

**Corporate Presentation** 

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### **Merus Overview**

#### **Oncology-focused Company Developing Multispecific Antibody Therapies**

- Bispecific and trispecific cancer therapeutic candidates in the human IgG format
- Common light chain technology permits broad, high throughput discovery of promising Biclonics® and Triclonics® antibodies with potential for meaningful clinical activity in patients

#### **Established Pipeline with Multiple Active Molecules in the Clinic**

- Petosemtamab granted fast track designation (FTD) for recurrent or metastatic head and neck squamous cell cancer (HNSCC)
- Zenocutuzumab (Zeno) granted breakthrough therapy designations (BTD) for NRG1 fusion (NRG1+) non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) and pancreatic cancer (PDAC)<sup>2</sup>
- MCLA-129<sup>3</sup> highly active in an evolving competitive landscape of EGFRm NSCLC development

#### Strong Cash Position into 2027<sup>1</sup>

- Sufficient data expected in 1H24 for Zeno in NRG1+ NSCLC and PDAC to support Biologics License Application (BLA) submissions
- Phase 3 trial of petosemtamab monotherapy in 2L+ HNSCC planned to start in mid-2024

#### Strategic Collaborations to Unlock Value from our Multiclonics® Platforms

• Multiple strategic collaborations and license agreements, researching Biclonics® and Triclonics® candidates for clinical development for potential future milestone and royalty opportunities



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See February 28, 2024 10-K noting our belief that our cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, will fund our operations into 2027

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For further details of FTD and BTD designations see prior releases <a href="https://ir.merus.nl/news-releases">https://ir.merus.nl/news-releases</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Cappuzzo et al, ESMO Asia 2023

### **Merus Potential Milestones 2024**

# ☐ Initiate phase 3 monotherapy trial in 2L+ HNSCC (planned to start mid-2024) ☐ Evaluate the safety and tolerability of petosemtamab with pembrolizumab as first-line therapy for advanced HNSCC expressing PD-L1 (CPS ≥ 1) (clinical **PETOSEMTAMAB** update planned 2Q24) in head and neck & other cancers ☐ Clinical data update on monotherapy in 2L+ HNSCC, including updated AACR 2023 dataset and new dose evaluation cohorts (planned 2H24) ☐ Initiate cohort of petosemtamab with standard chemotherapy in 2L colorectal cancer (planned 2024) ZENOCUTUZUMAB ☐ Enrollment and clinical follow up expected in 1H24 to support potential BLA in NRG1+ cancer & CRPC submissions in NRG1+ NSCLC & PDAC **MCLA-129** ☐ Initiate cohort of MCLA-129 in combination with chemotherapy in 2L+ EGFRm NSCLC (planned 2024) in NSCLC & other cancers



# **Merus Clinical Pipeline**

PROGRAM	BISPECIFIC TARGETS	INDICATION(S)	PRECLINICAL	PHASE 1	PHASE 1/2	STATUS	
Petosemtamab (MCLA-158)	EGFR x LGR5	2L+ HNSCC				<ul> <li>Monotherapy phase 3 trial planned to start mid-2024</li> </ul>	
						<ul> <li>Clinical update on 2L+ planned 2H24 (AACR 2023 follow-up and dose evaluation cohorts)</li> </ul>	
		1L HNSCC with a PD1 inhibitor 2L CRC with standard chemotherapy				<ul> <li>Clinical update on 1L combination planned 2Q24</li> </ul>	
						• 2L CRC planned to start 2024	
Zenocutuzumab		NRG1+ cancer				Phase 1/2 eNRGy monotherapy registration-	
(Zeno) (MCLA-128)	HER2 x HER3	Other cancers				directed trial in NRG1+ cancer	
		Solid tumors				• Phase 1/2 trial	
MCLA-129	EGFR x c-MET	2L+ EGFRm NSCLC with chemotherapy				<ul> <li>Combination with chemotherapy planned to start 2024</li> </ul>	
MCLA-145	CD137 x PD-L1	Solid tumors with a PD1 inhibitor				Phase 1 trial	



# **Strategic relationships**

# Expanding the pipeline potential through global collaborations











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MCLA-129 <sup>2</sup>	EGFR x c-MET	Solid tumors  NSCLC with a 3 <sup>rd</sup> gen EGFR TKI	(China)		
ONO-4685 <sup>3</sup>	PD-1 x CD3	Relapsed/Refractory T Cell Lymphoma; Psoriasis	ono		
INCA32459 <sup>3,4</sup>	LAG3 x PD-1	Advanced malignancies	(Incyte)		
INCA33890 <sup>3,4</sup>	TGFBr2 x PD-1	Select advanced solid tumors	(Incyte)		



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Collaboration on Merus' Triclonics® platform to research up to three T-cell engaging multi-specific antibody products in oncology

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> If commercialized, Merus to receive potential milestones and royalties, if approved based on Betta's development in China; Merus retains full rest of world rights ex-China

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> If commercialized, Merus to receive potential milestones and royalties, if approved

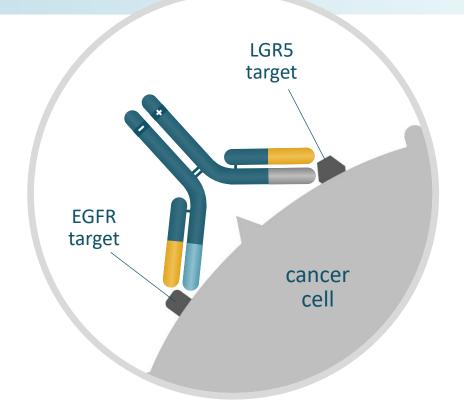
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Incyte February 13, 2024 10K

# Potential first and best in class EGFR x LGR5 Biclonics® designed to potently block dysregulated signaling and growth in solid tumors¹

- Targets EGFR and LGR5, a cancer-stem cell antigen; modifications to enhance antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity (ADCC)
- Granted fast track designation (FTD) for recurrent or metastatic HNSCC<sup>3</sup>
- AACR 2023<sup>2</sup>: Meaningful single agent clinical activity observed in previously treated (2L+) HNSCC; clinical data update planned for 2H24
- Dose comparison of petosemtamab monotherapy 1100 vs 1500 mg in 2L+ HNSCC ongoing; initial clinical data planned 2H24
- Phase 3 trial in 2L+ HNSCC planned to start mid-2024
- Cohort ongoing in 1L HNSCC in combination with pembrolizumab; initial clinical data planned 2Q24
- Cohort in 2L CRC planned to start in 2024

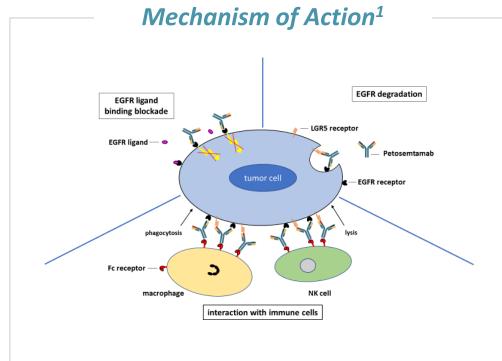
# Petosemtamab

MCLA-158 EGFR x LGR5 bispecific

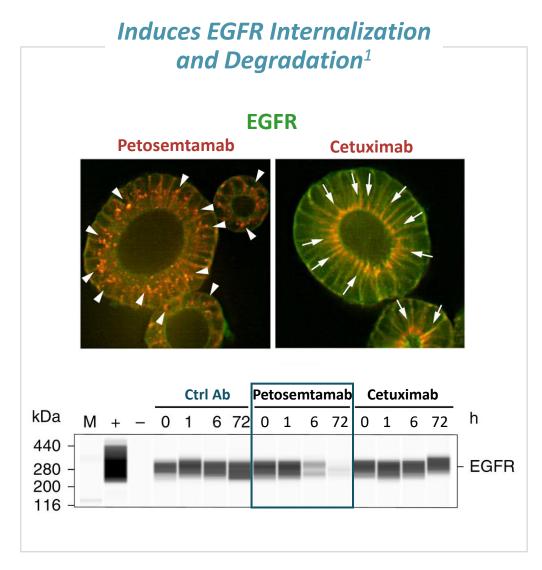




# **Petosemtamab** — Unique Mechanism of Action



- Blocks EGFR ligand and inhibits signaling
- Degrades EGFR (via LGR5/E3 ligase)
- Facilitates interaction with immune cells (ADCC and antibody-dependent cellular phagocytosis enhanced antibody)<sup>1</sup>







# Phase 1/2 Trial

# Cohort Expansion in HNSCC<sup>1</sup>

**Dose escalation is completed:** No DLTs were reported; the dose of 1500 Cohort Expansion in HNSCC mg Q2W was selected based on safety, PK, and predicted receptor occupancy.<sup>2</sup>

#### **Key HNSCC Inclusion Criteria**

- Progression on or intolerant to anti-PD-(L)1 and platinum-based therapy in incurable recurrent or metastatic disease
- ECOG PS 0-1
- Measurable disease



#### **Treatment Plan**

- Petosemtamab 1500 mg
   IV, Q2W, 28-day cycle
- Until PD or toxicity
- Tumor assessment Q8W



### Follow-Up

Survival follow-up for up to 18 months

#### **Objectives and Analysis Population**

- Primary objective: ORR using RECIST 1.1 per investigator
- Secondary objectives: ORR (per central review), DOR and PFS (per investigator and central review), OS, safety, PK, immunogenicity, and biomarkers
- Efficacy evaluable population: patients with ≥2 treatment cycles (≥8 weeks) with ≥1 post-baseline tumor assessment or discontinued early due to disease progression or death

#### **Enrollment and Interim Analysis**

#### **Data cutoff date**

01-Feb-2023

#### **Enrollment**

49 patients

#### **Efficacy evaluable population**

43 patients

6 patients excluded per protocol:

- 5 patients withdrew due to IRR on Day 1
- 1 patient with excl. criterion deviation



# **HNSCC Patient Population**

# **Demographics and Disease Features**



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Demographics and Disease Features	N=49		
Age (years), median (range)	63 (31 - 77)		
Male / female	38 (78%) / 11 (22%)		
ECOG PS 0 / 1	14 (29%) / 35 (71%)		
Squamous cell carcinoma histology	48 (98%) <sup>1</sup>		
Tumor location			
<ul><li>Oropharynx</li></ul>	17 (35%)		
<ul><li>Oral cavity</li></ul>	15 (31%)		
<ul><li>Larynx</li></ul>	8 (16%)		
<ul><li>Hypopharynx</li></ul>	4 (8%)		
<ul><li>Other</li></ul>	5 (10%) <sup>2</sup>		
Measurable disease	48 (98%)		

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/ 3 (18%)		
7%)		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> By immunohistochemistry

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Unknown: not yet available or analyzed, not collected, or inadequate quality

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> One patient had p16-negative epidermoid cancer with unknown origin

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Other: nasal cavity and paranasal sinuses, nasopharynx, supraglottis, vocal cord, unknown origin

# **HNSCC Patient Population**

# **Prior Therapy, Disposition, and Exposure**



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Prior Cancer Therapy	N=49
No. lines prior systemic therapy, median (range)	2 (1 - 4)
<ul><li>PD-(L)1 inhibitor</li></ul>	47 (96%)
<ul><li>Chemotherapy</li></ul>	46 (94%)
<ul><li>Platinum-based therapy</li></ul>	45 (92%)
<ul><li>Cetuximab</li></ul>	2 (4%)
Last therapy prior to petosemtamab	
Immunotherapy	27 (55%)
Immunotherapy + chemotherapy	14 (29%)
<ul><li>Chemotherapy</li></ul>	7 (14%)
<ul><li>Investigational</li></ul>	1 (2%)

Patient Disposition	N=49
Petosemtamab treatment	
Treatment continuing	12 (25%)
Treatment discontinuation	37 (75%)
<ul><li>Disease progression</li></ul>	31 (63%)
<ul> <li>Related adverse event<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	4 (8%)
■ Other <sup>2</sup>	2 (4%)
Petosemtamab exposure duration, months	
<ul><li>Median (range)</li></ul>	4.1 (0.5 - 20.8)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Grade 3-4 IRR

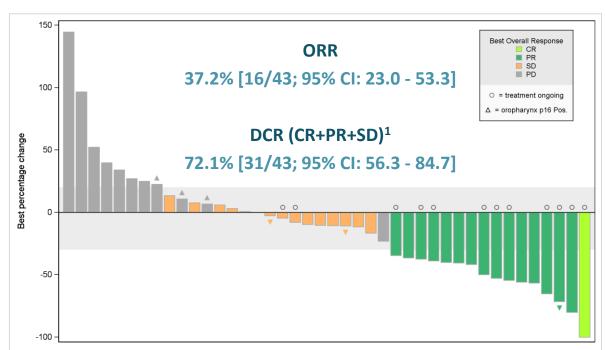
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> End of study reason was physician decision following IRR on Day 1 for one patient and one patient died due to underlying disease



# **Robust Data Supporting Clinical Efficacy in HNSCC**

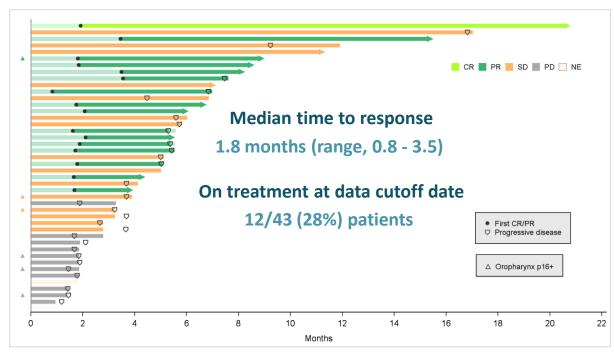
# Overall response rate (ORR) 37%

#### **Best Percent Change in Sum of Target Lesions From Baseline (N=43)**



One patient with best overall response of not evaluable not included due to no post-baseline tumor assessment p16 status was available in 9 of the 15 oropharynx patients (6 positive and 3 negative) in the efficacy evaluable population

#### **Time to Response and Duration of Therapy**



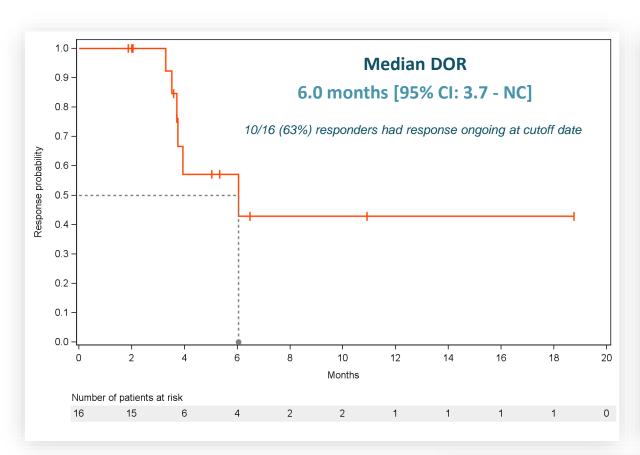
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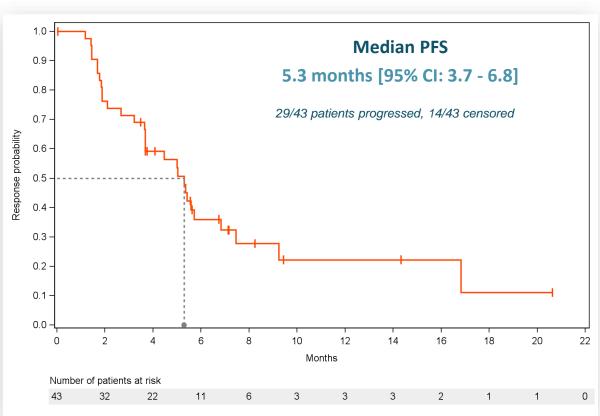




# **Petosemtamab Antitumor Activity in HNSCC**

# DOR, PFS (RECIST 1.1, per Investigator), and OS<sup>1</sup>





#### **Median OS**

11.5 months [95% CI: 7.2 - 20.6]

29/49 patients still alive at data cutoff date





# Safety Profile of Petosemtamab 1500 mg Q2W

#### **Overall Safety**

- Well tolerated and manageable safety profile based on 80 patients treated at the recommended dose across dose escalation and expansion cohorts of the study
- Gastrointestinal and skin toxicities were mostly mild to moderate
- No treatment-related grade 5 adverse events (AEs)

#### **IRRs (Composite Term)**

- 74% grade 1-4, 21% grade 3-4
- Mainly occurred during first infusion
- 6 of 80 patients discontinued on Day 1 due to a grade 3-4 infusion related reaction (IRR)
- For all patients rechallenged after an IRR, rechallenge was successful
- IRRs were manageable with prophylaxis/ prolonged infusion (necessary on Day 1 only)

Preferred Term	Irrespective of (	Causality (>10%)	Suspecte	Suspected Related	
Preferred Term	All Grades	Grades 3-5 <sup>1</sup>	All Grades	Grades 3-5	
N patients with ≥1 AE	80 (100%)	42 (53%)	80 (100%)	26 (33%)	
Rash	29 (36%)	0	29 (36%)	0	
Dyspnea	22 (28%)	3 (4%)	13 (16%)	3 (4%)	
Hypotension	21 (26%)	5 (6%)	20 (25%)	5 (6%)	
Nausea	21 (26%)	1 (1%)	14 (18%)	0	
Dermatitis acneiform	20 (25%)	1 (1%)	20 (25%)	1 (1%)	
Infusion related reaction	17 (21%)	10 (13%)	16 (20%)	10 (13%)	
Blood Mg decreased	16 (20%)	4 (5%)	13 (16%)	3 (4%)	
Diarrhoea	16 (20%)	0	7 (9%)	0	
Erythema	15 (19%)	0	15 (19%)	0	
Fatigue	13 (16%)	1 (1%)	5 (6%)	0	
Asthenia	12 (15%)	2 (3%)	5 (6%)	1 (1%)	
Pruritus	11 (14%)	0	11 (14%)	0	
Constipation	11 (14%)	0	2 (3%)	0	
Skin fissures	11 (14%)	0	11 (14%)	0	
Decreased appetite	9 (11%)	2 (3%)	0	0	
Dry skin	9 (11%)	0	8 (10%)	0	
Flushing	9 (11%)	2 (3%)	8 (10%)	2 (3%)	
Headache	9 (11%)	0	7 (9%)	0	
Нурохіа	9 (11%)	2 (3%)	7 (9%)	1 (1%)	
Pyrexia	9 (11%)	0	3 (4%)	0	
Stomatitis	9 (11%)	0	8 (10%)	0	



### **Head & Neck Cancer**

# Petosemtamab has the potential to become a new standard of care

Est G8 Patients; Stage IVC<sup>1</sup> Head & Neck Cancer



**1L** 

~79,500 pts



~29,800 pts



#### **High Prevalence, Mortality & Unmet Need**

- 6<sup>th</sup> most common cancer worldwide (WW) in 2020 with ~930,000 new cases and 467,000 deaths<sup>2</sup>
- Incidence rising; anticipated to increase by 30% to >1 million new cases annually by 2030<sup>3</sup>

#### **Treatment Paradigm Trends**

- 1L: Pembrolizumab-based regimens are preferred
- **2L**: Fragmented market with cetuximab-based regimens often utilized & some use of pembrolizumab or nivolumab
- 3L: Highly fragmented treatment paradigm

#### **Opportunity in Head & Neck Cancer**

- WW Market expected to exceed \$4.7B in 2028<sup>4</sup>
- Limited treatment options after platinum-based chemotherapy + pembrolizumab
- Opportunity for chemo-free regimen 1L in combo with pembrolizumab

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Data: Kantar CancerMPact Epidemiology Pulled July 2023. Estimates rounded. Statistics from CancerMPact® Patient Metrics. G8 Includes: US,FR,DE,IT,SP,UK,JP, CN (Urban only); <sup>2</sup> Sung et al. CA Cancer J Clin, 71:209-49, 2021; <sup>3</sup> Johnson, D.E., Burtness, B., Leemans, C.R. et al. Head and neck squamous cell carcinoma. Nat Rev Dis Primers 6, 92 (2020); <sup>4</sup>Evaluate Pharma



# **Petosemtamab**

# Potential first and best in class bispecific targeting EGFR and LGR5



#### Meaningful Clinical Activity observed in previously treated HNSCC<sup>1</sup>

- 37.2% ORR (95% CI: 23.0-53.3)
- 6 months median DOR (95% CI: 3.7-NC)
- Antitumor activity independent of biomarkers



# **Generally well tolerated &** manageable safety profile<sup>1</sup>

- Gastrointestinal and skin toxicities were mostly mild to moderate
- Most frequent related AEs were infusion related reactions (IRRs)
- IRRs were manageable with prophylaxis/ prolonged infusion (necessary on Day 1 only)



# Potential new standard of care for patients with HNSCC

- Limited treatment options after pembrolizumab and platinumbased chemotherapy
- Significant market opportunity

#### Powerful single agent efficacy

**2L+ HNSCC** phase 3 trial planned to start mid-2024

1L HNSCC evaluation of petosemtamab with pembrolizumab ongoing; clinical update planned 2Q24



# Potential first in class and best in class for NRG1+ cancer

# Zenocutuzumab

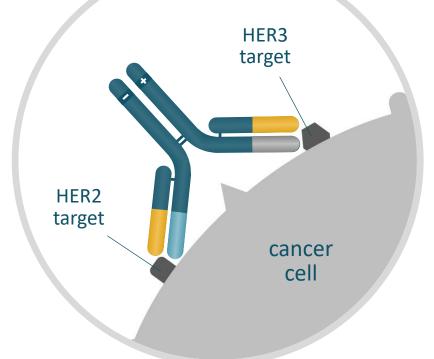
MCLA-128 or Zeno HER2 x HER3 bispecific

#### **NRG1** fusions

- Translocations of the Neuregulin-1 (NRG1) gene, also called Heregulin, the ligand for the HER3 receptor. Rare events in solid tumors reported to typically occur in the absence of other cancer driver mutations<sup>1</sup>
- Reported as associated with poor prognosis<sup>1</sup>, lower response rates to standard therapy<sup>2</sup>, and shorter overall survival in lung cancer<sup>1,3</sup>

#### Zeno

- Biclonics® antibody binds to HER2 and blocks HER3; 100-fold more potent in vitro than anti-HER3 mAbs tested<sup>4</sup>
- Granted orphan designation for PDAC, BTD for both NRG1+ NSCLC and NRG1+ PDAC; FTD for NRG1+ cancer<sup>5</sup>
- Enrollment and clinical follow up expected in 1H24 to support potential BLA submissions in NRG1+ NSCLC & PDAC



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Chang et al., Clin Cancer Research 2021,



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Drilon et al., J Clin Oncol 2021,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Shin et al., Oncotarget 2016,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Geuijen, et al., Cancer Cell 2018,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> For details and complete description of designations see prior releases https://ir.merus.nl/news-releases

# **Schema** Global, Multicenter Zenocutuzumab NRG1+ Cancer Development Program

Ongoing phase 1/2 global, open-label clinical trial (eNRGy) + Early Access Program (EAP)

NSCLC, PDAC, and other solid tumors

#### **Inclusion Criteria**

- Locally advanced unresectable or metastatic solid tumor
- NRG1+ cancer
- Previously treated with or unable to receive standard therapy
- ≥ 18 years of age
- ECOG PS ≤ 2



#### **Treatment Plan**

- Zenocutuzumab 750 mg IV Q2W until PD
- Tumor assessment Q8W



Follow-up
Survival follow-

up: up to 2 years

#### **Endpoints and Population**

#### **Primary endpoint includes**

Overall response rate (ORR) using RECIST v1.1 per investigator assessment

#### **Secondary endpoints includes**

Duration of response (DOR), ORR per central review, safety

#### **Primary analysis population**

≥ 1 dose of zenocutuzumab, opportunity for ≥ 24 weeks follow-up at the data cutoff date, and met criteria for primary efficacy population

#### **Enrollment and Analysis**

# Data cutoff date

July 31, 2023

#### Enrollment

105 patients with NRG1+ NSCLC

# NSCLC primary analysis population 79 patients

87 patients with ≥ 24 weeks follow-up; of them, 8 patients were excluded

- 2 patients discontinued early for reasons not related to PD
- 2 patients with prior anti-HER3 inhibitor
- 2 patients with other genetic driver mutation
- 1 patient with concomitant anticancer medication use
- 1 patient with baseline scan > 5 weeks before first dose

#### **Enrollment and Analysis**

#### Data cutoff date July 31, 2023

#### **Enrollment**

44 patients with NRG1+ PDAC

# PDAC primary analysis population 33 patients

38 patients received first treatment allowing for ≥ 24 weeks follow-up; of them, 5 patients were excluded

- 2 patients with other genetic driver mutations
- 1 patient with prior anti-HER3 therapy
- 1 patient with a nonfunctional NRG1 fusion
- 1 patient with a baseline scan >
   5 weeks before the first dose

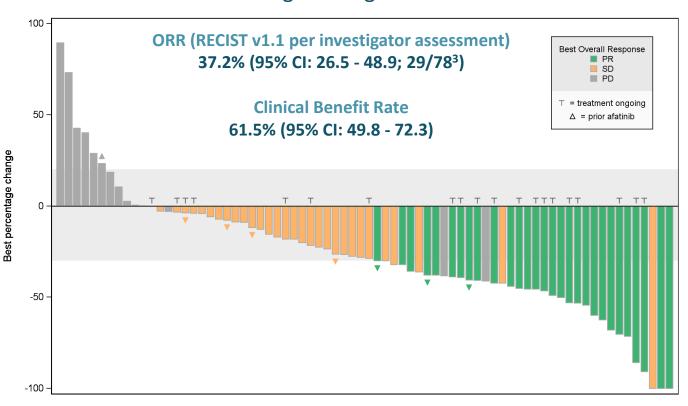


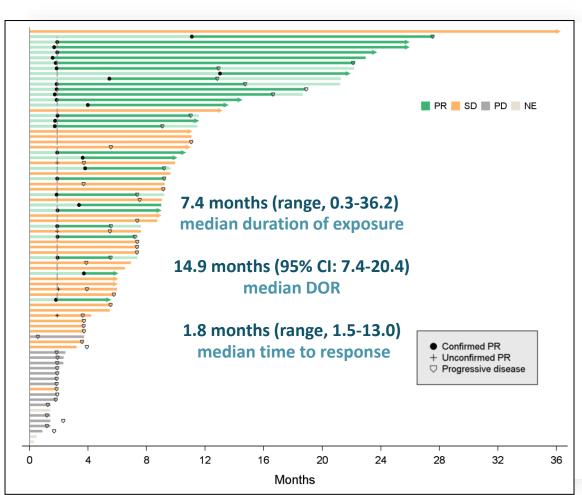


# Zeno Activity in NRG1+ NSCLC<sup>1</sup>

# ORR 37%; Median DOR 15 months

#### Best Percent Change in Target Lesions from Baseline<sup>2</sup>









<sup>1</sup>Schram et al, <u>ESMO 2023</u>



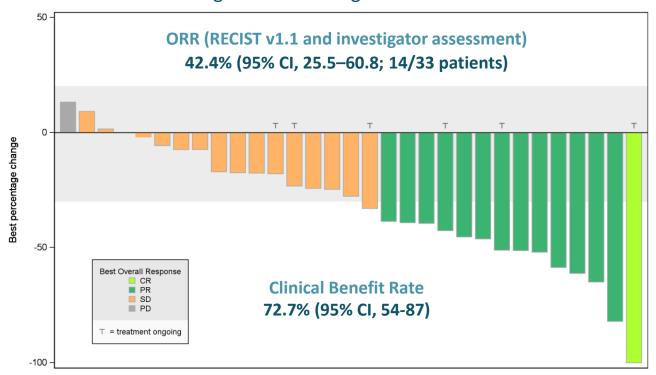
 $<sup>^2</sup>$  Excludes 4 patients, 3 due to absence of post baseline assessment and 1 due to incomplete assessment of target lesion at first post baseline assessment.

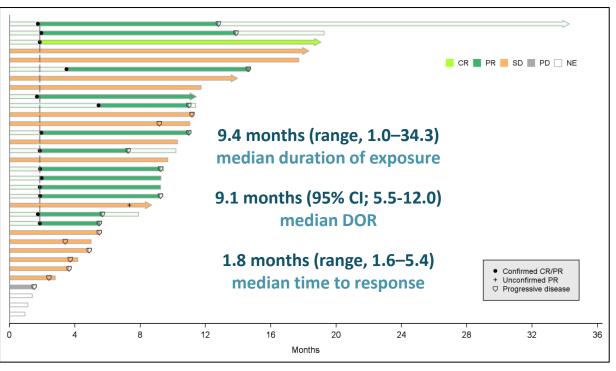
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 1 patient with non-measurable disease was excluded from analysis.

# Zeno Activity in NRG1+ PDAC<sup>1</sup>

### ORR 42%; Median DOR 9 months

Best Percent Change in Sum of Target Lesions Diameter from Baseline<sup>2</sup>





Arrows indicate treatment was ongoing at the cutoff date



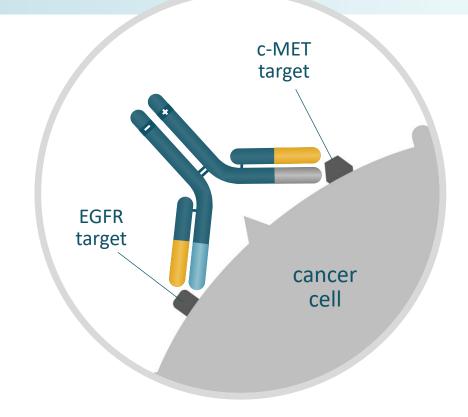


# Designed to target lung cancer and other solid tumors expressing EGFR and c-MET

# **MCLA-129**

EGFR x c-MET Bispecific

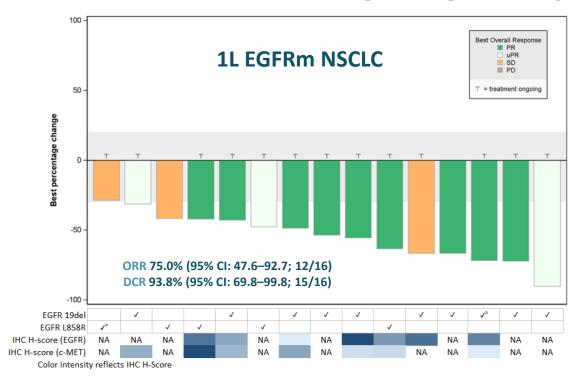
- Targets both EGFR and c-MET on cancer cells
- Modifications to enhance ADCC, observed preclinically to have greater potency than amivantamab in certain high-affinity (FcyRIII 158V) or low-affinity (FcyRIII 158F) variant effector cells<sup>1</sup>
- Significant potential opportunity in lung cancer
- Clinical data update from three expansion cohorts published at ESMO Asia 2023; evaluation continues in MET exon14 skipping **NSCLC**
- MCLA-129 in combination with chemotherapy in 2L+ EGFRm NSCLC (planned to start 2024)

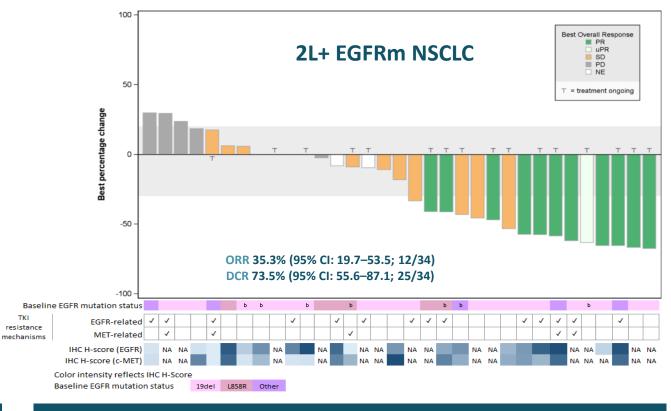




# MCLA-129 in Combination with Osimertinib in NSCLC<sup>1</sup>

Best % change in target lesions from baseline by RECIST v1.1 per investigator





#### **Trial Design**

- Drug: MCLA-129 1500 mg IV Q2W & osimertinib 80 mg QD
- Primary endpoint: ORR using RECIST v1.1 per investigator assessment
- Data cutoff date: August 10, 2023
- Enrollment/Safety population: 60 EGFRm NSCLC pts; 16 1L/44 2L+
- Efficacy population<sup>2</sup>: 16 pts in 1L; 34 pts in 2L+

#### Safety across 1L and 2L+ Cohorts

- IRRs (composite term) in 87% (12% ≥ grade(G) 3)
- Treatment discontinuations in 14 (23%) pts
- Treatment related interstitial lung disease (ILD)/pneumonitis in 13 pts (22%): four G1, two G2, four G3, and three G5
- Venous thromboembolic (VTE) events in 23%; 5% treatment related



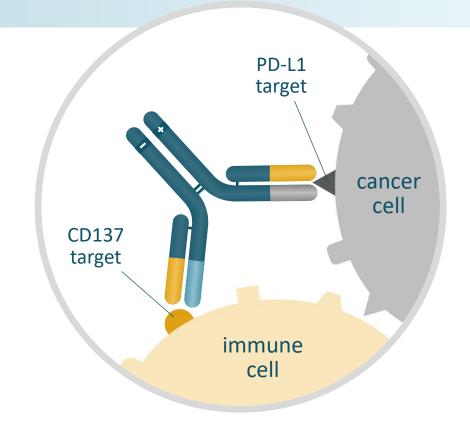
# Designed to recruit and activate tumor infiltrating T-cells

# Binds to PD-L1 on tumor cells and CD137 (4-1BB), a potent activator of tumor infiltrating T-cells, on activated T-cells<sup>1</sup>

- Targets PD-L1 positive cells in the tumor and blocks the PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitory signal<sup>2</sup>
- Potential in a variety of solid tumors
- Evaluation of MCLA-145 continues in combination with a PD1 inhibitor
- Clinical update presented at ESMO Immuno-Oncology Congress 2021

# **MCLA-145**

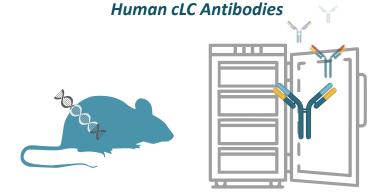
PD-L1 x CD137 bispecific





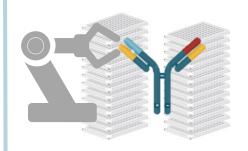
# **Our Platform – Unique Capabilities in Multispecific Antibodies**

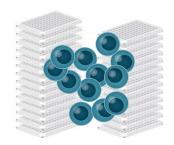
#### **Generate**



#### **Evaluate**

**Thousands of Multispecific Abs** 





#### Patented Mouse Technology

"Merus Mouse" (MeMo®) to generate diverse, high quality common light chain (cLC) antibody panels

# Established Inventory

Diverse panels of cLC antibodies against numerous targets

#### Multiclonics® Libraries

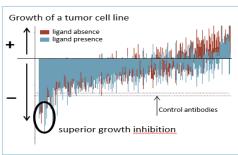
Robotics generate thousands of Multiclonics® by combining cLC antibody panels and our patented "DEKK" IgG heterodimerization technology

# Unbiased Screening

In-format, unbiased functional screening in relevant molecular and cellular assays

# **Identify**Best Candidates



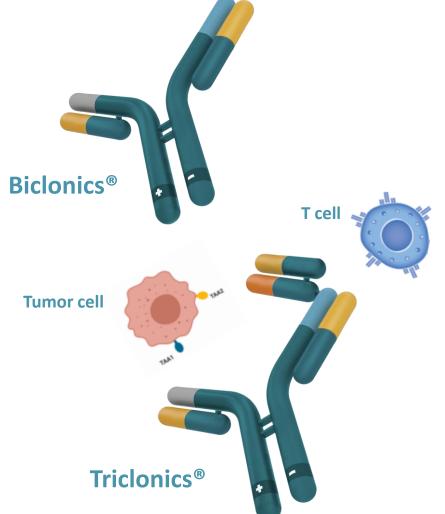


Develop unique, best candidates from thousands of different Biclonics® and Triclonics® with potential to achieve meaningful clinical activity in patients



# **Merus Multiclonics®**

Bispecific and Trispecific therapeutic candidates for cancer with broad application for human disease



#### Large-scale screening of Biclonics® and Triclonics®

To select the best molecules from up to 1,000s of candidates

#### Fully human IgG structure

- Ease of manufacturing
- Low immunogenicity risk
- Predictable in vivo behavior
- Durable, consistent half life
- Potential for ADCC enhancement and Fc silencing

#### Novel, innovative trispecific Triclonics® format

- Allows for three specificities without the need to engineer each individual Fab
- Significant tumor cell binding designed to occur when both tumor-associated antigen (TAA)1 and TAA2 are present, or as a bi-paratopic
- T cell activation designed to occur when the molecule binds at sufficient levels to the tumor cells

#### Robust IP portfolio of patents covering the platform technology, including

- Common light chain antibody generation and screening
- Dimerization by charge engineering



### **Merus Overview**

#### **Oncology-focused Company Developing Multispecific Antibody Therapies**

- Bispecific and trispecific cancer therapeutic candidates in the human IgG format
- Common light chain technology permits broad, high throughput discovery of promising Biclonics® and Triclonics® antibodies with potential for meaningful clinical activity in patients

#### **Established Pipeline with Multiple Active Molecules in the Clinic**

- Petosemtamab granted fast track designation (FTD) for recurrent or metastatic head and neck squamous cell cancer (HNSCC)
- Zenocutuzumab (Zeno) granted breakthrough therapy designations (BTD) for NRG1 fusion (NRG1+) non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) and pancreatic cancer (PDAC)<sup>2</sup>
- MCLA-129<sup>3</sup> highly active in an evolving competitive landscape of EGFRm NSCLC development

#### Strong Cash Position into 2027<sup>1</sup>

- Sufficient data expected in 1H24 for Zeno in NRG1+ NSCLC and PDAC to support Biologics License Application (BLA) submissions
- Phase 3 trial of petosemtamab monotherapy in 2L+ HNSCC planned to start in mid-2024

#### Strategic Collaborations to Unlock Value from our Multiclonics® Platforms

• Multiple strategic collaborations and license agreements, researching Biclonics® and Triclonics® candidates for clinical development for potential future milestone and royalty opportunities



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See February 28, 2024 10-K noting our belief that our cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, will fund our operations into 2027

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For further details of FTD and BTD designations see prior releases <a href="https://ir.merus.nl/news-releases">https://ir.merus.nl/news-releases</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Cappuzzo et al, ESMO Asia 2023

