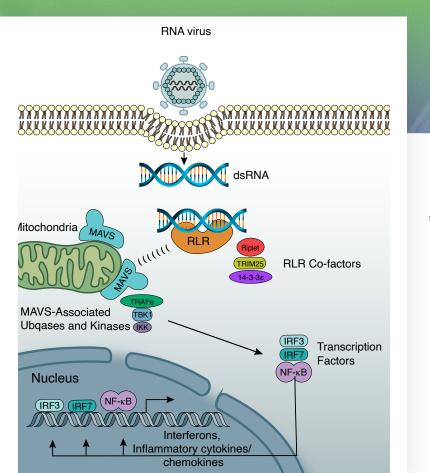


Novel immune-therapeutics could play an essential role in the enhancement of response rates & durability of the responses to checkpoint inhibitors for a broad range of cancers

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## **RIG-I Activation Triggers a Multifaceted Innate Immune Response RIGImmune**







## **Triggered by double stranded RNA from virus or SLR mimic**

Central role in innate immunity and antiviral response

## *RIG-I – the first line of defense against RNA viral pathogens*







### By harnessing and controlling RIG-I, we can create new immunomodulatory therapies for...



Viral Respiratory Diseases



Viral Hemorrhagic **Fevers** 

Oncology



Inflammatory Diseases

## **Product Development Pipeline**

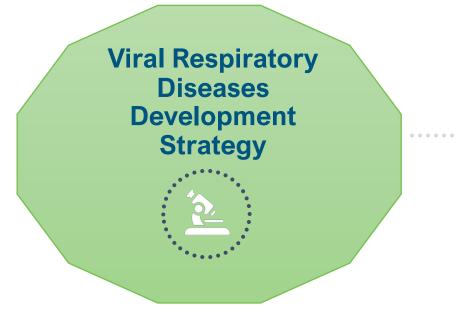


	Product Candidate	Indication	Discovery	Lead	Preclinical	Phase 1	Strategy
Viral	SLR-14	Influenza, vaccine adjuvant RNA viral prophylaxis, pan-viral tx					Pursue FIH Trial & Vaccine adjuvant
Immuno- Oncology	SLR-14S18	Cancer Immunotherapeutic					Seek partnerships w/ novel delivery systems
Platform Technology	RIG-I antagonist	Interferonopathies					Internalize validated platform Selectively implement discovery programs to fund internally and partner others
	MDA5 agonist	Infectious diseases and cancers					
	LGP2 agonist	Infectious diseases and cancers					

Stem Loop RNA Compounds (SLRs) Viral Respiratory Infections Opportunities & Strategic Focus



- Notable human respiratory diseases caused by RNA viruses
  - COVID-19, SARS, MERS, Influenza, RSV
- SLRs a role in managing the next respiratory disease outbreak?





Pan-viral – immediate tx upon symptoms



Prophylaxis

Vaccine adjuvant



Favorable solubility profile allows for direct mucosal delivery - intranasal



### I.V. SLR14 protects C57BL/6J mice from influenza infection



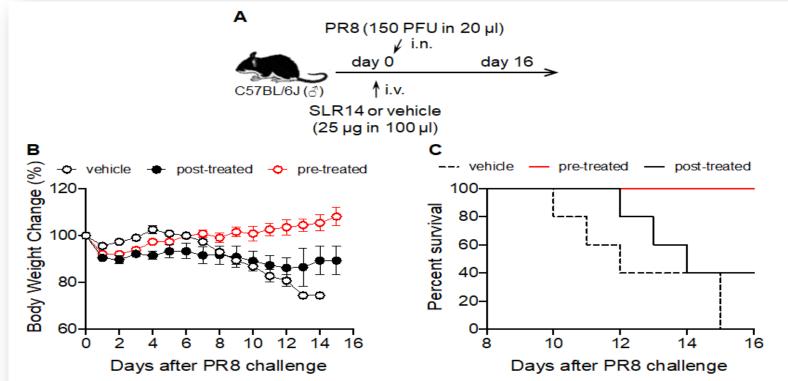
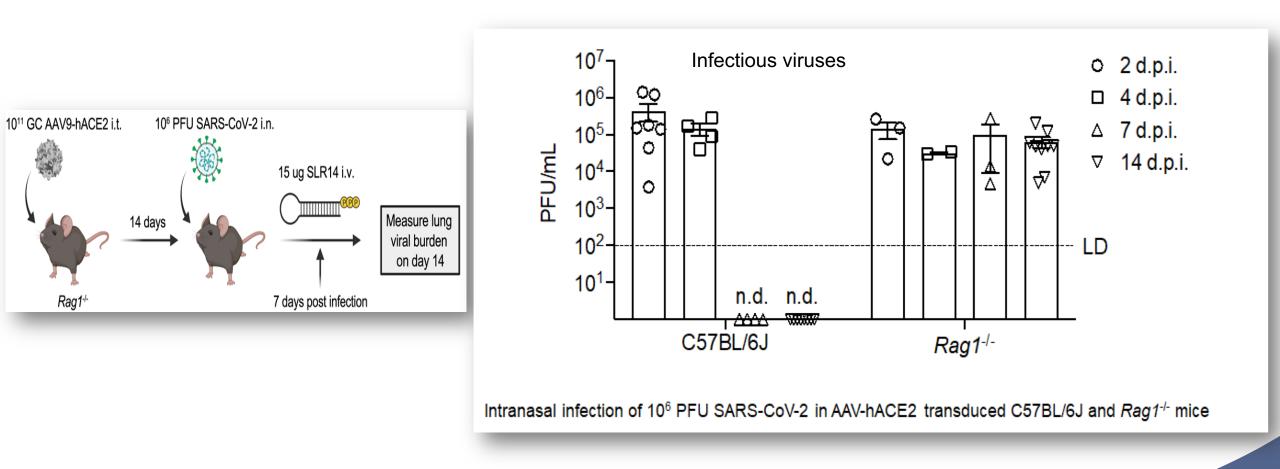


Figure legend. SLR14 intravenous treatment protects C57BL/6J mice from influenza virus infection. A. Naïve C57BL/6J mice (male, 8 weeks) received SLR14 intravenous (i.v.) treatment 5 hours before (pre-treated) or after (post-treated) intranasal (i.n.) challenge with PR8. The mice treated intravenously with vehicle (jetPEI) were used as controls.. B. Body weight loss in SLR14- or vehicle-treated mice after PR8 challenge. C. The survival of SLR14- or vehicle-treated mice after PR8 challenge.

## SLR14 treatment of persistent infection and long COVID

### *Rag1<sup>-/-</sup>* mice lack T and B cells and suffer from persistent SARS-CoV-2 infection



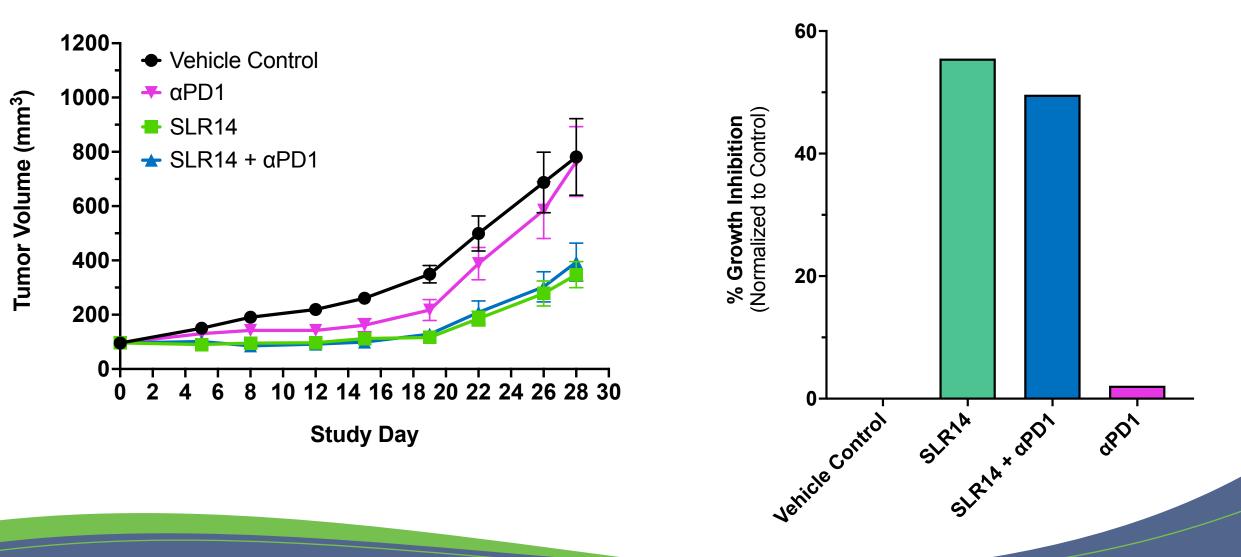
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#### BWL and survival of tumor-bearing mice with SLR14 tx **BWL and survival of tumor-bearing mice** 12 hours before or after SARS-CoV2 i.n. infection after SARS-CoV-2 i.n. infection D14 day 0 day 14 D0 ∱ s.c. i.n. S.C. i.v. i.n. K18-hACE2 K18-hACE2 YUMMER1.7 SARS-CoV-2 YUMMER1.7 SARS-CoV-2 (20k PFU in 50 ul) (8) (5x10<sup>5</sup>) (8k PFU in 50ul) (රි) (5x10<sup>5</sup>) 1. pre-treated: 25 ug SLR14 12 hours before PR8 challenge 2. post-treated: 25 ug SLR14 12 hours after PR8 challenge 3. vehicle: vehicle 12 hours before PR8 challenge vehicle -1.1 of Starting Weight -0.0 -8.0 -8.0 tumor-bearing mice 100 tumor-bearing mice pre-treated 100 1.4 of initial weight 1.2-1.0--8.0 no tumor mice post-treated no tumor mice Percent survival 80-80-Survival 60-60-40-40-% 20-20-% % 0.7 0-0.6-0~23\*5618900,20,20,20,20,00 15 10 20 0 5 10 5 10 15 15 5 Days post infection Days post infection Days after SARS-CoV2 challenge Days after SARS-CoV2 challenge

### **Tumor Growth Inhibition in Pan02 Syngeneic Pancreatic Cancer Model**





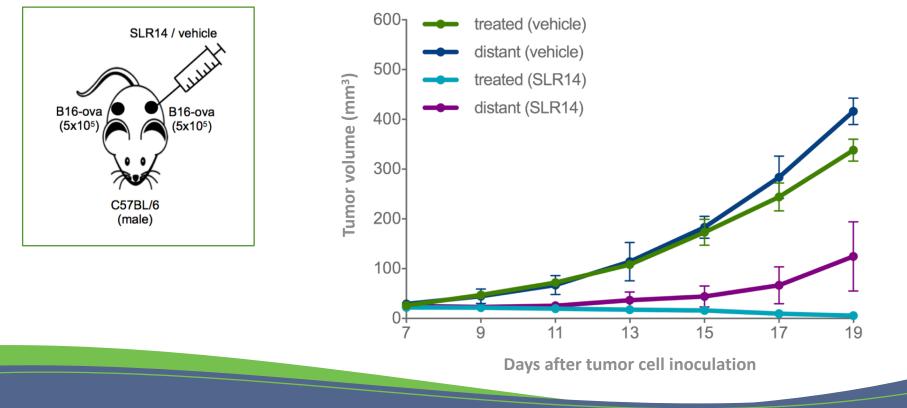
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## SLR14 Recruits the Adaptive Immune System



SLR14 induces robust abscopal effect

Growth of untreated (left) tumor is inhibited by SLR14 injection into treated (right) tumor

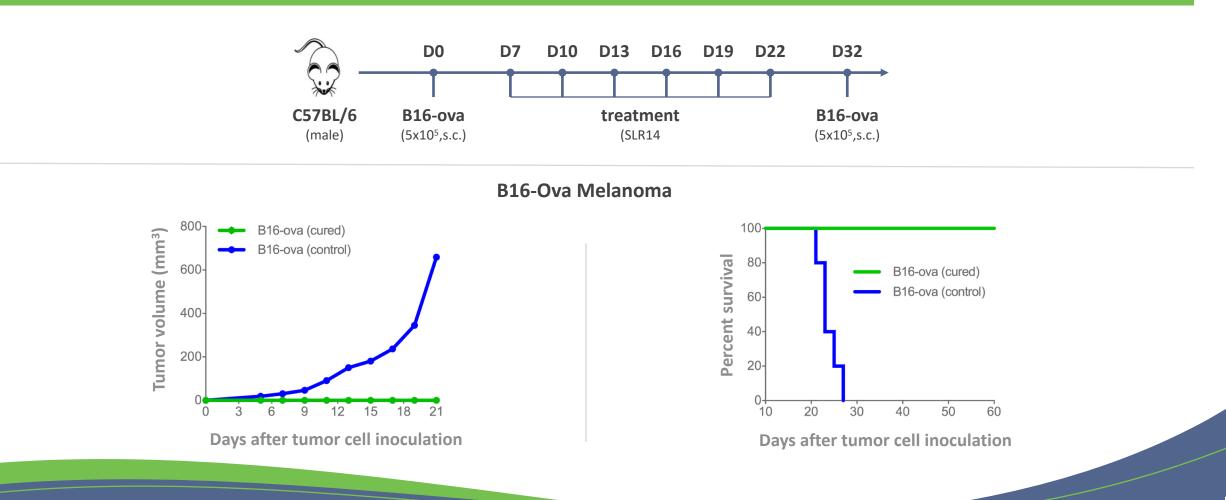


B16-ova Melanoma

## **SLR14 Induces Immune Memory**



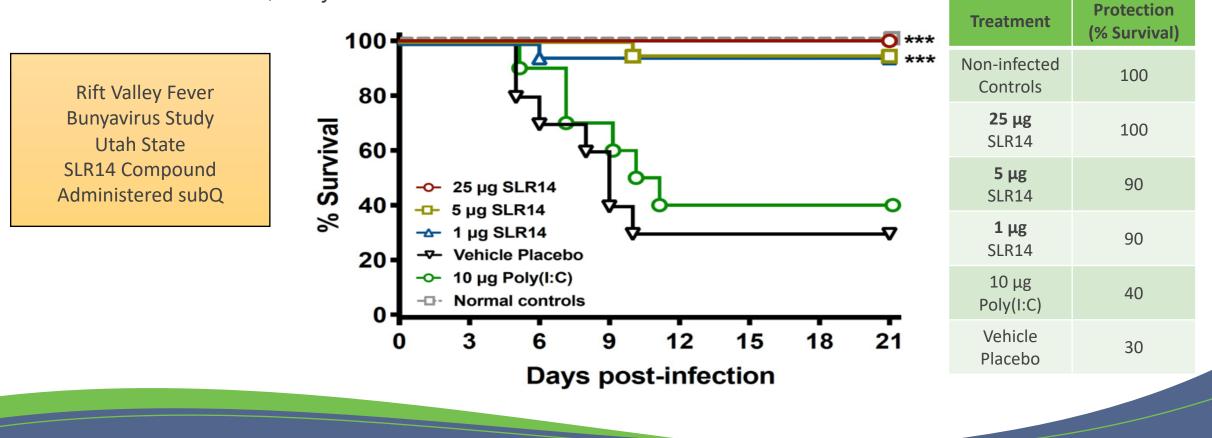
### Tumors implanted in mice previously cured with SLR14 do not grow



## **SLR-14 Protects Against Rift Valley Fever Mortality**



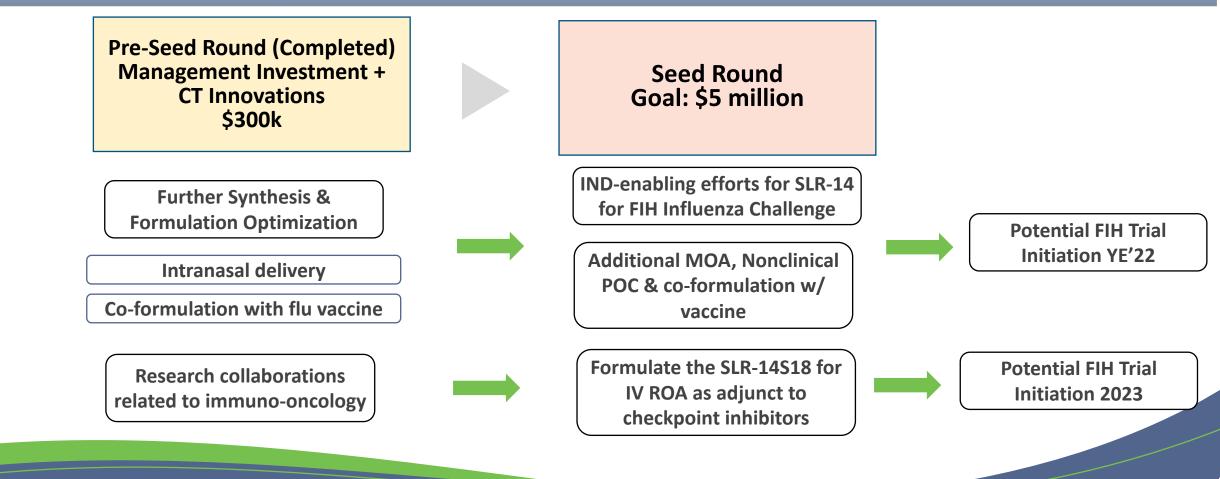
- RIG-I shown to be receptor that responds to flaviviral & HCV infection
- SLR compounds shown to be effective, prophylactically and post-infection, in three viruses completely different in composition and biological mechanisms
  - Influenza viruses, bunyaviruses and coronaviruses



## **Use of Proceeds & Near-Term Plans**



Build a biopharma development company with a platform capability to develop differentiated RIG-I agonist & antagonist compounds



## **RIGImmune Leadership Team**



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### Martin Driscoll Chair

#### **OncoNano Medicine, Inc. CEO & Director**

- Former CEO & Director at Spring Bank Pharmaceuticals (NASDAQ:SBPH)
- Former CEO & Director at Javelin Pharmaceuticals (NYSE Euronext: JAV)

### **Dov Goldstein MD Director**

Indapta Therapeutics CFO, CBO & Director

- Former CFO at Vicuron
  Pharmaceuticals (NASDAQ: MICU)
- Former CFO Loxo Oncology (NASDAQ:LOXO)

**Tom Smart Director** Gravitas Therapeutics, Inc.

**Board Chair & CEO** 

- Former Chair and CEO of AnaptysBio (NASDAQ: ANAB)
- Extensive fund-raising and corporate partnering transaction experience

### Donald Corcoran

### **Current Advisor & Future CEO**

- Former CEO at Methlygene and Cyteir Therapeutics
- Head of Business Development & Alliance
  Mgmt for Epi-Cure Pharma
- Chief of Staff & Head of Operations for AstraZeneca Boston R&D
- Multiple prior and current board roles

#### Kris lyer, PhD

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#### Chief Scientific Officer

- Previously CSO Spring Bank
- >40 yrs oligonucleotide research
- Advanced multiple therapeutics to clinical development
- Former NIH

#### Jim McArdle, PhD CMC

- >35 yrs. In biopharma
- Developed antisense
  oligonucleotides at ISIS (now Ionis)
- ICH Expert Working Groups

#### Akansha Bhargava, MD MS Blavatnik Fellow, Yale OCR

• Former Head of Clinical Development Soleno Therapeutics.



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