**Engineering Complement Factor I as a Protease Medicine: Tuning Potency And Specificity For Complement-mediated Disorders** 

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- The Protease Medicines Company Harnessing the catalytic power of proteases
- ✓ Novel differentiated medicines
- Robust complement portfolio
- ✓ Clinical-stage assets
- ✓ Unique expertise in protease engineering



## **Catalyst protease platform** Validated across three programs



Best-in-class profile for dry AMD Extended pharmacodynamics



### **CB 4332 Enhanced CFI**

Restoring balance to complement in patients with dysregulated CFI



Engineered CFI entering the clinic in 2022





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#### **Engineered proteases**

Protease platforms tailored to restore function in specific indications



C3b/C4b degrader platform delivering candidates 2022

## **Catalyst protease platform** Unique expertise enables design of optimized & differentiated protease candidates

#### **Discovery Platform**







#### **Our Proteases**

- + Functionally enhanced natural proteases in the complement & coagulation cascades
- + Engineered novel protein degraders in the complement cascade
- + Modulate or target biological activation or inactivation

## Proteases are ideal for high abundancy targets & cascades A better way to regulate biological processes compared with antibodies & small molecules

Therapeutic target neutralization





Efficient regulation at low concentrations of therapeutic protease

Requires high concentrations in excess of the target

Requires high concentrations & frequent dosing

Our protease platforms are tailored to specific indications **Tuning functionality to restore complement homeostasis & immunoregulation** 



#### **Autoimmune**

Specific inhibition of complement components at different sites of the complement cascade allows a personalized approach to treating complement disorders

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#### Immunology

## Complement Factor I (CFI) – The negative regulator of complement





### **Complement Factor I**

- + Negative regulator of complement at the C3 axis
- + Maintains balance in the complement cascade
  - Dysregulated CFI has clinical implications and unchecked complement activation
- + Dual specificity to regulate both the C4b2b3b & C3bBb

convertases



## **Dialing catalytic power & specificity into CFI Using ProTUNE™ engineering platform to tune C3b & C4b degraders**



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Desired Functionality

### **Precision CFI Therapeutics**

Tunable **potency** to control dysregulated complement

Tunable **specificity** toward C3b & C4b to restore the **right** balance to complement



## Using ProTUNE<sup>™</sup> engineering platform to tune C3b & C4b degraders



Fold change in activity against C3b



#### **Dual regulators**



#### **Alternative pathway specific regulators**



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**Screening strategy for complement therapeutics** In vitro assays and in vivo models are used to evaluate C3b & C4b degraders



ongoing

+ In vivo activity in chronic rodent models





## Using ProTUNE<sup>TM</sup> Platform to tune C3b & C4b cleaving capabilities





### **Dual degrader:**

High cleavage activity of C3b High cleavage activity of C4b

**Exclusive degrader**: High cleavage activity of C4b

#### **CFI base scaffold**

## Using ProTUNE<sup>TM</sup> Platform to tune C3b & C4b cleaving capabilities





### **Reduction of Hemolysis**



## Engineered C3b & C4b cofactor independence

#### **Cofactor Dependent**



#### **Cofactor Independent**



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## C3b/C4b degraders for IgA nephropathy patients Disease in which both lectin & alternative pathways drive pathogenesis

### High unmet need – current treatments only addressing symptoms



- + Most common form of glomerulopathies worldwide
- + Accumulation & deposition of IgA immune complexes leading to deterioration of renal function
- + 10% patients with rapidly progressive glomerulonephritis
- + 40% of IgAN patients develop end stage renal disease over
   20 years & need dialysis/renal transplant in order to survive
- + Significant burden on healthcare resources with an estimated cost of **\$49.2 billion** in 2020 in the US



## C3b/C4b degraders for IgA nephropathy patients **Dual targeting of alternate & lectin pathways**



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### Differentiation

+ Dual targeting mode of action: lectin & alternative pathways

#### **Rationale for IgA nephropathy**

+ Both lectin & alternative pathways are involved in IgA nephropathy & correlate with severe clinical manifestation <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>

### **Clinically validated targets**

+ Inhibition of only MASP2 or Factor B may be insufficient to reduce proteinuria in IgA nephropathy patients

## C3b/C4b degraders significantly reduce inflammation in vivo

# Rat model of complement activation

# Inflammatory markers inConcomitant reduction of inflammatoryIgA nephropathymarkers and complement C3 cleavage



Reduction of IFNγ, TNFα, & RANTES involved in kidney damage & proteinuria in IgA nephropathy patients<sup>1, 2, 3</sup>



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## C3b/C4b degraders for precision medicine Diseases in which classical, lectin and/or alternative pathways drive pathogenesis





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