# Merus

**Pioneering Bispecific Antibodies** 



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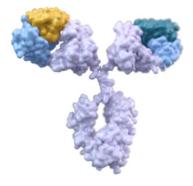
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#### **Merus: Pioneering Bispecific Antibodies Since 2006**

4 clinical-stage bispecific antibodies in oncology

Multiple near term milestones anticipated in next 12 months



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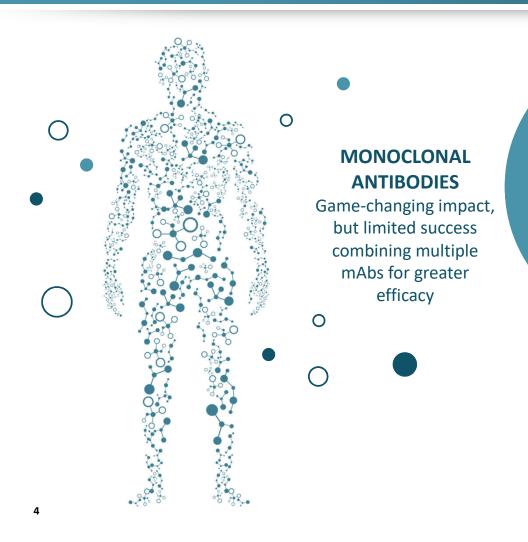
Fully integrated discovery-to-manufacturing capabilities

Discovery of novel modes of action based on target combinations

Sophisticated proprietary Biclonics® and Triclonics™ technology platforms



#### The Next Wave of Antibodies in Cancer Treatment

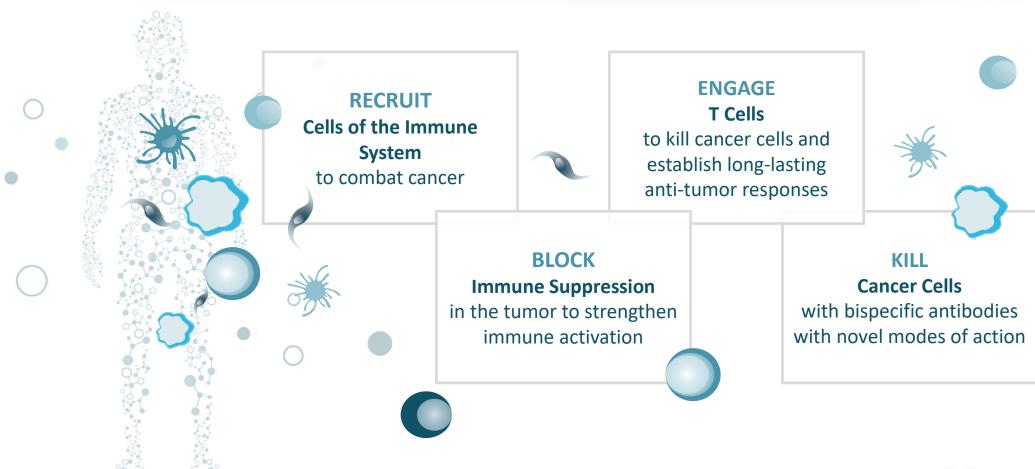


BISPECIFIC
ANTIBODIES
Offering novel
modes of action and
new biology

High Potential for Cancer Immunotherapy and More



## The Promise of Bispecific Antibodies



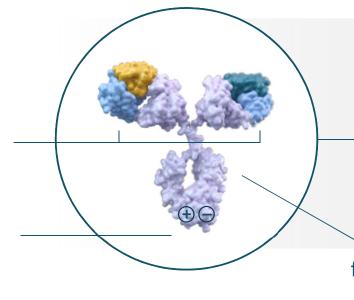
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## Biclonics® — Designed by Nature. Selected by Merus.

## BICLONICS® Merus' Bispecific Antibody Format produced by a single cell

Common Light Chain for 'unforced', natural pairing with 2 different heavy chains

to efficiently drive formation of Biclonics®



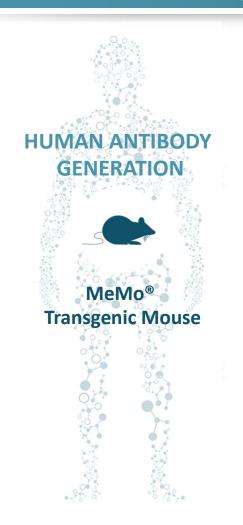
#### **IgG Format**

for efficient manufacturing <u>and</u> predictable *in vivo* behavior

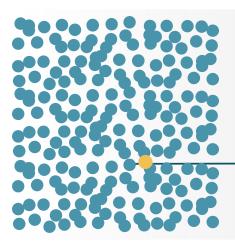
for Improved functionality
(ADCC or silencing)



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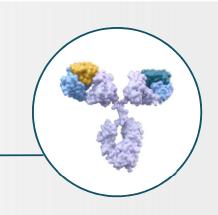


#### **PANEL GENERATION**



We create up to 1,000 Biclonics® against any target pair of choice

#### **FUNCTIONAL SCREENING**



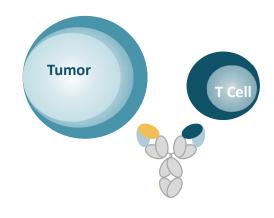
We use functional screening in cell-based assays to identify Biclonics® with novel modes of action



#### Biclonics® Recruit Innate & Adaptive Immunity To Kill Tumors

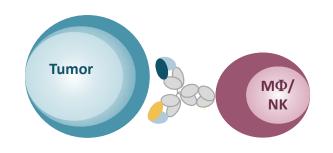
#### **Our Optimal Target Pairs Have First or Best in Class Potential**

#### T CELL ENGAGE AND KILL



**MCLA-117:** CLEC12A x CD3

## DUAL TUMOR TARGETING TO RECRUIT AND KILL

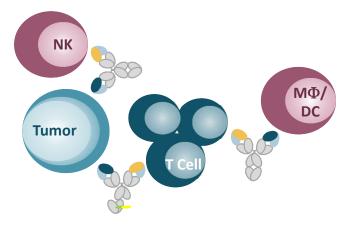


MCLA-158: Lgr5 x EGFR

MCLA-128: HER3 x HER2

MCLA-129: EGFR x c-MET

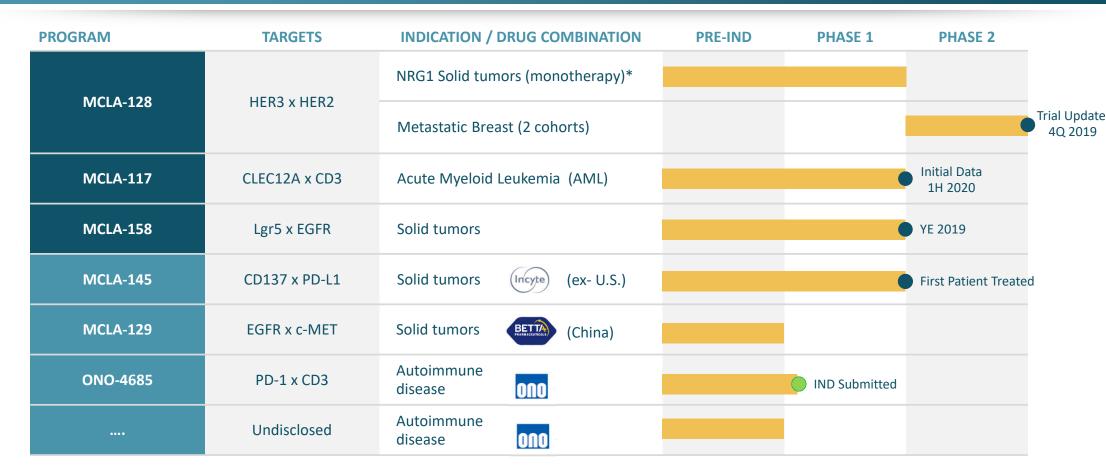
## ACTIVATE ANTI-TUMOR IMMUNITY TO KILL



**MCLA-145:** CD137 x PD-L1



## **Leading Clinical Pipeline with Multiple 2019 Milestones**





#### **MCLA-128 – HER3 x HER2**

# Unique DOCK & BLOCK® approach potently inhibits tumor cell growth and survival; In clinic for multiple solid tumor indications

#### **Block HER3**

Blocks signaling even in high heregulin stress environments



#### Dock HER2

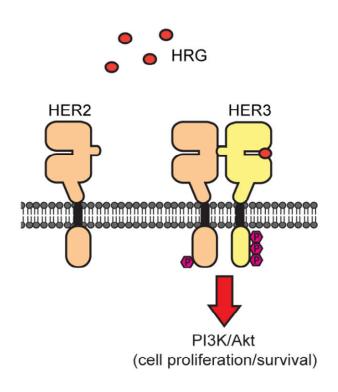
Docks to HER2 abundantly expressed on tumor cells to access HER3

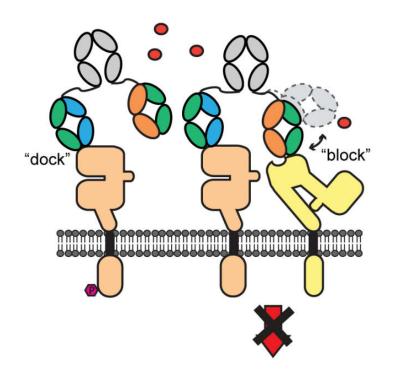
Combinations with HER2 targeted therapies possible

**Metastatic Breast Cohort Phase 2 Trial Update Expected 4Q 2019** 



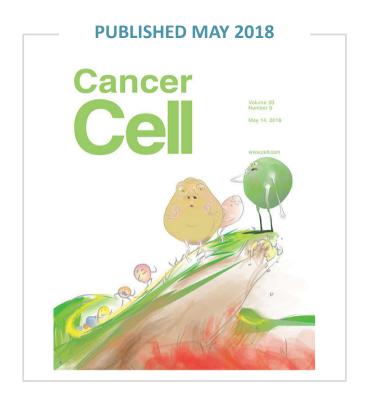
# MCLA-128 – Potently Inhibiting the HER3 Signaling Pathway, a Known Driver of Tumor Growth and Survival

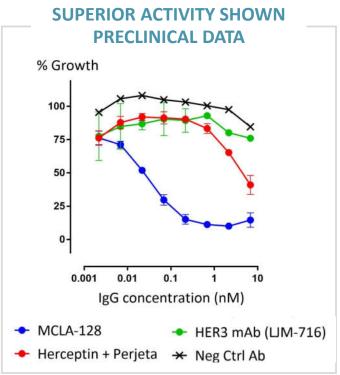






### MCLA-128 – Potently Inhibits Heregulin-Driven Growth





# SAFETY AND TOLERABILITY DEMONSTRATED IN PHASE 1/2 TRIAL

#### >100 PATIENTS EVALUATED

MCLA-128 Dosing: 750 mg q3w

- Single agent well tolerated
- Low risk for immunogenicity



## MCLA-128 – Phase 1/2 in Solid Tumors, Phase 2 in Combo MBC

WHOLLY-OWNED	TARGETS	INDICATION / DRUG COMBINATION	PRE-IND	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	
		NRG1 Solid tumors (monotherapy)*				
MCLA-128	HER3 x HER2	Metastatic Breast (2 cohorts)				<b>4</b> Q 2019

	DESIGN	ENDPOINTS	STATUS
NRG1 Solid Tumors (Monotherapy)	Phase 1/2 Study Phase 1: dose escalation Phase 2: exploration in solid tumor cohorts	<ul> <li>Safety, preliminary anti- tumor activity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Well tolerated</li> <li>Clinical POC established in MBC</li> <li>Clinical POC established in Gastric</li> </ul>
Metastatic Breast Cancer (MBC)	Phase 2 Study in combination with 2 cohorts in MBC Cohort 1: HER2+ (MCLA-128 + Herceptin + Chemo) Cohort 2: ER+/HER2 <sup>low</sup> (MCLA-128 + Hormone Therapy) Size: up to 120 patients in U.S. and Europe Dose: 750mg every 3 weeks	Clinical benefit at 24 weeks	Trial update 4Q 2019



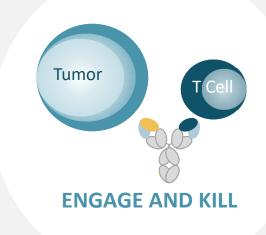
## MCLA-117 – Harnessing the Killing Power of T Lymphocytes

# MCLA-117 efficiently activates and redirects T cells to kill CLEC12A-expressing AML (stem) cells

#### CLEC12A

Expressed by tumor (stem) cells in ~ 90-95% of AML patients

Expression restricted to hematopoietic system = potential less off-tumor toxicity



#### CD3

Low affinity CD3 arm and silenced Fc for controlled T cell activation to avoid toxicity and off-target effects

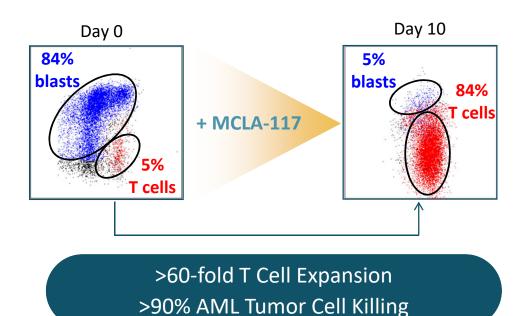
Balanced strategy for activity and safety



# MCLA-117 – Demonstrated Controlled, Potent Activation of T Cells in Preclinical Studies

- MCLA-117 efficiently activates and redirects T cells to kill CLEC12A-expressing AML(stem) cells
- Designed to spare the formation of platelets and red blood cells during therapy
- Active across AML patient subpopulations

## MCLA-117 MEDIATED ACTIVATION OF T CELLS AND KILLING OF TUMOR CELLS





## MCLA-117 - Phase 1 Trial

	TARGETS	INDICATION / DRUG COMBINATION	PRE-IND	PHASE 1	PHASE 2
MCLA-117	CLEC12A x CD3	Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML)			1H 2019

DESIGN	ENDPOINTS	STATUS
<ul> <li>Single-arm, open-label, dose escalation w/ safety dose expansion</li> <li>Up to 50 patients with relapsed / refractory AML</li> <li>Starting dose determined using MABEL dose escalation requirements</li> <li>Protocol amended July 2019 to allow for</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Primary Endpoints: safety, tolerability</li> <li>Secondary Endpoints: PK/PD, anti- tumor response, clinical benefit</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ongoing in Europe and the U.S.</li> <li>Preliminary anti-tumor activity has been observed</li> <li>Initial data expected at medical conference 1H 2020</li> </ul>



#### MCLA-158 – Lgr5 x EGFR

# Potential to be first colorectal cancer treatment to block growth of tumors with RAS mutations (~50% of patients), a high unmet need

Lgr5

Expressed by intestinal cancer initiating cells

Identified through Merus functional screening and organoid discovery methods



**EGFR** 

Blocks growth in Wnt dysregulated tumors including RAS<sup>mut</sup>

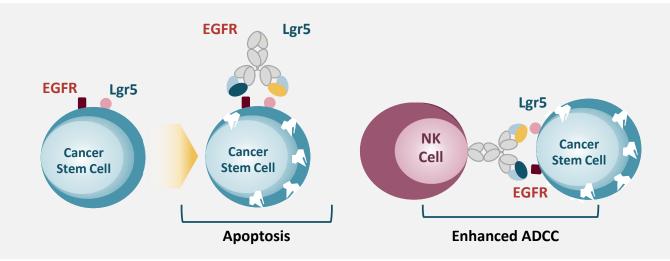
Preclinical data shows higher potency than Cetuximab

**Emerging Phase 1 safety data expected end of 2019** 



### MCLA-158 – Differentiated Target and MOA

#### **MCLA-158 Mechanism of Action**

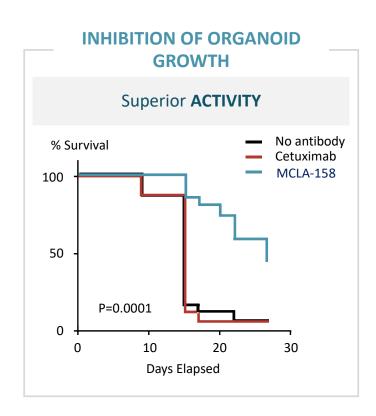


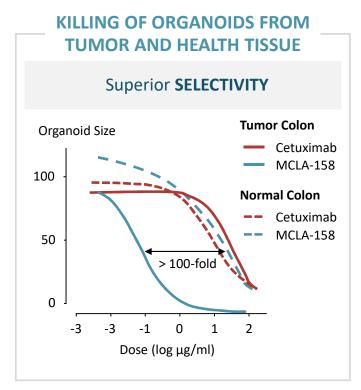
- MCLA-158 designed to eliminate cancer initiating cells that cause growth and metastasis
- Lgr5+ cells are the origin of gastrointestinal cancer
- EGFR x Lgr5 induces apoptosis, potently blocks EGFR signaling in Wnt dysregulated solid tumors



## MCLA-158 – Key Preclinical Results in Colorectal Cancer (CRC)

#### Demonstrated Superior Growth Inhibition, Tolerability and Selectivity of Tumor vs. Healthy Tissue





#### Superior **TOLERABILITY**

No skin rash in cynomolgus monkeys





## MCLA-158 - Phase 1 Trial

	TARGETS	INDICATION / DRUG COMBINATION	PRE-IND	PHASE 1	PHASE 2
MCLA-158	Lgr5 x EGFR	Solid tumors			YE 2019

DESIGN	ENDPOINTS	STATUS
<ul> <li>Global open-label, multicenter dose escalation w/ safety dose expansion phase</li> <li>Patients with solid tumors</li> <li>Initial focus on metastatic colorectal cancer</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Primary endpoint: safety and tolerability of defined dose</li> <li>Secondary endpoint: single-agent preliminary anti-tumor activity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>On track</li> <li>Emerging Phase 1 safety data expected YE 2019</li> </ul>



#### MCLA-145 - CD137 x PD-L1

# Potent triple action designed to recruit and activate T cells and prevent their exhaustion for patients with solid tumors

#### **CD137**

Activate immune effector cells in context of tumor microenvironment



#### PD-L1

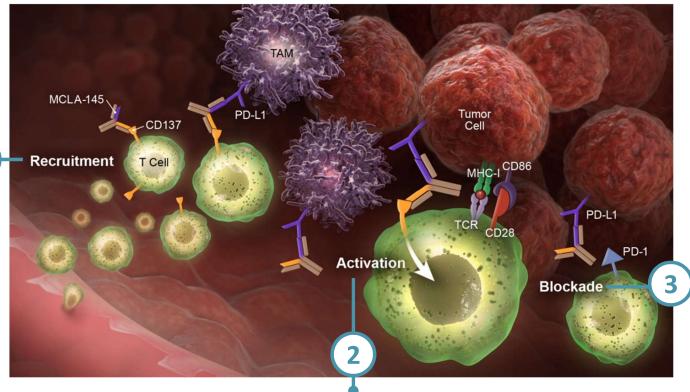
Attract T cells into the tumor and block inhibitory signals

Phase 1 First Patient Treated May 9 2019



## MCLA-145 – Triple Activity by a Single Biclonics®

PD-L1 Arm • 1
Recruitment of
T cells into tumor
micro-environment



Blocking of T cell inhibitory PD-1/PD-L1 interactions in tumor prevent exhaustion

CD137 Arm
Potent activation of T cells in tumor

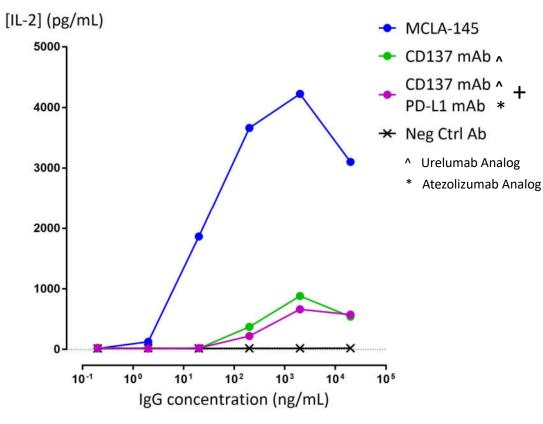


#### MCLA-145 – Demonstrated Potent T Cell Activation

- Binds to PD-L1 and CD137
- Preclinical work demonstrates
  - recruitment of T cells into the tumor
  - blocking of inhibitory PD-1/PD-L1 axis
  - potent T cell activation
- Potential to overcome the known side effects of CD137 agonists in development

MCLA-145 preclinical data presented at AACR 2019

#### PRIMARY T CELL TRANSACTIVATION ASSAY





## MCLA-145 – Phase 1 Trial Initiated May 2019

	TARGETS	INDICATION / DRUG COMBINATION	PRE-IND	PHASE 1	PHASE 2
MCLA-145	CD137 x PD-L1	Solid tumors			May 9 2019

DESIGN	ENDPOINTS	STATUS
Global open-label, multicenter dose escalation w/ dose expansion phase  • Patients with advanced solid tumors	<ul> <li>Primary endpoint: dose finding, safety and tolerability</li> <li>Secondary endpoint: single-agent preliminary activity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>IND cleared January 2019</li> <li>First patient dosed May 9 2019</li> </ul>



## **Leading Collaborators Increasing Biclonics® Reach**



Collaborator Focus On

Ex U.S. Development



Merus retains MCLA-145 U.S. rights



Collaborator Focus On

**China Development** 

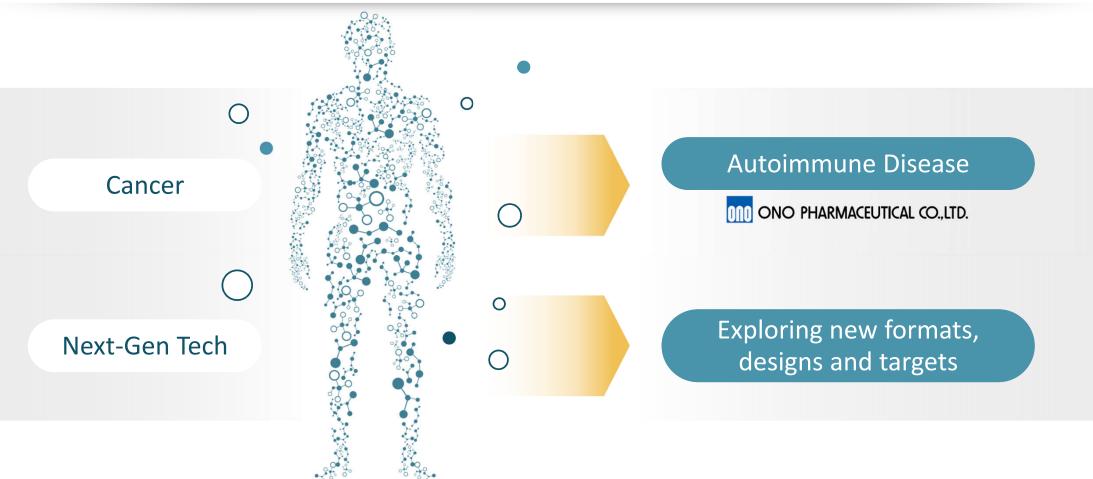




Merus retains Rest-of-World rights



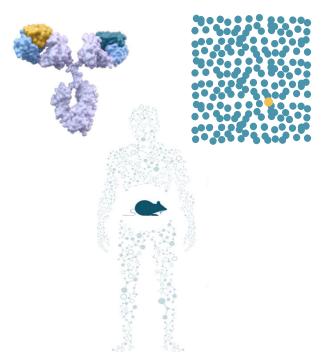
## **Expanding Biclonics® Platform**

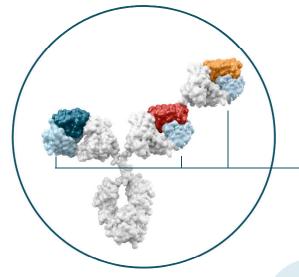




## **Proprietary Triclonics™ Platform...Expanding Merus Capabilities**

## The BICLONICS® Base Our existing foundation...





#### **TRICLONICS™ Platform**

for 2 and 3 different target combinations

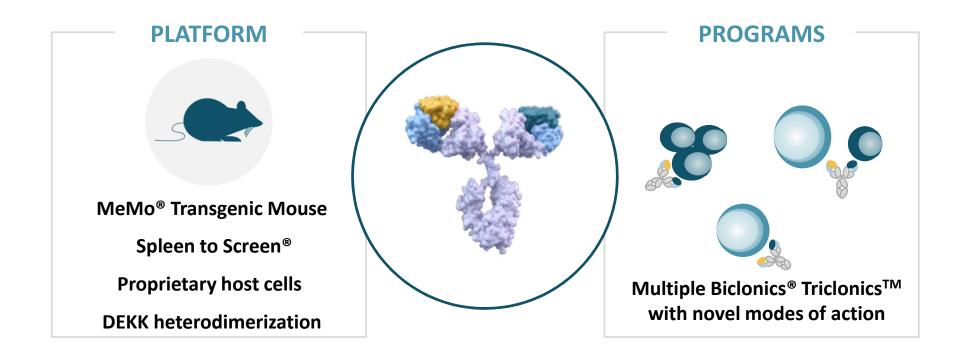
1:1:1 or 2:1 format

Common light chain for unforced, natural pairing with three (different) V<sub>H</sub> regions

New biology and modes of action



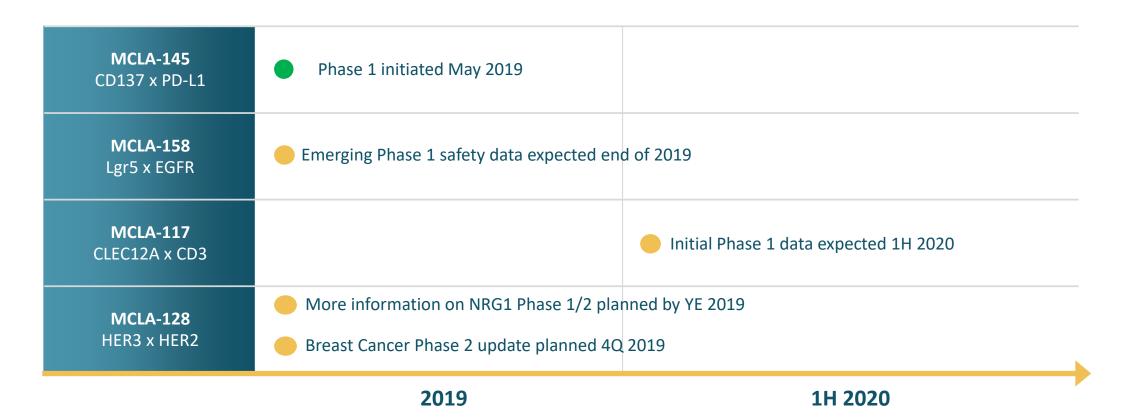
## **Strong Intellectual Property Positioning**



Uniquely positioned to develop innovative bispecific antibody therapeutics



## **Multiple Near Term Milestones Anticipated**

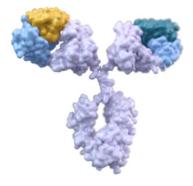




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