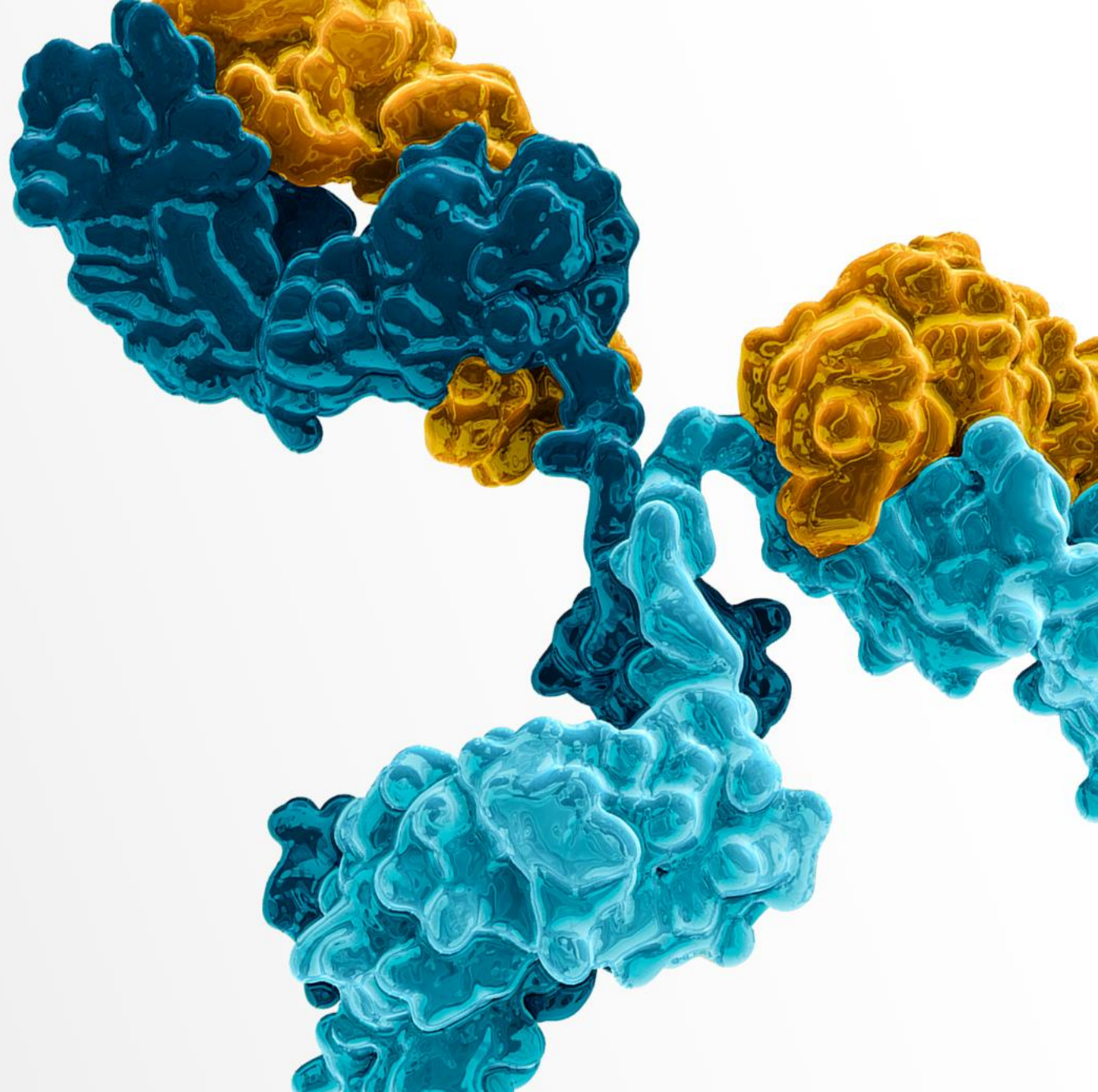


# *Merus*

*Closing In On Cancer*

September 2020



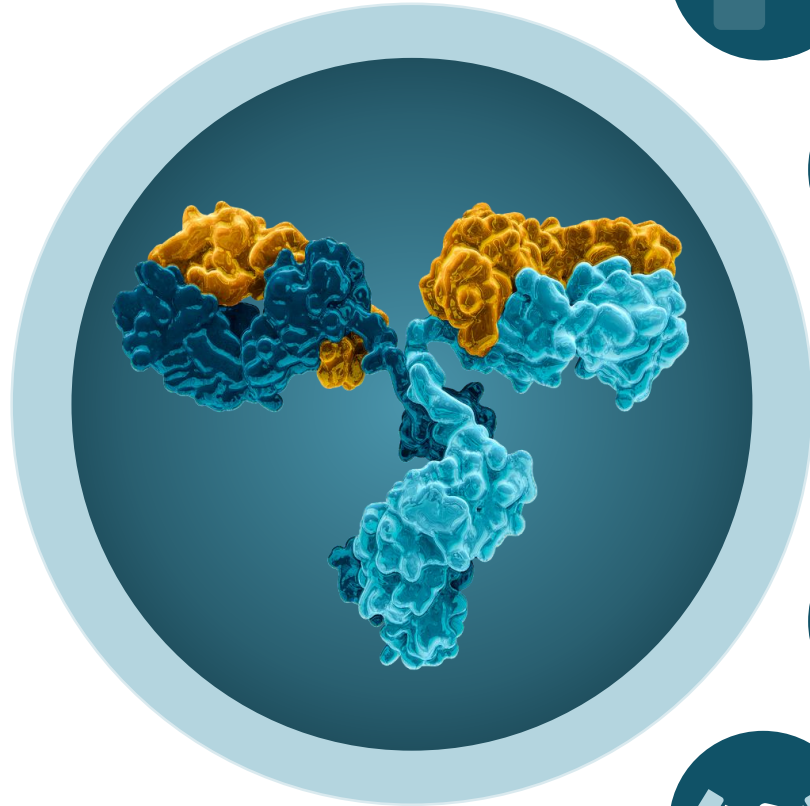
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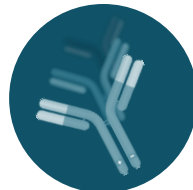
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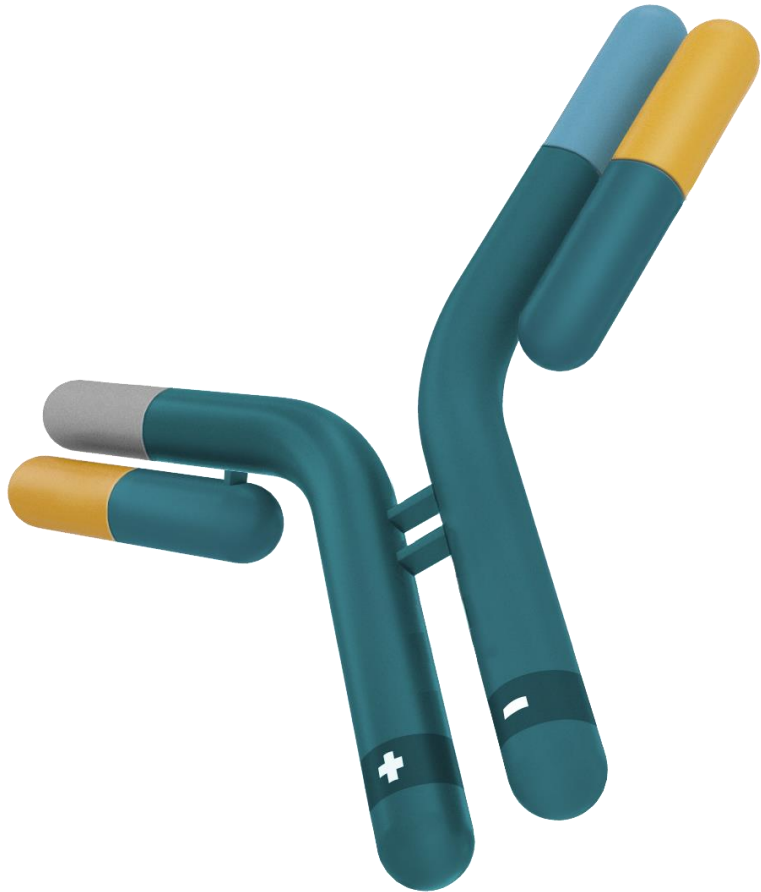


## Strategic Collaborations to Unlock Platform Value

Multiple strategic collaborations and license agreements





# Merus Multiclronics®

## *Bispecific and Trispecific Cancer Therapeutic Candidates in Human Monoclonal Antibody Formats*



- Large-scale screening to select from up to 1,000s of candidates
  - Potential to identify best and new biological combinations
- Fully human IgG format allows for:
  - Ease of manufacturing
  - Low immunogenicity risk
  - Predictable *in vivo* behavior
  - Durable, consistent half life
  - Potential for ADCC enhancement and Fc silencing
- Robust IP portfolio: patents covering Multiclronics® technology, including common light chain antibody generation and dimerization by charge engineering

# Merus Clinical Pipeline

PROGRAM	BISPECIFIC TARGETS	INDICATION(S)	PRECLINICAL	PHASE 1	PHASE 1/2	STATUS
<b>Zenocutuzumab (Zeno) (MCLA-128)</b>	HER3 x HER2	NRG1+ Pancreatic NRG1+ Lung NRG1+ Other solid tumors				Phase 1/2 trial ongoing Clinical data and program update planned 2Q 2021
<b>MCLA-158</b>	Lgr5 x EGFR	Solid tumors				Phase 1 Trial Ongoing Update planned YE 2020
<b>MCLA-145</b>	CD137 x PD-L1	Solid tumors	 (ex- U.S.)			Phase 1 Trial Ongoing
<b>MCLA-129</b>	EGFR x c-MET	Solid tumors	 (China)			IND Enabling Studies Ongoing
<b>ONO-4685*</b>	PD-1 x CD3	Autoimmune disease				Phase 1 Trial Ongoing
<b>...*</b>	Undisclosed	Autoimmune disease				

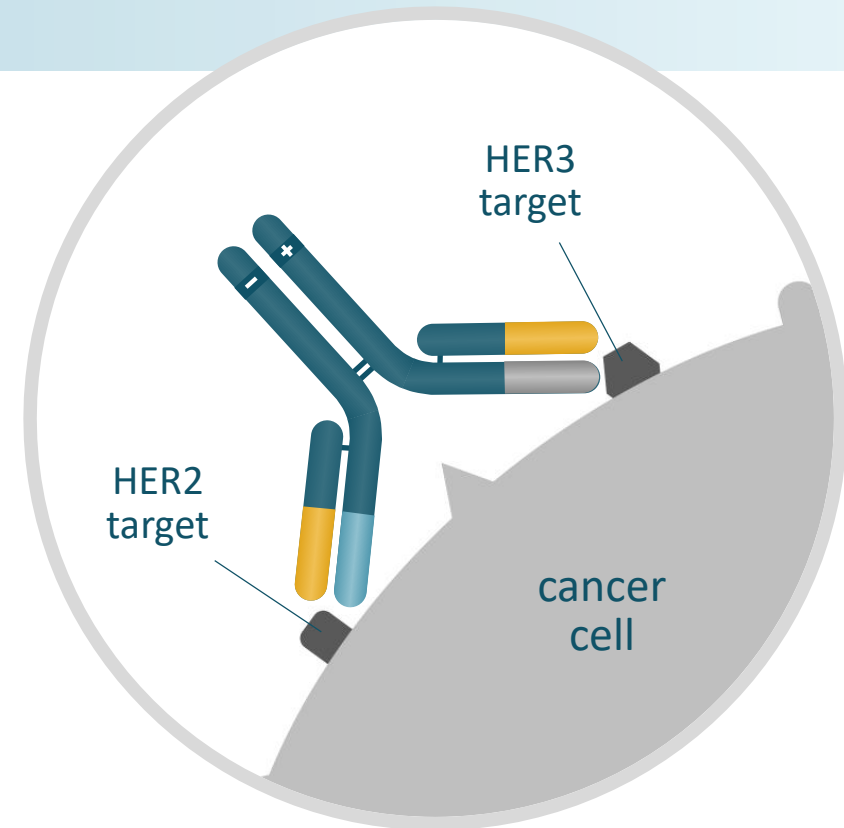
\* If commercialized, Merus to receive royalties

## *Promising early clinical activity in patients with NRG1+ cancers*

- NRG-1 gene fusions (NRG1+) are rare genetic events occurring in lung, pancreatic and other solid tumors
- Unique DOCK & BLOCK<sup>®</sup> mechanism of Zeno potentially inhibits NRG1+-driven tumor growth
- Enhanced ADCC mediates tumor elimination by immune effector cells
- eNRGy Trial enrolling and Early Access Program ongoing
- Clinical data and program update expected 2Q 2021

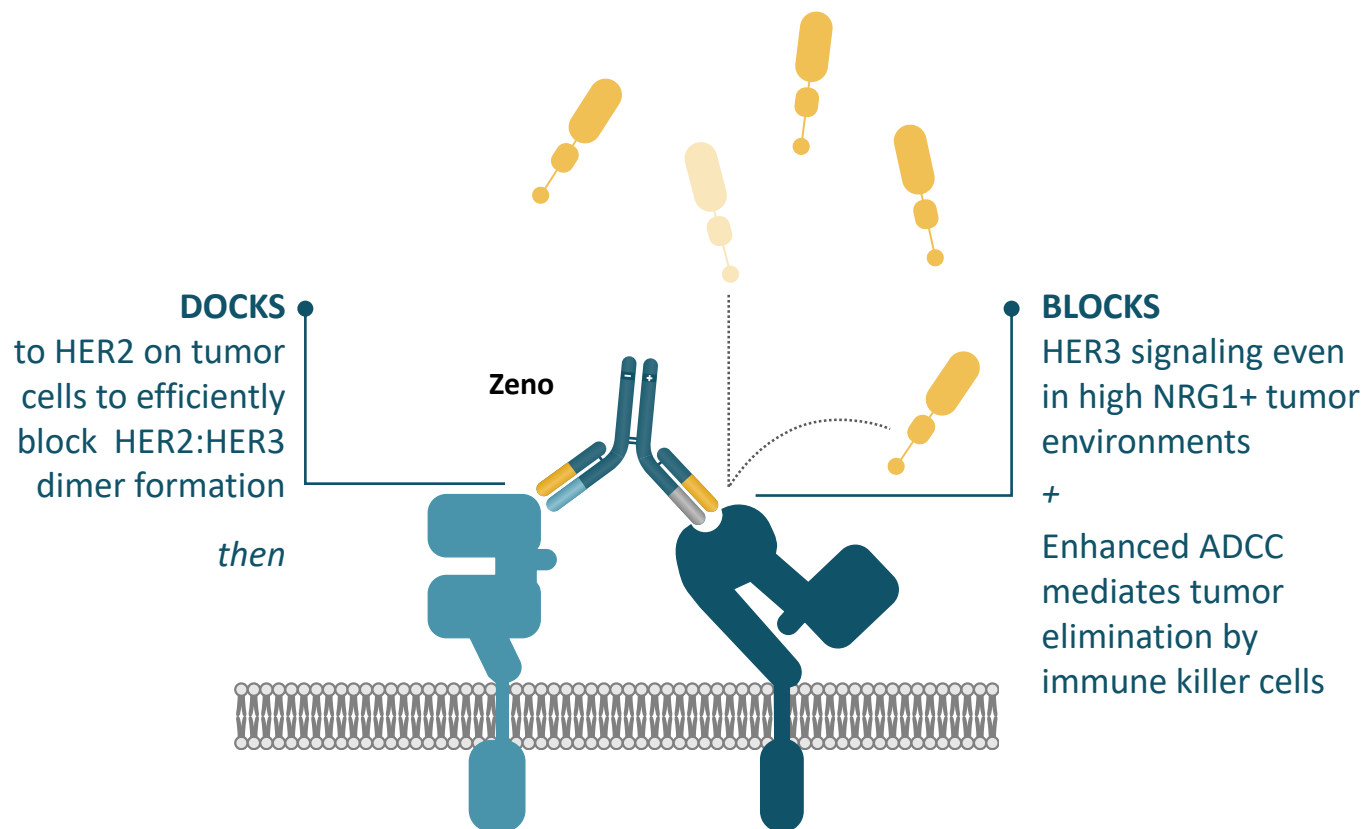
## Zenocutuzumab

MCLA-128 or “Zeno”  
HER2 x HER3 bispecific



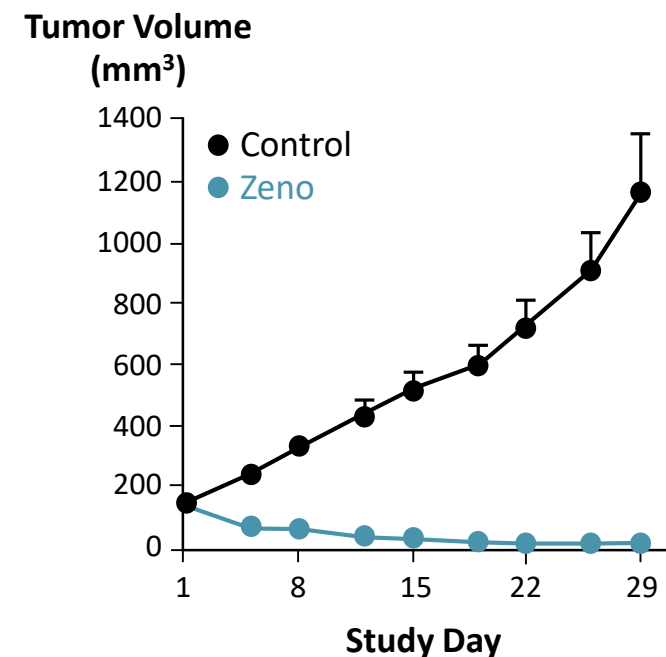
# Zeno DOCK & BLOCK<sup>®</sup> Mechanism of Action

*Uniquely Suited to Target NRG1+ Cancers*



Zeno blocks tumor cell growth and survival driven by HER3 ligands, including neuregulin (NRG-1) or NRG-1 gene fusions (NRG1+)

**Zeno Blocks Tumor Growth in NRG1+ PDX Model**



# Zeno Safety Profile for Single Agent Use

*Safety Data in Over 100 Patients in Phase 1/2 Trials*



## Safety and Tolerability in Phase 1/2 Trial

**OVER 100 PATIENTS EVALUATED\***

Zeno Dosing: 750 mg ranging from q1w-q3w

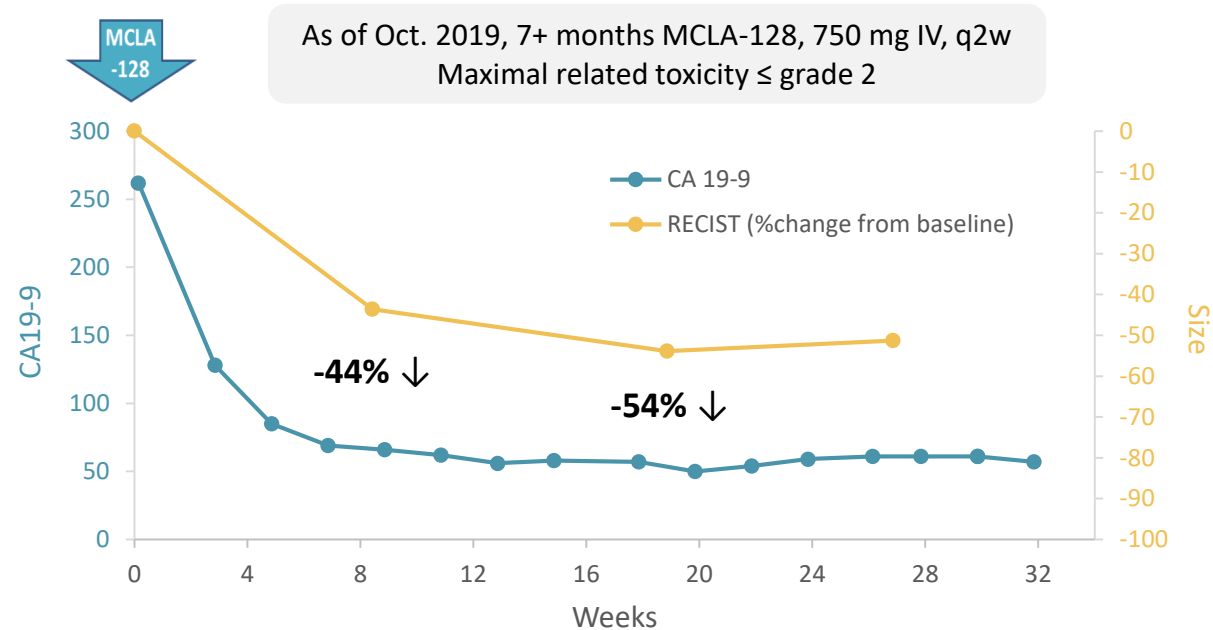
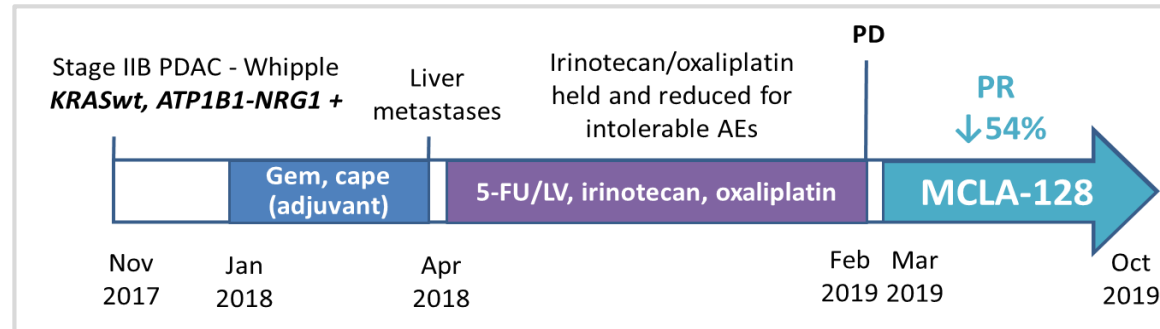
- Single agent well tolerated
- Low risk for immunogenicity
- Most AEs were grade 1-2



# Zeno Clinical Response in NRG1+ Cancers

Patient Data Presented at 2019 AACR-NCI-EORTC International Conference

Example pancreatic cancer patient:



# Zeno Activity and Promising Durability Observed in Patients

## Zeno NRG1+ Clinical Activity Reported by MSKCC at 2019 AACR-NCI-EORTC International Conference

	PANCREATIC CANCER		LUNG CANCER
<b>Tumor size reduction</b>	54% (PR)	25% (SD)	41% (PR)
<b>PET scan</b>	Neg	Neg	nd
<b>Decline in tumor marker</b>	~75%	~90%	N/A
<b>Duration of treatment (mo)</b>	>7*	>7*	~ 5*

Source: AACR-NCI-EORTC International Conference on Molecular Targets and Cancer Therapeutics 2019  
[https://merus.nl/app/uploads/2019/10/AACR-NCI-EORTC\\_Poster-LB-B12\\_NRG1-MCLA-128\\_10252019\\_FINAL.pdf](https://merus.nl/app/uploads/2019/10/AACR-NCI-EORTC_Poster-LB-B12_NRG1-MCLA-128_10252019_FINAL.pdf)

## Overall Experience with Zeno in NRG1+ Tumors as of October 2019

	N	PANCREATIC CANCER	LUNG CANCER
<b>Evaluable</b>	6	PR 7 mo*; SD 7 mo	PR 5 mo*; SD 7 mo; PD; PD
<b>Non-evaluable</b>	3	Died of progressive disease prior to first evaluation	2 Pts not yet at first evaluation

5 patients enrolled on the eNRGy trial; 4 patients treated under Early Access Program

Source: Merus Press Release Oct 27, 2019 <https://ir.merus.nl/news-releases/news-release-details/merus-bispecific-antibody-mcla-128-shows-encouraging-early>

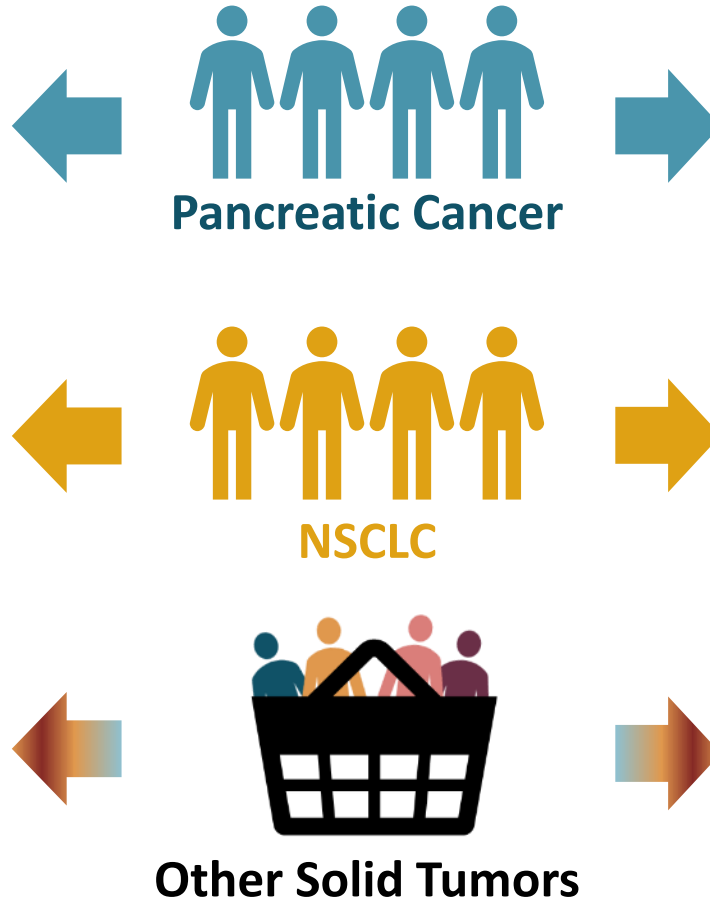
\*Indicates treatment was ongoing at the time of the conference; nd, no data; N/A, not applicable

# Zeno Clinical Programs in NRG1+ Cancers

*eNRGy Clinical Trial and Early Access Program Ongoing*

**eNRGy**  
Clinical Trial

- Phase 1/2 global single arm trial of Zeno in NRG1+ cancers
- Cohorts include Pancreatic, NSCLC, and other solid tumors
- Majority of clinical trial sites open and enrolling
- Ongoing Phase 1/2 trial update expected 2Q 2021






## Early Access Program

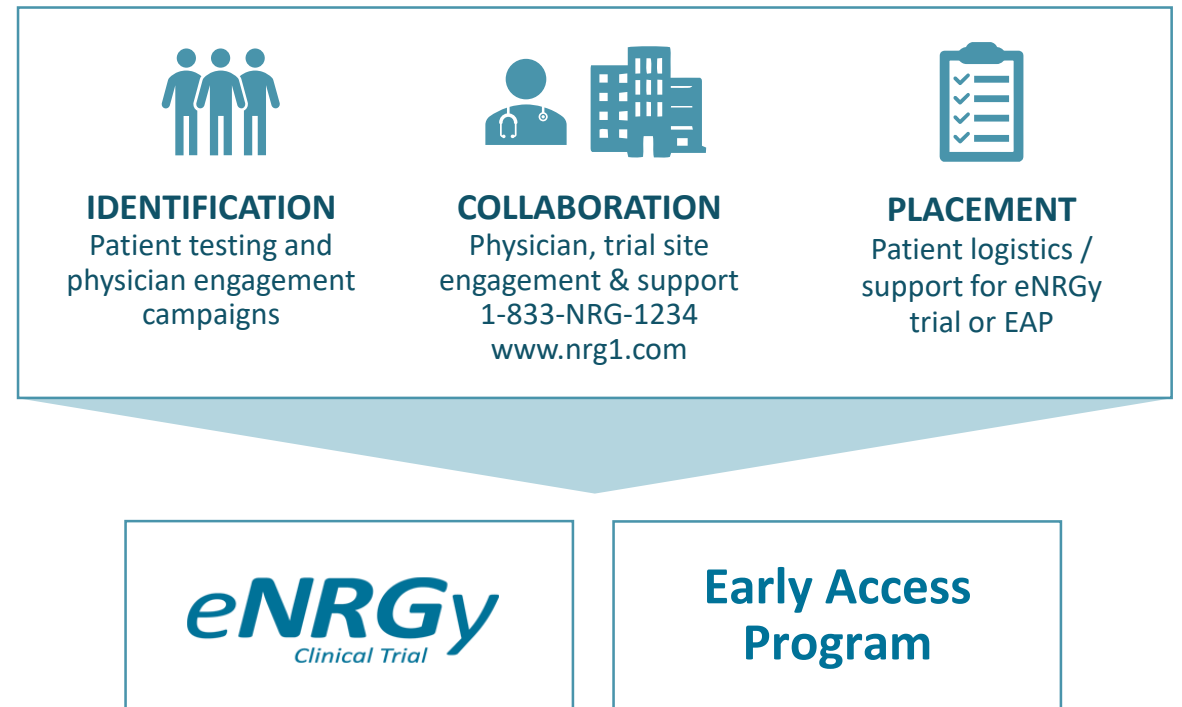
- For eligible patients who do not enroll on the eNRGy trial
- Allows patients with NRG1+ cancers to receive treatment with Zeno
- Evaluations and patient follow up may be similar to eNRGy protocol
- May provide additional clinical data in support of Zeno NRG1+ program

# Identifying and Recruiting NRG1+ Patients

## NRG1+ Cancers are Found Across Multiple Solid Tumor Types

TUMOR TYPE	ESTIMATED INCIDENCE (%)
 LUNG	0.3 – 3.0
 PANCREAS	0.5 – 1.5
 OTHER	< 1.0

## Comprehensive Effort to Identify and Recruit NRG1+ Patients



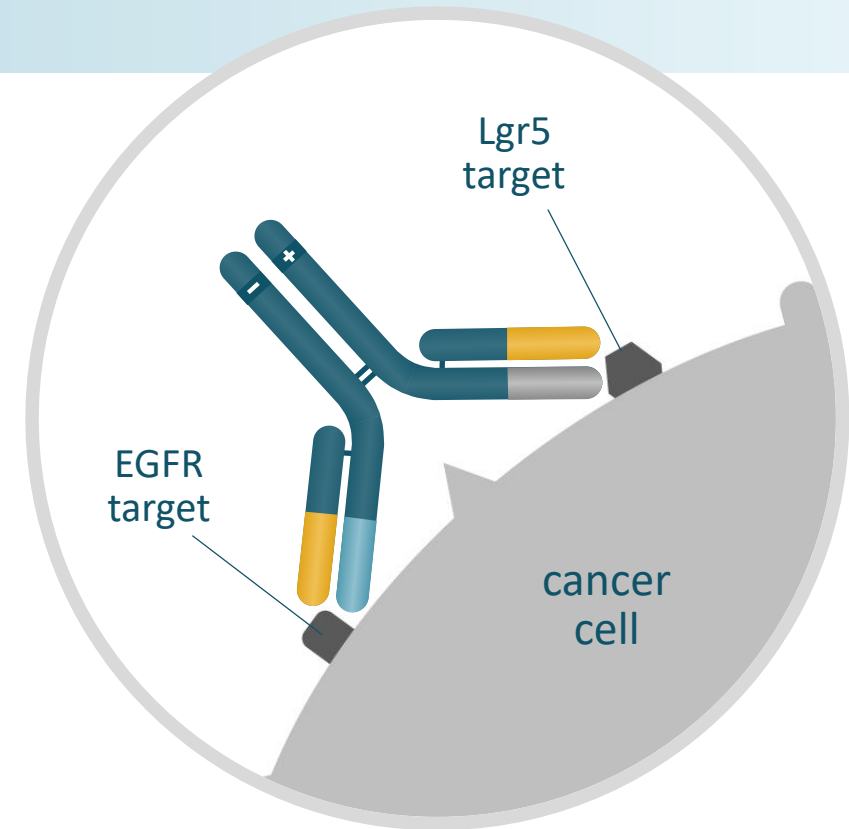
Note: Projections of NRG1+ estimated incidence based on limited published information, including Jonna S et al. Clinical Cancer Research (2019); independent epidemiology review <https://ir.merus.nl/news-releases/news-release-details/merus-announces-acceptance-six-abstracts-upcoming-medical>; and Wang (2015); Duruisseaux (2017); Trombetta (2018); McCoach (2018); Karlsson (2019); Drilon (2018); Fernandez-Cuesta (2014); Seto (2018); and Scheel (2015)

## Designed to potently block signaling and growth in Wnt-dysregulated solid tumors

- Binds to EGFR and Lgr5, an intestinal cancer-initiating cell antigen
- Potential to address significant unmet need in colorectal cancers and a variety of other solid tumors
- Blocks growth in Wnt-dysregulated tumor models including Ras<sup>mut</sup>
- Modifications to enhance ADCC
- Phase 1 trial update planned for year end 2020

## MCLA-158

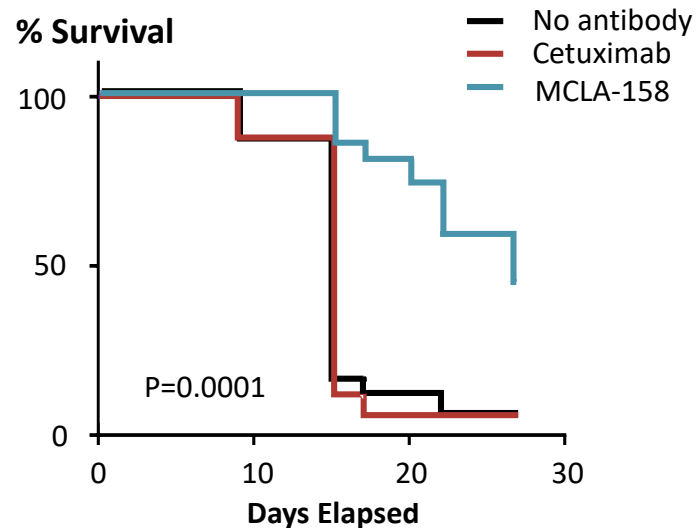
Lgr5 x EGFR bispecific



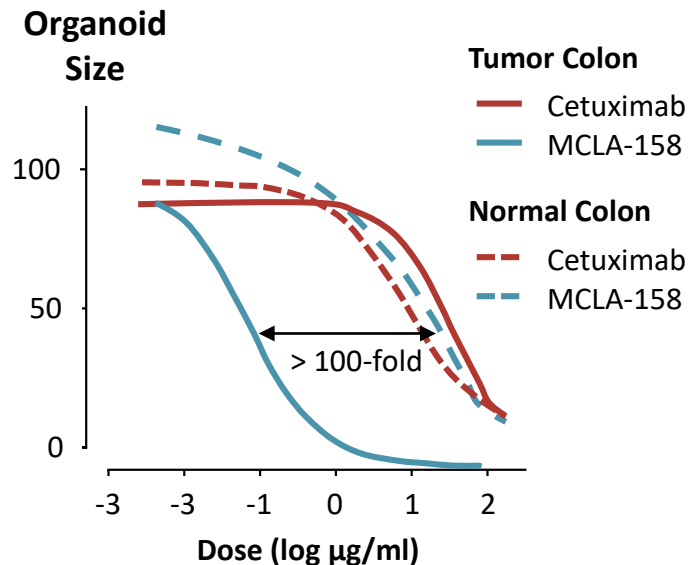
# MCLA-158 — Novel Target and Innovative MoA

## *Superior Growth Inhibition and Selectivity of Tumor Versus Healthy Tissue*

Superior **ACTIVITY**  
compared to Cetuximab



Superior **SELECTIVITY** for  
tumor-derived organoids



### ONGOING PHASE 1 TRIAL

- Global Phase 1 dose escalation and cohort expansion trial
- Protocol includes dose expansion phase at RP2D
- Update planned year end 2020

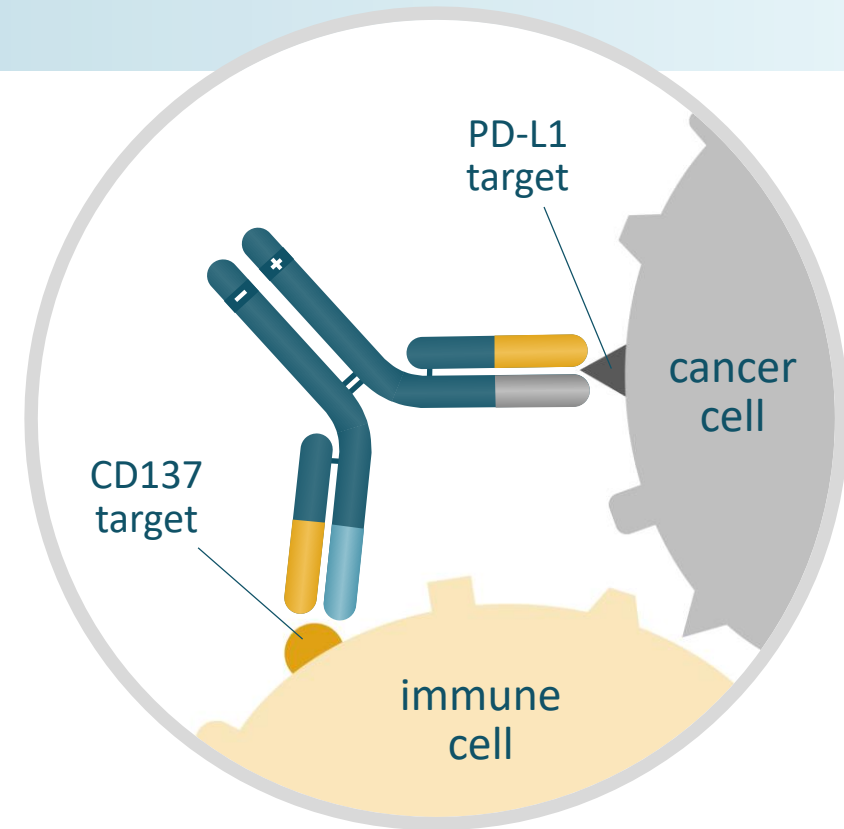
- *Activity observed in xenograft models resistant to treatment with Cetuximab*
- *MCLA-158 discriminated between organoids derived from tumor and healthy tissue*

## *Designed to recruit and activate tumor infiltrating T-cells*

- Binds to PD-L1 on tumor cells and CD137 (4-1BB), a potent activator of tumor infiltrating T-cells, on activated T-cells
- Targeting to PD-L1 positive cells in the tumor and blocking the PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitory signal
- Potential in a variety of solid tumors and hematological malignancies
- Global phase 1 trial ongoing in collaboration with Incyte

## MCLA-145

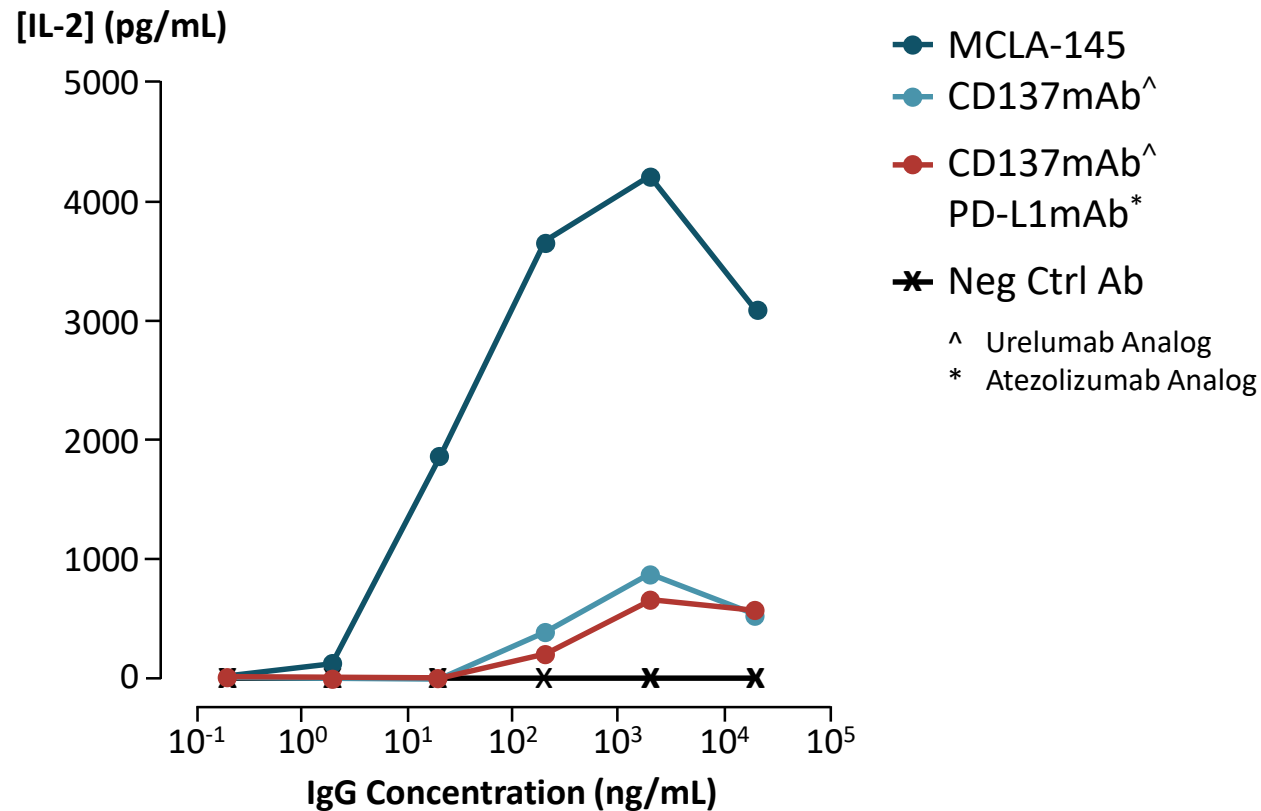
PD-L1 x CD137 bispecific



# MCLA-145 — Targets PD-L1 Positive Tumor Cells

*Demonstrated Potent T Cell Activation in Preclinical Studies*

## Primary T Cell Transactivation Assay



## Ongoing Phase 1 Trial

- Global open-label Phase 1 dose escalation trial ongoing
- Clinical trial co-developed in collaboration with Incyte Corporation

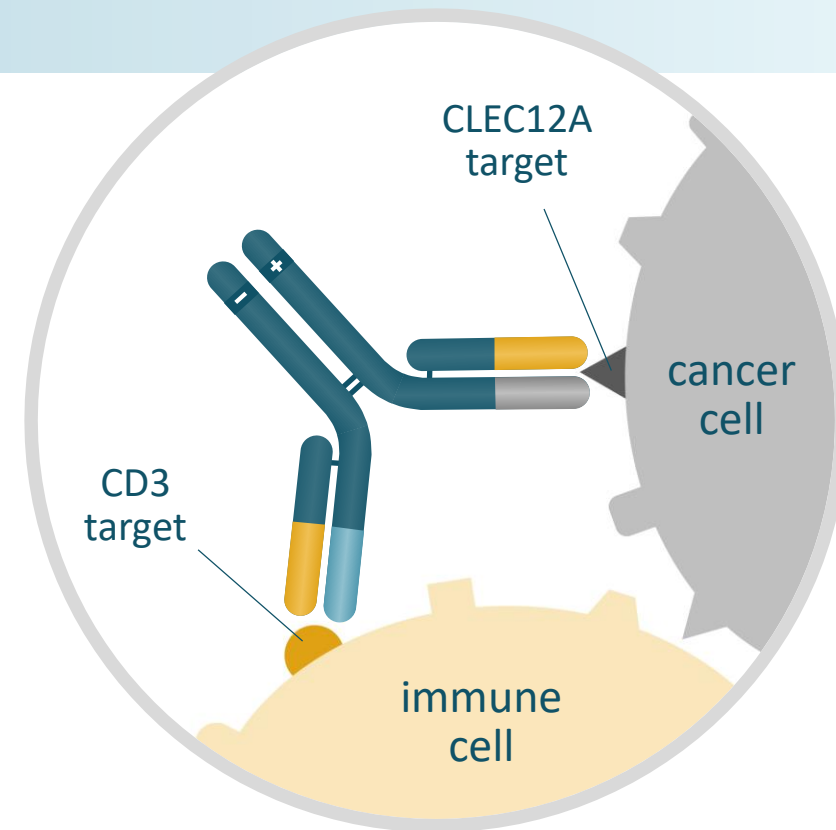


## *Interim phase 1 trial results of novel T-cell engager at EHA 2020*

- Designed with lower CD3 affinity binding to potentially reduce the risk of cytokine release syndrome
- Acceptable safety profile in clinical trial
- Active in acute myeloid leukemia (AML) with T-cell activation, cytokine elevation and AML blast reductions in some patients
- Insufficient clinical activity in escalation to continue to enroll dose expansion cohorts
- Findings from this trial expected to inform further development of our extensive proprietary T-cell engager platform

## **MCLA-117**

CLEC12A x CD3 bispecific

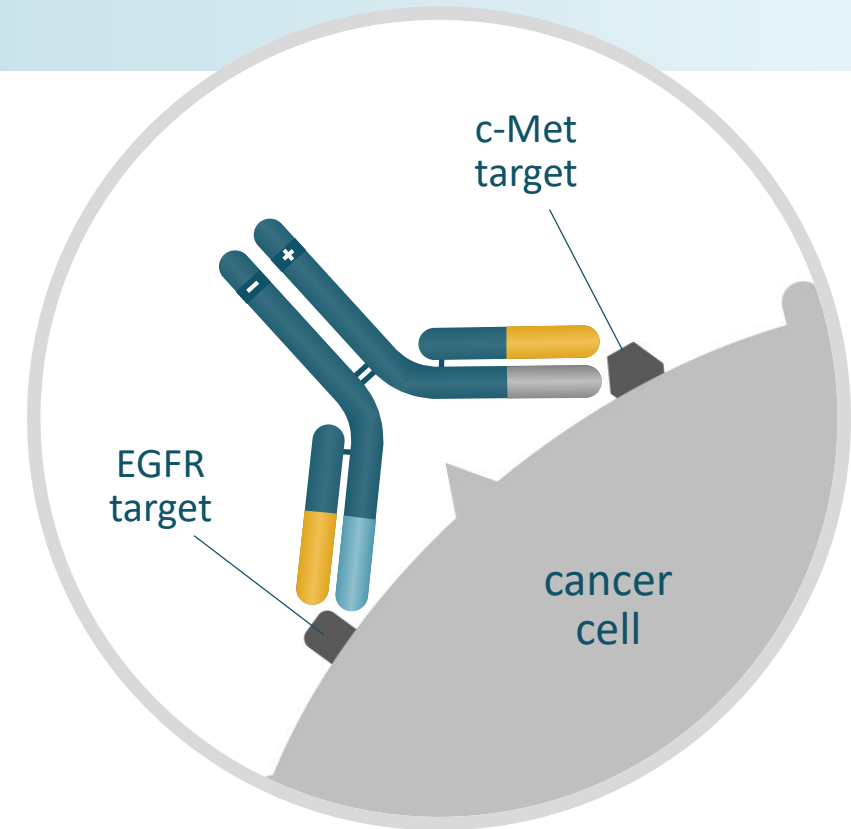


## *Designed to target lung cancer and other solid tumors*

- Targets both c-Met and EGFR on cancer cells as well as resistance mechanism
- Preclinical program directed at a target-pair combination with clinical validation
- Significant opportunity in lung cancer and other solid tumors

## MCLA-129

c-MET x EGFR Bispecific



# Merus Collaborations & Licensing Agreements

*Expanding Merus pipeline through development of innovative therapeutics*



**Global collaboration  
of up to 11 Bionics®  
programs**

\$200mm at signing and research funding, Merus retains full U.S. rights to develop, commercialize MCLA-145



**MCLA-129  
EGFR x C-MET  
collaboration**

Betta conducting IND-enabling studies; Merus retains global rights ex-China



**Collaboration with  
3 immuno-oncology  
Bionics® programs**

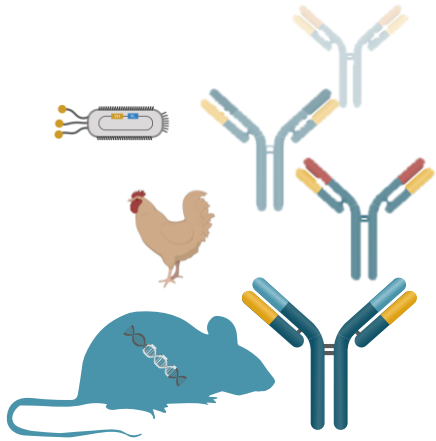
Simcere responsible for IND-enabling and China studies; Merus retains global rights ex-China



**Bionics® Licensing  
Agreement for Auto-  
immune diseases**

Phase 1 trial in Japan for ONO-4685, a PD-1 x CD3 bispecific antibody

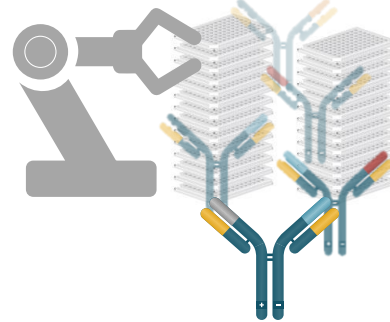
# Our Platform – Unparalleled Capabilities in Multispecific Antibodies



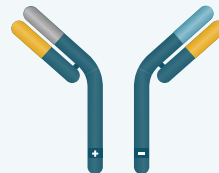
Patented discovery engine including the “Merus Mouse” (MeMo®) generates diverse, high quality common light chain (cLC) antibody panels



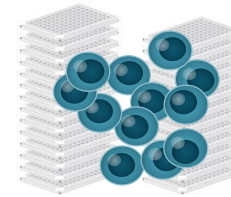
Proprietary inventory of thousands of cLC antibodies, each with distinct purposes and unique features



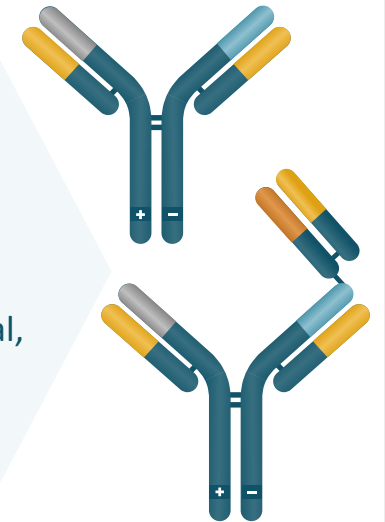
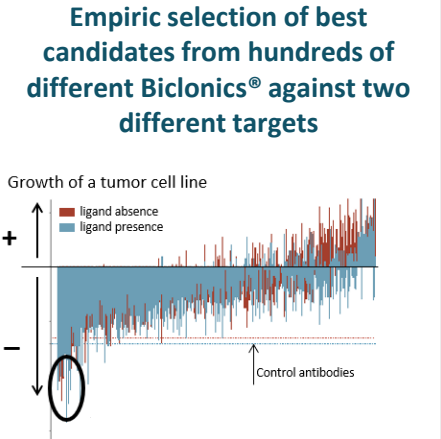
Robotics generate thousands of Multiconics® for functional screening



CH3 domain variations “DEKK” drives preferential, efficient pairing of different antibody chains to create multispecific functionality



In-format, unbiased functional screening with high throughput cellular assays

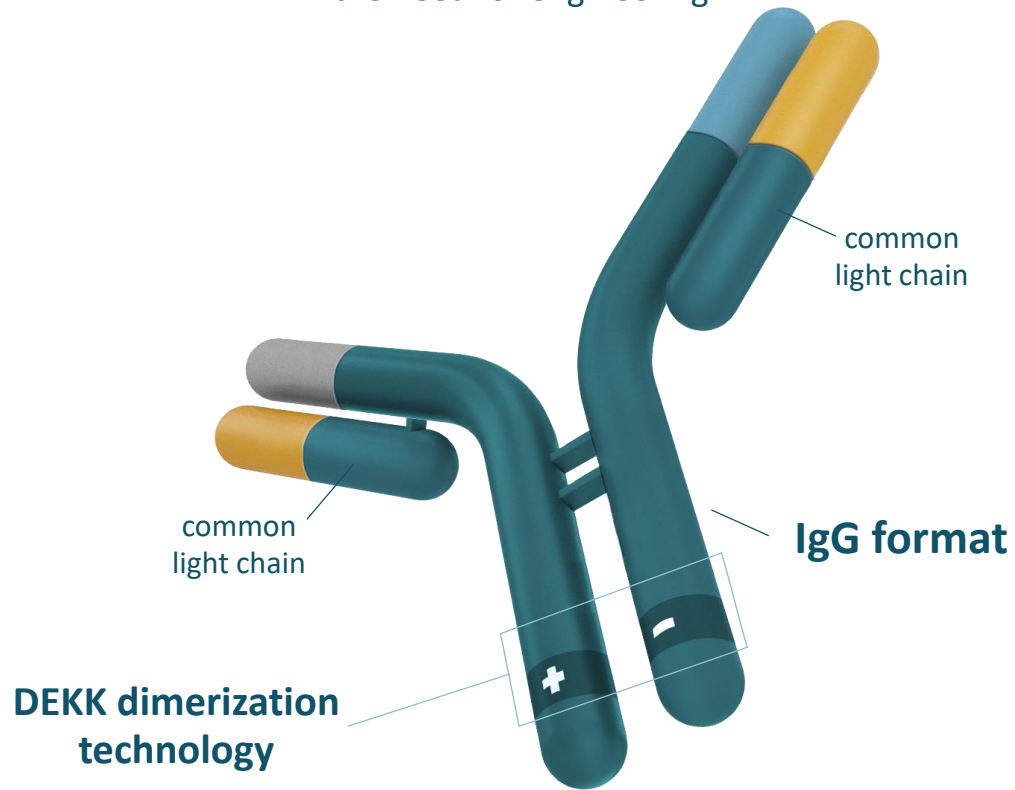


# Our Science — Multiconics® Technology

## Leading the Next Generation of Multispecific Antibody Therapies

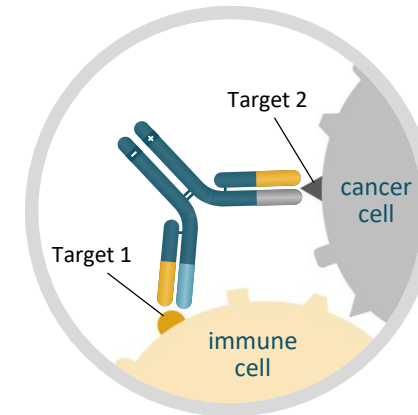
### Common Light Chain (cLC) Antibodies

to prevent heavy/light chain mispairing without the need for engineering

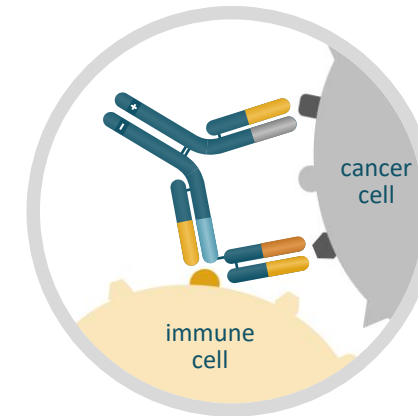


### Multiconics® Format

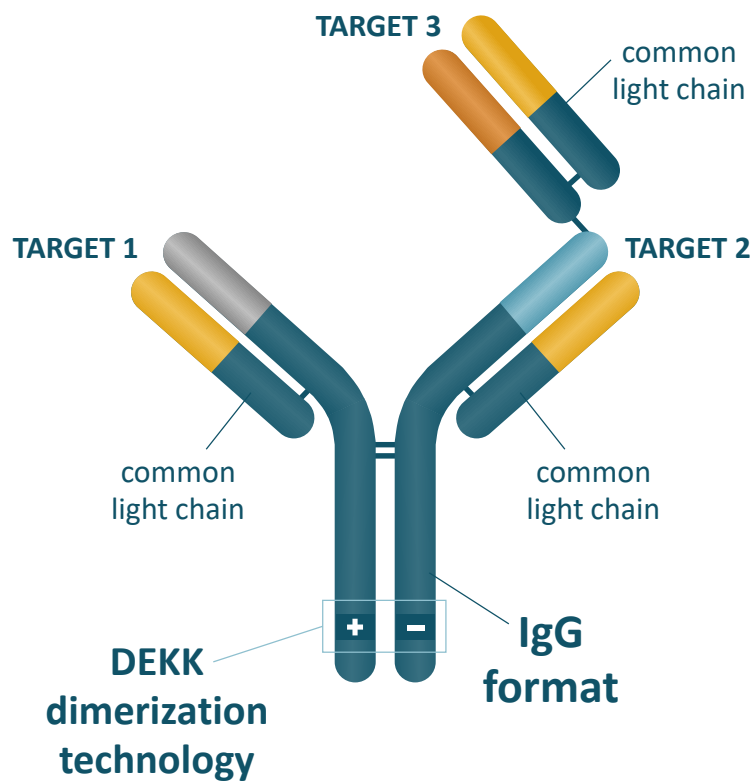
#### Biclomics®



#### Triclomics™



# Our Research — Triclronics™ and Beyond

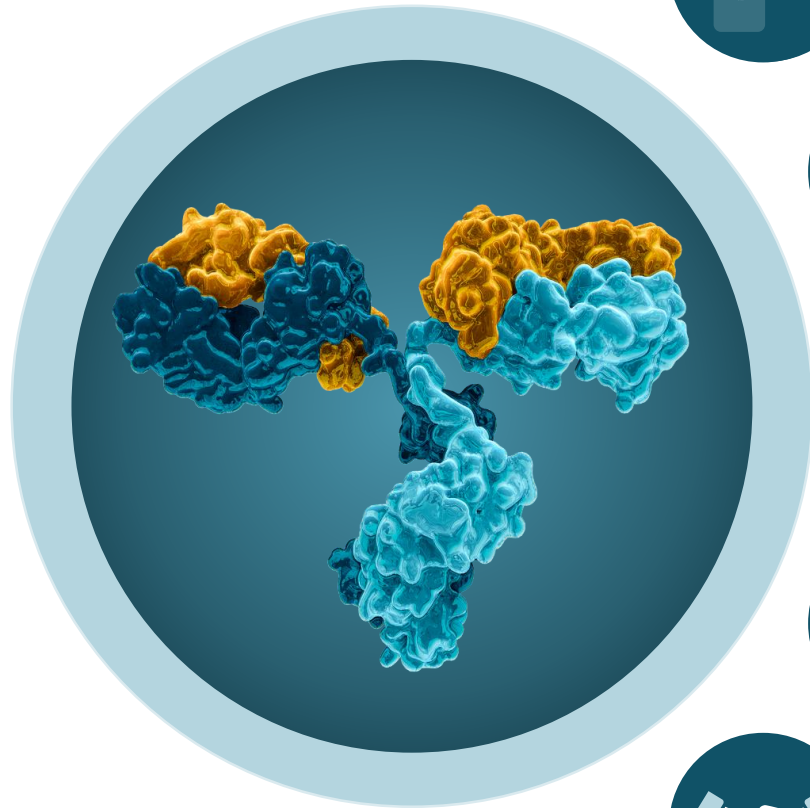


Triclronics™

## Triclronics™ Opportunity

- High throughput production, purification and screening in the trispecific format
- Stable format with predictable behavior that can be produced as if it were a normal monoclonal antibody
- Allows for 3 specificities without the need to engineer each individual Fab
- Leverages Merus' extensive library of established antibody panels that bind tumor antigens and engage and modulate the immune system to explore combinations and novel biology

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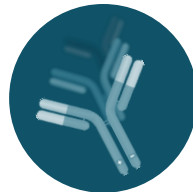
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