### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM 8-K

#### CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 24, 2021

### Poseida Therapeutics, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-39376 (Commission File Number) 47-2846548 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

9390 Towne Centre Drive, Suite 200 San Diego, California (Address of principal executive offices) Iden

92121 (Zip Code)

770 2100

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (858) 779-3100

N/A (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Former name or former address, it changed since last report.

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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D Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered	
Common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	PSTX	Nasdaq Global Select Market	

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b–2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b–2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ⊠

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 24, 2021, members of management of Poseida Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") and external advisors are providing an update on the Company's research and development programs and making available the presentation attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report. The presentation is also available under the "Investors" section of the Company's website.

The information in this Item 7.01 of this report (including Exhibit 99.1) is furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or subject to the liabilities of that section or Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The information shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any other filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission made by the Company, whether made before or after today's date, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific references in such filing.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

#### Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Corporate presentation, dated February 24, 2021

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Poseida Therapeutics, Inc.

Date: February 24, 2021

By: /s/ Harry J. Leonhardt Harry J. Leonhardt General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer



# THERAPEUTICS

The Next Generation of Cell and Gene Therapeutics with the Capacity to Cure

> **R & D Day** February 24, 2021

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### R&D Day Agenda

### Select Poseida Programs and Technologies

- Corporate Overview (Eric Ostertag, CEO)
- Cell and Gene engineering platform technologies
  - Super PiggyBac DNA Modification System for Gene Insertion
  - CAS-CLOVER + Gene Editing
  - Gene Delivery
  - Proprietary Tools
- Immuno-oncology Programs, Analysis & Updates
  - Clinical Programs (Matt Spear)
  - Selected Pre-clinical Programs (Blair Madison, Devon Shedlock)
- Gene therapy Introduction + Pipeline
  - Initial focus: liver directed gene therapies
    - piggyBac + AAV (Bruce Scharschmidt)
      - P-OTC-101
  - piggyBac + nanoparticle (Denise Sabatino)
    - Hemophilia Factor VIII

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- Emerging Discovery Programs
  - TCR-T Platform (Sumiti Jain)
  - CAR-T Outside Oncology (Nina Timberlake)
  - HSC Platform (Claire Koechlein)
  - CAR-NK Cells for oncology (Stacey Kranert)
- Conclusion
  - Business development / partnership strategy
  - Long-term Goals/Mission
- Closing Q&A





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Cell and Gene Engineering Platform Technologies



### **Poseida Therapeutics**

Powerful Platforms and Products to Drive Value Creation

- Innovative technology platforms enable broad cell and gene therapy pipeline and beyond
- Differentiated autologous and allogeneic CAR-T programs
  - Stem cell memory T cells (T<sub>SCM</sub>) drive superior product profile
  - Iterative pipeline approach with multiple shots on goal
    - BCMA programs targeting multiple myeloma
    - PSMA and MUC1C programs addressing multiple solid tumor indications
      - prostate, ovarian, breast and more
    - Dual CAR programs that promise to take CAR-T to the next frontier
- Novel Gene Therapy programs aimed at single treatment cures for rare diseases
  - piggyBac technology can enable single-treatment cures
  - Novel nanoparticle technology can eliminate limitations of AAV
- Significant opportunities for **partnership**, **collaboration and platform expansion** beyond current pipeline

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Platform Driven Cell and Gene Therapy Company Creating Value Through Innovation and Differentiated Patient Therapies



## Poseida's Novel Approach to Cell and Gene Therapeutics



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### Platform Technologies Can Be Combined in Various Ways to Drive Significant Value in Multiple Market Segments



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Super piggyBac<sup>®</sup> Gene Delivery System



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### piggyBac<sup>®</sup>: A Versatile DNA Delivery System for Developing Cell and **Gene Therapy Products**



- Non-viral gene insertion technology
- Enables DNA integration and stable expression
- Very large cargo capacity (~200 kB)
- Works in a wide variety of cell types
- Multiple safety and cost benefits

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### **BENEFITS IN CELL THERAPY**

### **Generating CAR-T Products with Desirable High** Percentage of T<sub>SCM</sub> Cells

- Preferentially favors stem cell memory T cells (T<sub>scm</sub>) and works well in resting T cells for potentially improved tolerability and more durable responses
- Large cargo capacity enables multi-CAR products, addition of safety switch and selection gene

### **BENEFITS IN GENE THERAPY** Integrates Into DNA Delivering Stable **Long-Term Expression**

- Ideal for use in dividing tissues like those in juvenile liver
- Highly efficient integration may allow reduced dosing • and single treatment cures
- Large cargo for delivering larger genes
- Delivered using AAV or nanoparticle or in vivo EP

PiggyBac<sup>®</sup> is the Most Efficient Technology for Stable Delivery of DNA into the Genome in Most Cell Types



PB delivers transgenes stably into the genome regardless of delivery vehicle

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Hyperactive mutations from Yusa et al. PNAS, 2011 Jan 25;108(4):1531-6

## piggyBac<sup>®</sup> Best-in-class DNA Delivery System Comparison of Technologies that Integrate into DNA

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	Characteristic	Retrovirus / Lentivirus	Sleeping Beauty	piggyBac®
EFFICACY	Composition	Viral	Non-viral	Non-viral
	Insertion Efficiency	High	Medium	High
	Transgene Expression Level	High	Low	High
	Transgene Expression Stability	Medium	Medium	High
	Cargo Limit	~10-20kB	>100kB	>200 kB
	Insertion Preference	5' End of Genes / Intragenic	Random	Open Chromatin
	Mutagenesis when Excising	N/A	Yes	No
	Effect on Local Genes	High (activator)	???	Low (insulator)
	Fully Reversible	No	No	Yes (PBx enzyme)
SPEED	Time to Clinic (CMC)	8-12 months	1-2 months	1-2 months
COST	Cost of Production	High	Low	10x Lower GMP

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## Super piggyBac<sup>®</sup> is the Best-in-Class Transposon System



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### Not All T-Cells are Created Equally

The Importance of Stem Cell Memory T Cells (Tscm)



## piggyBac<sup>®</sup> Preferentially Transposes *Early* T<sub>SCM</sub> Cells; Lentivirus Transduces *More Differentiated* T-Cells In Preclinical Studies



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or CD8+ T cells (CD3+CD4+CD8+) within the final cell product

### piggyBac's Cargo Capacity May Allow for Desirable Product Attributes



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### **Beyond Single Target CAR-T**

piggyBac<sup>®</sup> Unmatched Cargo Capacity Increases Optionality



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## Cas-CLOVER<sup>™</sup> Site-Specific Gene Editing System

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### Cas-CLOVER: Proprietary Hybrid Gene Editing Platform

Potentially The Cleanest Gene Editing System Available



Clean, efficient and versatile gene editing platform enables differentiated fully Allogeneic CAR-T products and Gene Therapy development

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## Highly Efficient ON-target Knock-out in the P-BCMA-ALLO1 Product, at Both TRBC and B2M Sites by Cas-CLOVER<sup>™</sup>

- Multiple products (10) were tested by NGS to determine editing (% Indels) at the TRBC1, TRBC2 and B2M sites
- Single step multiplexed editing is highly efficient: Editing at B2M and TRBC is >85% across multiple donors (by NGS)
- Functional protein knock-out confirmed by FACS, other functional assays

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## Cas-CLOVER<sup>™</sup> is Highly Precise with No Off-Target Cutting



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## Poseida's Novel Approach to Cell and Gene Therapeutics



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Delivery Platforms Enable Multiple Gene Therapy Approaches Developing Both AAV and Non-Viral Nanoparticle Delivery



Develop Single Treatment Cures Utilizing Our In Vivo Gene Therapy Technologies

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### Nanotechnology Overview

Poseida has Developed Multiple Nanoparticle Approaches



### Polymersome Technology for Protein Delivery

Potential Use with CAR-T in Solid Tumors



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## Lipidoid Nanoparticle Technology for Nucleic Acid Delivery



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### mRNA Nanoparticle for Liver-specific SPB Protein Expression







## Representative Biodegradable Formulation is Well Tolerated



- Representative data for one Poseida formulation utilizing a biodegradable lipid
- Liver enzymes 24h after dosing
- Negligible increases at highest dose evaluated

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#### Transposase Expression is Dose Dependent

Higher Doses May Not be Needed – But Provide Development Flexibility

#### Dose (mRNA mg/kg)



Immunfluorescence staining (X20) of SPB transposase expression (red) with DAPI counterstain (blue) in adult mouse liver 4h after IV administration of mRNA LNP

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### LNP for Delivery of Therapeutic mRNA

Data Demonstrate Best-In-Class RNA Delivery



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#### DNA Nanoparticles Demonstrate Superior Efficacy Compared to MC3 Representative Expression of Transposon DNA



- Representative efficacy for LNP formulated by Poseida with MC3 or other lipids.
- Mice administered 0.5 mg/kg of LNP comprising luciferase reporter transposon DNA

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### Nanoformulated PiggyBac<sup>®</sup> can be Dosed Repeatedly

A Clear Advantage over AAV and Will Enable Clinical Optionality



 Adult wild type mice co-administered SPB mRNA and Transposon DNA LNP 1, 2, or 3 times at 7 day intervals

 Non-linear increase in transposon expression observed with each repeated dose

• Potential to titrate dose to obtain desired level of transgene expression

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#### Transposon and Transposase can be Dosed Separately

Potential to Optimize Dose Regimens by Indication If Needed



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- Adult wild type mice administered Transposon DNA LNP alone 3 times at 7 day intervals, then administered a single dose of SPB mRNA LNP on day 21.
- SPB transposase and transposon dosing can be separated temporally
- Administration of SPB transposase (mRNA) can mobilize previously delivered transposon



#### Transposon and Transposase Co-Delivery Results in Sustained Transgene Expression in Juvenile Mice



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## Poseida Other Proprietary Tools



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#### Not All T-Cells are Created Equally

The Importance of Stem Cell Memory T Cells (Tscm)



### Stem Cell Memory T<sub>SCM</sub> Phenotype



Our product more closely matches a T<sub>scm</sub> phenotype when we do extensive cell surface markers and even intracellular markers

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#### Poseida CAR-T Cells Exhibit Greater Mitochondrial Respiratory Capacity Compared to a CAR-Ts Generated by a Lentivirus Process



• The greater metabolic reserves (respiratory capacity) of Poseida CAR-T cells may confer greater durability



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#### Addition of Supplement A Improved Product Performance In Vivo



Media + Suppl. A significantly improved final product function at the "stress" dose in a breast cancer model

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# Our Booster Molecule Technology – Potential to Overcome the "Allo Tax" Common to Other Allogeneic CAR-T Approaches



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### P-BCMA-ALLO1: Our Booster Molecule Technology in Action



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## **Armoring Platforms**



### "Armoring" – Do We Need It?



### Conditional Gene Expression System (GES)

- Can we exapt the TCR signaling pathway to express genes only upon CAR binding?
  - Inducible expression of a gene upon CAR-T binding
    - secretion of checkpoint inhibitor or cytokine
  - Turn a specific gene on or off
    - Cas9 to create indel or dCas9 plus repressor or activator
  - Change regulation of a gene
    - dCas9 plus methylase, deacetylase, etc...
- Which could then be used for:
  - Armoring enabling enhanced CAR-T function in certain tumor environments
  - Indicator cells using the T cell (or equivalent cell line) as an indicator of something (e.g., tonic signaling)
  - Synthetic biology 101
    - A CAR can probably be designed to bind just about anything (even specific nucleic acids)
    - The T cell is a "bag of killing enzymes", but could eventually be engineered to do much more

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### Conditional Gene Systems – Indicator Cells



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#### Poseida Therapeutics: Investment Hypothesis

Multiple Avenues to Significant Value Creation



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#### Current Cell and Gene Therapy Pipeline All Programs Are Wholly-owned by Poseida



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The Next Generation of Cell and Gene Therapeutics with the Capacity to Cure

> Matthew A. Spear, M.D. Chief Medical Officer

#### P-BCMA-101 & P-PSMA-101 are Novel Autologous CAR-T Cells Made With the piggyBac<sup>®</sup> Gene Delivery System



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#### Not All T-Cells are Created Equally: The Importance of Stem Cell Memory T Cells (T<sub>SCM</sub>)



Spear M., et al., Poseida (2019) CAR-TCR Summit; Melenhorst J. et al., UPenn (2017) 20th ASGCT; Basu et al., Adaptimmune (2017) CAR-TCR Summit; Bot A., et al., Kite (2019) CAR-TCR Summit; T<sub>cm</sub>: Larson, Juno(2018) AACR; T<sub>scm</sub> TL: Beatty M., Moffitt (2018) SITC; T<sub>cm</sub>: Fraietta J. et al., UPenn (2018) TET2 Disruption, PMID 29849141

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#### P-BCMA-101: BCMA Targeted CAR-T Cells for Multiple Myeloma



#### **MULTIPLE MYELOMA**

- ~100K patients in U.S.
- ~30K new U.S. cases per year
- ~13,000 U.S. patient deaths / year



- **BCMA** expressed on essentially all MM cells
- BCMA specific to plasma cells • and not on other normal tissues
- **Important** for tumor growth so antigen escape unlikely



#### **NEAR-TERM STATUS**

- ✓ Phase 1/2 Clinical Trial Ongoing
- ✓ 1st patient 2017
- Phase 2 initiated 2019
- Exploratory Phase 1 initiated 2020
- Awarded RMAT & orphan status

<sup>1</sup>http://ir.celgene.com/releasedetail.cfm?releaseid=1055252

\*Phase 3 may not be necessary if Phase 2 can serve as a registrational clinical trial. The FDA has indicated that if data from our planned Phase 2 clinical trial do not provide evidence sufficient for accelerated approval, additional clinical testing would be required, including potentially a randomized controlled trial or trials

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### P-BCMA-101-001 Phase 1/2 r/r Multiple Myeloma Clinical Trial

#### Phase 1 Trial Design

- Open Label, 3+3 Design, Single Ascending Dose Study
- 30 mg/m2 & exploratory cohorts
  - Allowance for 2<sup>nd</sup> dose and retreatment after other CAR-Ts
  - Cyclic dosing exploratory cohorts
  - Rituxan and Revlimid exploratory cohorts
  - Outpatient administration allowed
- Up to 120 subjects

#### Phase 2 Trial Design (initiated but awaiting final dose selection)

- Same schema as Phase 1
- 112 subjects

#### Initial dose escalation completed

Expansion ongoing to test modified manufacturing process and novel dosing regimens

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#### **Clinical Trial Sites**

Colorado Blood Cancer Institute- Tara Gregory, M.D. Hackensack University Medical Center- David Siegel, M.D.

Johns Hopkins- Syed Abbas Ali, M.D. Karmanos Cancer Institute- Abhinav Deol, M.D.

MD Anderson Cancer Center- Krina Patel, M.D. Swedish Cancer Institute- William Bensinger, M.D.

Tennessee Oncology- Jesus G. Berdeja, M.D.

UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center- Caitlin Costello, M.D.

UC San Francisco- Nina Shah, M.D. UC Davis- Mehrdad Abedi, M.D.

University of Chicago- Andrzej Jakubowiak, M.D.

University of Kansas Cancer Center- Siddhartha Ganguly, M.D.

University of Maryland- Mehmet Kocoglu, M.D.

University of Pennsylvania- Adam Cohen, M.D.



## Modified Manufacturing Process Using Nanoplasmids (NP)

Small Changes in CAR-T Manufacturing Can Have a Big Impact

- Cell-based products are living drugs and are affected by donor and manufacturing variability. The type and quality of cells affect product performance
- Improving transposition frequency during manufacturing may improve final product
  - More CAR+ cells, less cell proliferation and cell death in culture means healthier more proliferative cells in a patient
- Improving Transposition of P-BCMA-101 with a Modified Manufacturing Process with Nanoplasmid (NP)
- Incorporated manufacturing changes that increases transposition frequency 2X on average

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#### Improving Transposition of P-BCMA-101 with a Modified Manufacturing Process with Nanoplasmid (NP)



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#### Nanoplasmid Shortens Manufacturing Time



from standard plasmid in ~4 fewer days

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### Nanoplasmid-produced CAR-T Show Increased %T<sub>SCM</sub>



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#### Initial Dose Escalation with Nanoplasmid (NP) Manufacturing Process: Equal Safety and Better Response Compared to Standard Plasmid

- P-BCMA-101 with Nanoplasmid demonstrated higher ORR than P-BCMA-101 with standard plasmid
  - 66.7% vs 50% by IMWG
- P-BCMA-101 Nanoplasmid delivered deeper responses than P-BCMA-101
  - 3 P-BCMA-101 Nanoplasmid patients at VGPR or CR compared to zero for standard plasmid
- · Safety profile was preserved with one Grade 1 CRS observed with either product in these patients

#### Standard Plasmid vs. Nanoplasmid @ Cohort 1 Dose Level



ORR for cyclic dosing was 1/4 (PR), Cmax was low and followed individual administrations without expanding AUC \*3 patients dosed but only 2 evaluable by IMWG criteria. 3<sup>rd</sup> patient had plasmacytomas and had significant response by PET scan. Data cutoff: November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. ORR Objective Response Rate, attaining sCR, CR, VGPR or PR, including confirmed and unconfirmed responses. Evaluable patients: Obtained first response assessment by IMWG m-protein criteria or PD/death.

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#### Data Demonstrate Efficacy, Durability and Safety of P-BCMA-101

Unparalleled Safety and Persistence



And Offers A Superior Safety Profile

- 16 patients dosed fully outpatient
- All CRS was Grade 1/2
- No to very low neurotoxicity
- No ICU admissions for CRS
- No patient death due to P-BCMA-101

- \*  $T_{\rm SCM}$  in P-BCMA-101 is directly correlated with best responses in the clinic
- Long-term persistence of T<sub>SCM</sub> cells in some patients
- Potentially best-in-class safety profile allows for fully outpatient dosing

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Data cutoff: November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020.



#### Case Study for P-BCMA-101 Persistence/Re-expansion: 106-004



- High Tscm
- Instance where a single dose led to long term persistence (~2yrs) and re-expansion of CAR-T
- Re-expansion in 106-004 coincides with an increase in MM tumor markers
- Out of 27 Bone Marrow samples tested, 106-004 has highest level of P-BCMA-101
- Demonstrates ability of T<sub>SCM</sub> cells to home to bone marrow, engraft, create persistent CAR-T cells in the periphery, maintain stringent complete response for long duration and re-expand at tumor relapse

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### Summary

#### Safety & Efficacy with a Novel BCMA CAR-T Cell Product

#### Excellent safety and efficacy profile demonstrated in a standard dose escalation

- Fully outpatient dosing enabled with very low rates of CRS (17%, no Grade 3+), very low to no neurotoxicity, no ICU admissions
  - May allow for greater patient access (e.g., administration at community hospitals and/or outpatient sites)
- High percentage of stem cell memory T cell phenotype (T<sub>SCM</sub>) may result in greater safety and efficacy, is correlated with best responses and may allow product to re-respond to tumor during relapse in some instances

#### • Use of modified manufacturing process (Nanoplasmid) may improve expansion and efficacy

- Nanoplasmid increases transposition frequency, thereby shortening manufacturing time, and increases the percent of T<sub>SCM</sub> cells, proliferative capacity and efficacy of the final product
- Current process at 0.75X10e6 cells/kg dose results in 67% ORR, 50% VGPR/sCR with 12.5% CRS
- Dose escalation is continuing in Nanoplasmid groups

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### P-PSMA-101: PSMA Targeted CAR-T Cells for Metastatic Castrate-Resistant Prostrate Cancer (mCRPC)



<sup>1</sup>https://globenewswire.com/news-release/2017/02/02/913304/0/en/Prostate-Cancer-Market-Study-2017-Market-Size-of-Prostate-Cancer-Drugs-to-7b-in-2016-from-2-5b-in-2011.html <sup>2</sup>https://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/wxtf93/global\_prostate

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### P-PSMA-101 Demonstrated Potent in vivo Activity

Efficacy of P-PSMA-101 in Prostate Cancer Model (LNCaP.luc)



Data presented at SITC 2017. One animal in the low dose cohort relapsed later in the study.

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## P-PSMA-101 Data Suggest Persistence of T<sub>SCM</sub> Cells



### P-PSMA-101-001 Phase 1 Clinical Trial in mCRPC

#### **Phase 1 Trial Design**

- Open Label, 3+3 Dose Escalation
- 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> fludarabine + 300 mg/m<sup>2</sup> cyclophosphamide x 3d lymphodepletion regimen
- P-PSMA-101 administered intravenously
  - Single dose and multiple dose cohorts (initiating with single)
  - Standard lymphodepletion and + Rituxan
- Up to 40 subjects

#### First Patient Treated in 2020

#### FDA Clinical Hold in August 2020

Apparent MAS, a known CAR-T effect Responded with protocol amendment

#### **Rapidly reopened trial in November 2020**

**Enrollment ongoing** 

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#### **Clinical Trial Sites**

UC San Francisco- David Oh, M.D.

UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center- Rana McKay, M.D.

SCRI / St. Luke's- Gerald Falchook, M.D.

Dana-Farber- Xiao Wei, M.D.

Massachusetts General Hospital- Xin Gao, M.D.

City of Hope- Tanya Dorff, M.D.

Memorial Sloan Kettering- Susan Slovin, M.D.



### P-PSMA-101-001 Patient 17-206 Case Study

- 73 y/o male with mCRPC after multiple lines of treatment, including biclutamide, Lupron, docetaxel, cabazitaxel, abiraterone, enzalutamide, crizotinib and anti-PSMA BiTE
- P-PSMA-101 administered on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (0.25 x 10e6 cells/kg; 20 x 10e6 total cells)
- Grade 1 CRS (fever, APR, LFT, cytokines) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week, treated pharmacologically to resolution
- PSA rapidly decreased >50%



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### Summary

- · Outstanding preclinical efficacy in mouse CRPC models
- Utilizing the same transposon design and NP manufacturing process as P-BCMA-101, thus similar benefits are expected
- Significant expansion of P-PSMA-101 cells in patients
- CRS can be seen but appears manageable when treated promptly
- One patient death and brief clinical hold after a significant patient non-compliance event where optimal pharmacologic intervention for CRS-spectrum toxicity was not possible
- Case study: P-PSMA-101 can elicit rapid and significant PSA declines >50%
- Dose escalation is ongoing and additional patient data will be reported later in year

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Cas-CLOVER<sup>™</sup> Safety Profile: Examining Off-Target Activity

Blair Madison, Ph.D. Senior Director, Genetic Engineering

### Poseida Fully Allogeneic CAR-T Approach



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## Cas-CLOVER<sup>™</sup> Efficiently Knocks-Out (KO) TCR in Resting T Cells



- For off-the-shelf allogeneic CAR-T products, efficient TCR KO is critical to prevent graft versus host disease (GvHD)
- Cas-CLOVER<sup>™</sup> allows for highly efficient TCR KO across wide range of healthy donors with editing rates of up to 99%
- Residual TCR+ cells are removed resulting in a highly pure TCR-negative CAR-T product with up to 99.9% TCR KO
- Cas-CLOVER<sup>™</sup> edited & purified cells do not exhibit alloreactivity/GvHD when mixed with donor-mismatched PBMCs

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### Off-Target Site Identification with GUIDE-Seq/Oligo Capture



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### Cas-CLOVER Fidelity in T Cells vs. Competing Technology



- Other studies examine few (10 to 25) candidate offtarget sites<sup>1-3</sup>.
- Our Cas-CLOVER off-target study is ~10x broader and includes 8 donor lots.



Webber et al., Nat Commun. 2019 Nov 19;10(1):5222.
Ren et al., Oncotarget. 2017 Mar 7; 8(10): 17002–17011.
Gautron et al., Mol Ther Nucleic Acids. 2017 Dec 15;9:312-321.

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### Cas-CLOVER<sup>™</sup> Does Not Contribute to Genome Instability



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### Translocations in T Cells: Cas-CLOVER<sup>™</sup> vs. CRISPR



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# Cas-CLOVER<sup>™</sup> Allogeneic CAR-T translocation rate <0.4%

#### **Other studies (CRISPR & TALENs):**

- 4% cells have TRAC translocation (FISH) Qasim et al., Sci Trans Med. 2017
- 2-2.5% with TRAC-B2M translocation Giannoukos et al., BMC Genomics. 2018
- Up to 2% with TRAC-CD52 translocations Poirot et al., Cancer Res. 2015

With Cas-CLOVER<sup>™</sup>, the avg. rate of translocation with <u>off-target</u> sites <0.01%

# Cas-CLOVER<sup>™</sup> Gene Editing in <u>Resting T Cells</u> for Generation of Fully Allogeneic CAR-T



- The desirable T<sub>SCM</sub> cell composition is maintained in the finished allogeneic product
- A high T<sub>SCM</sub> composition contributes to a favorable tolerability profile, likely enabling fully outpatient dosing similar to Poseida's autologous product candidate (P-BCMA-101)
- Other allogeneic CAR-T products report low % T<sub>scm</sub> (1-9% in published reports)

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### Summary

- The Cas-CLOVER<sup>™</sup> yields highly efficient multi-gene knockouts in resting T cells
- Cas-CLOVER<sup>™</sup> exhibits no (or very low) unwanted off-target activity and is thus the "cleanest" site-specific genetic editing system in the industry
- Cas-CLOVER<sup>™</sup> does not adversely affect large-scale genome stability
- Tscm composition maintained

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Immuno-Oncology Pre-clinical Allogeneic CAR-T Programs

Devon J. Shedlock, Ph.D. SVP, R&D

### Not All T-Cells are Created Equally

The Importance of Stem Cell Memory T Cells (Tscm)



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### Poseida's Allogeneic CAR-T Platform Offers Many Unique Benefits



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### Multiple Myeloma: An Iterative Approach to BCMA Targeting

Learning from Autologous with Focus on Allogeneic and Beyond



### P-BCMA-ALLO1: Our Booster Molecule Technology in Action





• Overcomes the "Allo Tax"

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# P-BCMA-ALLO1 Showed Equal or Better Results than an Autologous Version in vitro



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# P-BCMA-ALLO1 Showed Equal or Better Results than an Autologous Version in vivo



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- P-BCMA-ALLO1 was comparable to P-BCMA-101 (non-edited) CAR-T
  - complete tumor elimination
  - similar CAR-T cell expansion
- This stringent model has been fine-tuned using P-BCMA-101 clinical samples with known outcomes
  - **100% positive predictive value**: If clinical product completely killed tumor in the animal model, then it also had excellent activity in the clinical trial

### P-BCMA-ALLO1 Demonstrates Tumor Control and Durability in a Challenging MM1S Preclinical Model



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### Stem Cell Memory T Cells Key to CAR-T Success in Solid Tumors

Multiple Product Candidates in Solid Tumor Indications



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### P-MUC1C-ALLO1: Allogeneic Solid Tumor Program with Broad Potential



- MUC1 is highly polymorphic and normally expressed on apical surface of epithelium
- On cancer cells, an aberrant form is expressed, and polarity is lost
- P-MUC1C-ALLO1 epitope may be tumor-specific and is retained on the cell surface following cleavage of MUC1-N

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Tumor Type	Total MUC1 Expression (%)*	Poseida MUC1C IHC frozen tissue data (%)**
Breast	91	92
Ovarian	83	93

\*American Cancer Society, 2017; \*\*Positive samples defined as Frequency: + - occasional cells, ++ - few cells, +++ - many cells Intensity: 2 - mild, 3 - moderate, 4 - heavy staining



- P-MUC1C-ALLO1 potentially addresses patient populations in multiple solid tumor indications including many epithelialderived cancers
  - Breast, Ovarian, NSCLC, Colorectal, Pancreatic and others
- High Representation of P-MUC1C-ALLO1 Epitope in Breast and Ovarian Cancer



## P-MUC1C-ALLO1 CAR-T Demonstrated Potent In Vivo Activity



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### P-PSMA-ALLO1: Optimized Allogeneic Version of P-PSMA-101

- All the advantages of our fully allogenic platform
- Superior single domain (VH) binder technology (VCAR)



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### The Advantages of Dual Antigen Targeting with Dual CAR T

#### 1. Overcome single antigen loss (heme)

CD19 CAR T clinical trials: 7-39% of relapse is caused by loss of CD19 antigen

#### 2. Target heterogeneous tumors (solid)

Highly heterogeneous antigen expression may contribute to modest CAR-T clinical responses against solid tumor



Poseida's PB transposon system has large cargo capacity and can effectively deliver two individual CARs, with capacity for safety switch, selection gene (and/or others) → Competitive advantage

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## Dual CAR is More Effective In Vivo Than a Tandem CAR

- **Comparing various formats** of our singledomain VH binders:
  - Single CAR
  - Single Tandem CAR
  - Dual CAR
- We have learned:
  - A tandem CAR may be better than a single CAR
  - However, a Dual CAR-T is <u>always</u> better than a single or tandem CAR-T
- Lessons learned will be implemented in future pipeline programs



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## **Dual-Target Allogeneic CAR-T Product Candidates**

piggyBac's Large Cargo Capacity Enables the Next Wave of Opportunity

CD 19 VH

4-188

CD3z

CD19 VH#2

CAR

4-1BB

CD3z

**Dual-CAR** 

Dual-CAR

Tandem

CAR-TCR



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## CD19/CD20 Dual CAR Program for B Cell Malignancies

- Lead optimized CD19/CD20 Dual CARs are under study
  - Quad-cistronic vectors
- Dual CAR-T maintain high % TSCM
- POC studies demonstrate Dual CARs kill (double-positive cancer cells) better than either single CAR-T alone



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## Summary: Immuno-Oncology Pre-clinical Allogeneic CAR-T Programs

- All programs are fully allogeneic, addressing both graft vs. host and host vs. graft
  - Donor selection allows for generation of products with exceptionally high percentage Tscm
  - Booster molecule enables 100s of doses from a single manufacturing run
- Pipeline candidates demonstrate high efficacy in mouse tumor models. Also:
  - P-MUC1C-ALLO1 has potent activity against a wide range of human tumors
  - P-PSMA-ALLO1 uses a superior VH CAR (VCAR)
  - Dual CAR-T programs are facilitated by piggyBac's large cargo capacity
- INDs in 1H 2021 (P-BCMA-ALLO1) and 4Q 2021 (P-MUC1C-ALLO1)

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## Poseida Fully Allogeneic CAR-T Approach

The goal of our in vivo gene therapy program is to enable single treatment cures of genetic diseases by combining the piggyBac<sup>®</sup> Gene Delivery System with Poseida's proprietary gene delivery platforms

Viral		Non-Viral
AAV (SPB-DNA)	Nanoparticle (SPB – RNA)	Nanoparticle (SPB – RNA)
AAV (SFB-DNA) AAV (PB-DNA) AAV (PB-DNA) P-OTC-101		P-FVIII-101

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## piggyBac<sup>®</sup> Changes the Game in Liver-Directed Gene Therapy

Exploring piggyBac<sup>®</sup>+AAV followed by piggyBac<sup>®</sup>+Nanoparticle





## A Single Injection of PB-ASS1 Cures Citrullinemia Type I



- ASS1 -/- mice exhibit an abnormal skin and hair phenotype (left) and will die in the neonatal period if untreated.
- However, ASS1 -/- mice treated with PB-ASS1 grow hair and survive to adulthood (right)

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## A Single Dose of PB-ABCB4 Cures PFIC3





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#### Across all age cohorts: 7% of PB-treated showed tumors, 95% of untreated Abcb4-/- showed tumors



Significant reduction in incidence of macroscopic tumors\* in PB-treated Abcb4-/- mice

\*tumors > 1 mm



## A Single Dose of PB-FIX Results in Nearly Normal Expression Levels of hFIX



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## Speakers – P-OTC-101



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- Former Professor of Medicine and Chief of Gastroenterology at UCSF
  - Helped start UCSF liver transplant program
- Served as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Clinical Investigation
  - Served as President of the American Society for Clinical Investigation
- · Headed clinical development at Chiron
  - Performed first human gene therapy trial for hemophilia
- Chief Medical and Development Officer at Hyperion
  - Developed and launched Ravici for urea cycle disorders



### Speakers – P-FVIII-101



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- Research Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania
- Member of the Division of Hematology and the Perelman Center for Cellular and Molecular Therapeutics at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Her research focuses on factor VIII, gene-based therapeutics for hemophilia A and the immune responses to factor VIII
  - Characterization of novel FVIII variants with higher specific activity and improved secretion
  - Development of factor VIII transgenes that augment factor VIII expression
  - Studies to understand the fate of the AAV vector DNA after gene delivery





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Liver Directed Gene Therapy P-OTC-101

Bruce F. Scharschmidt, M.D.

## Why the Liver?



From the **New York Times,** 2017; "The Liver: A 'Blob' That Runs the Body"

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#### Nutrient Metabolism & Triage

- Glycogen storage diseases
- Hypercholesterolemias / dyslipidemias
- Organic acidemias
- Amino acid disorders

#### **Toxin Disposition**

- Crigler-Najjar syndrome
- Urea cycle disorders
- Drug clearance

#### **Bio-Factory**

- Hemophilias (FVIII, FIX deficiency)
- Apolipoprotein deficiency
- Alpha-1-AT deficiency

#### **Liver Diseases**

• Inherited (PFIC, Wilson's)

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### Features Common to Many Inherited Metabolic Disorders Including Urea Cycle Disorders



- Disease results from accumulation of upstream precursor and/or deficiency of downstream product
- Hi-fidelity / translatable dosing biomarker(s)
- Intermittent metabolic crises
- The more severe the defect, the earlier it manifests
- Diet +/- drug Rx insufficient for the most severely affected
- Major unmet need

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The Human Body Has No Depot for Excess Nitrogen

Ammonia (NH3) Resulting from Protein Catabolism is Converted to Urea and Excreted



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## OTC Deficiency Treatment: Dietary Protein Restriction & Alternative Pathway Drugs



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### X-Linked OTC Deficiency: Spectrum of Illness Ranges from Early Onset Catastrophic Illness to Asymptomatic



## Early Onset/Severe OTC Deficiency: Major Unmet Need and Opportunity for Benefit





Brassier et al., Orphanet Journal of Rare Diseases , 2015 (French series spanning 1971-2011)
Yu et al., Transplantation Proc., 2015 (US/UNOS liver transplant series spanning 1987-2011)
Haberle et al., J. Inh. Metab. Dis. 2019 (Guidelines for the diagnosis and management of urea cycle disorders)

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## Shortcomings of Current Approaches

- AAV alone
  - Episomal, diluted with cell division
  - Not well-suited for durable, high-level expression in rapidly growing tissues
- Liver transplantation
  - Expensive
  - Inaccessible to many
  - Infants/children at risk for lethal crises while they grow sufficiently to render it feasible, or while on waiting list
  - Lifetime immunosuppression-related cost & morbidity

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Cunningham et al. (2015)

## Rationale for piggyBac<sup>®</sup>

- With AAV-piggyBac<sup>®</sup>, Cunningham et al.
  - Reported single injection correction of the two UCD subtypes (OTC & ASS deficiency) usually responsible for early onset illness
  - In the OTC deficient Spf<sup>ash</sup> mouse model
    - Durable, high-level transgene expression
    - Rescue of lethal phenotype
    - OTC activity increased up to 100x
  - Reported single injection correction of a genetic cholestatic liver disorder affecting infants and young children (PFIC3)



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## AAV Tropism in Murine and Human Hepatocytes - KP1



## SPB Enhances Transgene Expression in Growing Liver





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## SPB Enhances Transgene Expressing Hepatocytes in Growing Liver



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AAV-OTC reporter + AAV-SPB



## Comparable SPB Enhancement of Transgene Expression in Growing Liver with AAV or NP Delivery



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Comparable SPB Increase in Transgene Expressing Hepatocytes in Growing Liver with AAV or NP Delivery



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## piggyBac<sup>®</sup> for OTC Deficiency

- IND in 2022
- Platform validation for AAV-piggyBac<sup>®</sup> combination with any AAV capsid/system
- Validation for single treatment cure approach for pediatric metabolic (and other) diseases

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#### Nano-PB FVIII for Hemophilia A

Denise Sabatino, Ph.D. Research Associate Professor The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia The University of Pennsylvania

## Hemophilia

- An X-linked bleeding disorder caused by a deficiency in factor VIII (hemophilia A) or factor IX (hemophilia B)
- Prevalence at birth is 1/5000 males worldwide
- 80% of affected individuals have hemophilia A
- · Frequent bleeding episodes
  - Characterized by frequent spontaneous bleeding episodes, mostly into soft tissues and joints.
  - Bleeds into joint spaces results in cartilage fibrosis, loss of joint space and arthropathy
- FVIII activity correlates with the severity of the disease

Severity Classification	FVIII Activity	Bleeding Tendency	Bleeding frequency	Relative Incidence of Cases (%)
Severe	<1%	Frequent spontaneous bleeding	Weekly	50%
Moderate	1-5%	Some spontaneous bleeds; bleeding after minor trauma	Monthly	30%
Mild	>5-40%	Bleeding with significant trauma or surgery	Potentially never	20%

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## **Current Treatments for Hemophilia**

- Protein replacement therapy
  - Plasma derived or recombinant FVIII; Extended half-life FVIII
  - Requires frequent infusions of protein
  - Average annual cost of protein products is \$125,000-400,000<sup>1</sup>
- Non-factor based therapy --Emicizumab (Hemlibra)
  - Bi-specific antibody that binds to FIXa and FX and mimics FVIII function
- Gene therapy



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<sup>1</sup>Croteau Haemophilia 21:285, 2015



## Goals for Novel Therapeutics for Hemophilia

- Continuous maintenance of clotting factor in circulation
- Levels of clotting factor >12%<sup>1</sup>
- Prevent tissue damage and improve disease phenotype
- More convenient



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<sup>1</sup>Den Uijl et al. Haemophilia, 17(6):849, 2011



## Differences Between Hemophilia A and B that Impact Development of Novel Therapeutics

	Hemophilia A	Hemophilia B	
Gene	Factor VIII	Factor IX	
Size of gene (cDNA)	186 Kb (7.1 Kb)	34 Kb (2.8 Kb)	
Concentration of Protein in Circulation	0.1 μg/ml	5 μg/ml	
Patients with inhibitory antibodies to the protein	25-30%	5%	

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## Adeno-associated Viral (AAV) Mediated Gene Therapy for Hemophilia

- Limited cargo size (4.7 kb)
  - Challenging to use AAV for large transgenes, e.g., factor VIII
- Pre-existing immunity to AAV through natural infections
  - ~40% of population has anti-AAV antibodies that excludes them from current clinical studies
  - CD8 T cell responses to the AAV capsid can result in a loss of transgene expression due to the elimination of transduced cells; transient immune suppression can mitigate loss of transgene expression
- Re-administration is not feasible due to development of anti-AAV antibodies after initial vector administration
- · AAV primarily remains in an episomal form and does not integrate
  - Episomal forms can be diluted out upon cell division
  - Important consideration for treating pediatric patients
    - ~25% of hemophilia patients are under the age of 10
- Promising clinical data in multiples studies but unknown if expression will be long lasting
  - Long-term expression for up to 10 years after AAV delivery of factor IX for hemophilia B
  - Several hemophilia A studies have shown a decline in factor VIII expression after AAV delivery
- High systemic doses of AAV is associated with toxicity and fatalities in several trials for other diseases

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## Potential for AAV Integration and Genotoxicity After AAV Gene Therapy

- rAAV predominantly non-integrating with therapeutic transgene existing as episomes.<sup>1</sup>
- Integration events have been observed in mice, non-human primates and humans.<sup>2,3,4</sup>
- In mouse models, AAV integration was associated with hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) after delivery of AAV during the neonatal period but also in adult animals.<sup>3,4</sup>
  - vector dose-dependent
  - dependent on enhancer/promoter element
- HCC has not been observed in large animal models or in humans to date.

<sup>1</sup>Nakai et al. J Virology 75(15):6969, 2001 <sup>2</sup>Gil-Farina et al. Mol Therapy 24:1100, 2016 <sup>1</sup>Nakai et al. JCI 125(2):870, 2015 <sup>4</sup>Reviewed in Chandler, Sands and Venditti, Human Gene Therapy 28(4):314, 2017



## Studies of Durability and Genetic Consequences of AAV-Mediated Delivery of Factor VIII in Hemophilia A Dogs

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тво	Heavy chain	3.9 kb		haat Heavy chain	Light chain	
TBG	Light chain	3.8 kb				•
TBG = thy pro	vroxine-binding globuli moter/enhancer	n gene	T	hAAT = human apolipa hepatic contro human α-1-an	pprotein gene I region and i-trypsin promoter	
AAV Serotype	Dose (vg/vector/kg)	Total Vector Dose (vg/kg)		AAV Serotype	Total Vector Dose (vg/kg)	
AAV8 or	1.25x10 <sup>13</sup>	2.5 x 10 <sup>13</sup>		۵۵\/8	4 x 10 <sup>13</sup>	
AAV9	6.0x10 <sup>12</sup>	1.2 x 10 <sup>13</sup>	Hemophilia A dogs	7740	2 x 10 <sup>13</sup>	
			<1% cFVIII activity			

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Sabatino et al. Mol Ther 19(3):442, 2011 Nguyen, Everett Nature Biotechnol 39(1):47, 2020
# Long Term Dose-dependent Expression of cFVIII in Hemophilia A Dogs After AAV-FVIII Delivery



#### DNA Analysis of AAV Genomes After Gene Therapy

- Liver samples were collected from the dogs at the end of the study for DNA analysis
- Integration events were found distributed throughout the dog genome
- Correlation between the number of AAV DNA copies and the number of integration events
- Integration favored in transcription units and oncogenes

chr1		
chr2		chr37
chr3		chr38
chr4		chr33
chr5		chr36
chr6		chr26
chr7		chr35
chr8		chr28
chr9		chr27
chr10		chr29
chr11		chr30
chr12		chr31
chr13		chr32
chr14		chr34
chr15		chr21
chr16		chr25
chr17		chr23
chr18		chr24
chr19		chr22
chr20		
chrX		
	Dog H19 J60 Linus M06 M50 M66	

Nguyen, Everett Nature Biotechnol 39(1):47, 2020



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#### Evidence for Clonal Expansion at Sites of AAV Integration

- 54 abundant clonal populations (≥5 cells) were identified.
- Several clonal expansions had integrations near genes associated with growth control and cancers in humans.
- Sequence analysis showed that most of these integrated forms were rearranged or truncated and would not produce functional FVIII



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Nguyen, Everett Nature Biotechnol 39(1):47, 2020

#### Summary of Studies of AAV Delivery of FVIII in Hemophilia A Dogs

- Stable and sustained FVIII expression up to 10 years in a large animal model of hemophilia A.
- An increase in FVIII activity that was 4 times the steady state levels was observed in 2 of 9 dogs.
- While AAV integration and clonal expansion were observed, the dogs had no evidence for tumorigenesis. Hepatocellular carcinoma has not been associated with AAV in any clinical trial to date.
- A therapeutic strategy that results in stable transgene expression but without the possibility of random AAV integration would be highly desirable.

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#### Rationale of piggyBac<sup>®</sup> Gene Modification for Treating Hemophilia

- Single treatment cure of Hemophilia A may be possible by combining piggyBac technology with nanoparticle technology, with additional advantages over AAV-based therapy:
  - No pre-existing immunity
  - No toxicity from immune response to high titer AAV
  - No toxicity from integrating AAV
  - No generation of immunity (ability to readminister)
  - Sufficient cargo capacity for desired transgene
  - Ease of manufacturing



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#### hFVIII Delivery by LNP to Newborn Mice Results in Therapeutic hFVIII Protein Levels on Day 21



- Nanoparticles encapsulating SPB mRNA and human FVIII DNA transposon co-administered IV to wild type mice on day 1 of life
- Concentration of human FVIII protein reaches 135% of normal levels
- · FVIII maintained over duration of study despite dividing liver

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Nanoparticle (SPB - RNA)

Nanoparticle (PB – DNA)

#### Summary

- piggyBac<sup>®</sup> gene modification delivered via lipid nanoparticle technology may provide a safe and cost-effective strategy for long-term correction of hemophilia A.
- Approach can be used in pediatric patients to achieve long-term expression without need for re-administration.
- May allow treatment of patients who have pre-existing immunity to AAV that would otherwise exclude them from current AAV-based clinical studies.

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Poseida's TCR-T Cell Platform

Sumiti Jain, Ph.D. Director, Immuno-Oncology

#### Advantages of Poseida's Allogeneic TCR-T Products

**Off-the-shelf** TCR-T cell product candidates, derived from healthy donors and leveraging our allogeneic CAR-T program, could treat any HLAmatched patients

TCR-T approach may **overcome limitations** of antigen availability that CAR-T faces (by accessing intracellular antigens), expanding indications in oncology and into new areas (infectious disease, autoimmune, etc.)

TCR-T approach may be **combined with CAR-T** approach



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#### Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Proof Of Concept

Three immuno-dominant HLA-A\*02:01 restricted epitopes identified from convalescent COVID-19 patients



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• Epitope-reactive TCRs identified

TCR  $\alpha\beta$  sequences cloned  $\rightarrow$  to be tested in engineered T cells

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EPITOPE	PROTEIN	TCR αβ clones
<u>KLW</u> AQCVQL	ORF1ab	63
<u>YLQ</u> PRTFLL	S (spike)	31
<u>LLY</u> DANYFL	ORF3a	29

## TCR-T May Be Effective Against Highly Infectious and Potentially Vaccine-resistant Emerging Mutants Of SARS-CoV-2



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#### Identification of TCR αβ Pairs for TCR-T: Assess Epitope-Specific Activity and Functional Avidity



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#### TCR αβ Pairs Exhibit Epitope-Specific Reactivity

Representative data shown



#### Epitope-reactive COVID TCRs Exhibit Potent Functional Avidity



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# PiggyBac<sup>®</sup>-Engineered TCR-T Cells are Functional in vitro and Maintain High Percentage of Desirable T<sub>scm</sub> Cells





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#### **Combination of CAR-T and TCR-T Platforms**

- piggyBac<sup>®</sup> technology can be leveraged to deliver target-specific CAR and TCR αβ to target both intra- and extra-cellular antigens in same product (we have already demonstrated delivery of six functional genes in a single transgene)
- Hybrid CAR/TCR-T cells may exhibit better killing and higher tumor infiltration in solid tumor indications



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#### Summary

- Poseida's piggyBac<sup>®</sup> and Cas-CLOVER<sup>™</sup> gene editing technologies can be leveraged to generate effective and functional off-the-shelf TCR-T product candidates with a high percentage of highly desirable T<sub>scm</sub> cells
- Our TCR-T platform may be leveraged to increase the number of potential indications in oncology and allow us to expand the number of non-oncology indications (infectious diseases, autoimmunity, etc.)
- Hybrid CAR/TCR-T product candidates are enabled by the massive cargo capacity of piggyBac<sup>®</sup> and may exhibit better killing and higher tumor infiltration in solid tumor indications

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Poseida's CAR-T Platform Beyond Oncology

Nina Timberlake, Ph.D. Associate Director, Gene Therapy

#### CAR-T cells: A Mechanism for Targeted Cell Removal



CAR-T cells have traditionally been targeted at tumors....



...but there are other cells in the body that may be desirable to target for killing

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#### Reimagining CAR-T Cell Targets



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#### Hematopoietic Stem Cell (HSC) Transplants: The Potential to Cure



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Hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) renews and re-primes the entire immune system

Risks associated with the procedure generally preclude its use except in cases of fatal disease or high unmet medical need (e.g., oncology)

A safer, more specific conditioning regimen could improve patient outcomes and greatly expand the number of indications (e.g., treatment of autoimmune diseases)

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# The Concept: CAR-T Cells for Selective Depletion of HSCs Prior to Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant (HSCT)



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#### Competitive Advantage of Stem Cell-Directed piggyBac CAR-T Cells

Bone Marrow Homing

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CAR-T cells home and preferentially expand at the site of target cells



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#### Competitive Advantage of Stem Cell-Directed piggyBac<sup>®</sup> CAR-T Cells

Bone Marrow Homing

1

2

Safety Switch Rapid clearance of CAR-T cells prior to donor transplant

CAR-T cells home and

the site of target cells

preferentially expand at



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#### Competitive Advantage of Stem Cell-Directed piggyBac<sup>®</sup> CAR-T Cells

1)	CAR-T cells home and
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Safety	cells prior to donor
Switch	transplant
3	Potential for highly
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Activator CAR	subset



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4 Application to Oncology Indications	Lead anti-HSC target doubles as potential AML target



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#### Anti-c-kit CAR-T Cells Accumulate in Bone Marrow and Deplete HSCs



Luciferase labelled CAR-T cells traffic to the bone marrow of humanized mice where they proliferate and kill human CD34+ stem and progenitor cells with 90% depletion measured 10 days post-transplant

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#### Summary

- Safer non-genotoxic conditioning regimens may reduce transplant morbidity and mortality, resulting in better outcomes and a greatly expanded number of potential indications
- Preliminary in vivo experiments have demonstrated the ability of anti-c-Kit CAR-T cells to deplete human stem cell grafts in NSG mice and to prolong survival in a mouse model of AML
- On-going studies will evaluate the use of anti-c-kit CAR-T cells as conditioning agents in a full allogeneic transplant model
- Future progress on this program will intersect with our dual CAR-T and CAR-HSC programs and inform the development of an AML therapy

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Poseida's Ex Vivo Genetic Engineering Platform: Hematopoietic Stem Cells (HSCs)

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#### Translating Our CAR-T Success to Other Cell Types

#### **GENETIC ENGINEERING**

High and durable expression in HSCs via piggyBac<sup>®</sup> delivery. Efficient KO using Cas-CLOVER™

#### **ADDITIONAL TOOLS**

Some tools developed for the T cell programs can be utilized for HSCs (e.g., safety switch, positive selection)

#### **APPLICATIONS**

Can create unlimited number of genetically-modified version of any downstream cell type



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### Model for piggyBac<sup>®</sup> Gene Delivery in Hematopoietic Stem Cells



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#### piggyBac<sup>®</sup> Transposed HSCs can Engraft and Persist In Vivo



### Applications for Our piggyBac<sup>®</sup> Modified HSC Platform



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### CAR-HSCs Enable the Weaponization of T, NK and Myeloid cells



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# **Conventional CAR-T Versus CAR-HSC**



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Targeted CAR-Effectors Differentiated in vivo **Continuous CAR-Effector** Resupply via CAR-HSCs Lifelong CAR-HSC Engraftment Persistent Tumor Cell Killing Target+ Tumor Tumor Eradication & **Relapse Control CAR-HSC** Lifelong regeneration of targeted CAR effector cells in vivo

#### HSC **Bioreactor Expansion of Effectors from CAR-HSC** piggyBac<sup>®</sup> CAR delivery CAR-HSC CONCEPT Ex vivo differentiation of CAR-HSCs into desired effector cells: CAR-T, CAR-NK, CAR-Myeloid Ex vivo Differentiation **ADVANTAGES** Utilization of established HSC piggyBac® Gene • **Delivery System** Gene delivery to smaller number of cells (input • HSCs) lowers reagent and cost demands Dramatic cellular expansion ex vivo eliminates dosing • limitations of differentiated cells CAR-T

**CAR-Myeloid** 

**CAR-NK** 

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# CAR-HSC Differentiated Cells Retain Transgene Expression



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# Ex vivo Differentiated CAR-NK Cells are Functionally Comparable to Mature CAR-NK Cells



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#### Summary

- HSCs can be modified via the piggyBac<sup>®</sup> Gene Delivery System and/or the Cas-CLOVER<sup>™</sup> Site-Specific Gene Editing System. Genetically modified HSCs engraft in the bone marrow and demonstrate long-term persistence.
- CAR-HSC could be the considered the "ultimate T<sub>SCM</sub> CAR-T approach" as it provides an inexhaustible supply of effector cells to eradicate tumor.
- CAR-HSCs can be differentiated in an ex vivo 'bioreactor' approach to generate high yields of CAR-T, CAR-NK and CAR-Myeloid cells.

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Poseida's Ex Vivo Genetic Engineering Platform: Pluripotent Stem Cells (iPSC/hPSC)

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### Gene-Edited iPSCs and their Potential for Regenerative Medicine

#### **POTENTIAL of PLURIPOTENCY**

iPSCs can be differentiated into many different cell types (T cells, HSCs, NK cells, Hepatic Progenitors)

#### **POWER of iPSCs**

Can be frozen, thawed, and expanded multiple times without affecting karyotype, enabling endless supplies

#### **GENE EDITING in iPSCs**

Can create successive gene edits, all in a single clone, from which billions of identical cells can be generated



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# Combining Cas-CLOVER and iPSC Technology for Therapies



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### Gene Editing in iPSCs Remains Challenging, Even with CRISPR



# Initial Demonstration of Knock-outs with Cas-CLOVER



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# Footprint-Free<sup>®</sup> Gene Editing



- Combination of Excision-only piggyBac<sup>®</sup> (PBx) + Cas-CLOVER<sup>™</sup> or TAL-CLOVER<sup>™</sup>
- Ability to select edited cells and then seamlessly remove the selection marker
- Enables one-step cassette removal in both alleles, if necessary
- No unwanted mutations post-excision

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# Correction of Genetic Mutations Using Footprint-Free® Gene Editing



Fei Xie et al. (2014) Seamless gene correction of  $\beta$ -thalassemia mutations in patient-specific iPSCs using CRISPR/Cas9 and *piggyBac*. Genome Res.

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### Cas-CLOVER Facilitates Targeting of a 3.8 kb Footprint-Free™ Cassette



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# Cas-CLOVER Insertion of HBB Correction & CD19 Purification



### Summary

- Cas-CLOVER is efficient for knock-outs in iPSCs, as we observe in T cells and HSCs
- Cas-CLOVER alleviates toxicity of plasmid DNA
- Cas-CLOVER **is more efficient than WT CRISPR (Cas9) for knock-ins** using plasmid DNA. Enables therapeutic knock-ins (e.g. correction of sickle cell disease, hemophilia A/B)
- Conditions are currently <u>unoptimized</u>, and with selection/titration of optimal reagents, **efficiencies with Cas-CLOVER are likely to improve substantially**.

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Poseida's CAR-NK Cell Program: Robust production of CAR-NK cells using non-viral piggyBac<sup>®</sup> system

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# CAR-NK Cells Have Desirable Attributes as a Potential Therapeutic



- · Natural anti-tumor activity
- Tumor killing can be enhanced with "standard" Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) molecules
- · Relatively easy to isolate from healthy donors
- Semi-allogeneic (not TCR-restricted)
- Easy to perform gene knockout with the Cas-CLOVER™ Site-Specific Gene Editing System
- Easy to deliver potentially large transgenes with the piggyBac<sup>®</sup> Gene Delivery System including armoring mechanisms to enhance NK cell attributes
- Easy to culture to large numbers providing nearly unlimited number of doses at low cost
- Can potentially persist for long periods of time in vivo

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# Ex vivo Expansion of NK Cells Yields Extensive Number of Doses



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# Nonviral piggyBac<sup>®</sup> Can Be Used to Efficiently Create CAR-NK Cells



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# piggyBac<sup>®</sup> System Generates CAR-NK from Primary NK Cells



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Day 8 post-transposition with piggyBac<sup>®</sup>
 CAR construct

 Day 5 post selection with methotrexate (nPB-CAR construct contains DHFR mutein)

<sup>•</sup> Final product is 95% CAR-NK cells

# $\alpha$ -BCMA CAR-NK Cells Exhibit Antigen-Specific Cytotoxicity



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# α-MUC1C CAR-NK Cells Exhibit Antigen-Specific Cytotoxicity



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# α-PSMA CAR-NK Cells Exhibit Antigen-Specific Cytotoxicity



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# Cas-CLOVER<sup>™</sup> Can Be Used to Efficiently Edit piggyBac<sup>®</sup> CAR-NK Cells



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#### Summary

- NK cells are a desirable innate lymphoid effector cell for allogeneic cell therapy due to their natural antitumor activity, which can be supplemented by non-viral integration of a tumor-specific CAR construct, and their ability to be manufactured in abundance
- The Cas-CLOVER<sup>™</sup> Site-Specific Gene Editing System can be used to efficiently edit NK cells or CAR-NK cells
- The piggyBac<sup>®</sup> Gene Delivery System can be used to effectively deliver large therapeutic transgenes to activated or unactivated peripheral blood NK cells which maintain CAR expression, phenotype and effector function
- The large cargo capacity of the piggyBac<sup>®</sup> Gene Delivery System allows for inclusion of armoring molecules to improve in vivo persistence, trafficking, and cytotoxicity
- PiggyBac<sup>®</sup> CAR-NK Cells demonstrate antigen-dependent degranulation and cytotoxicity in vitro against several human cancers

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**Conclusion and Closing Remarks** 

Mark Gergen President and Chief Business Officer

# Poseida's Vision

Developing Transformative Cell and Gene Therapies with the Capacity to Cure



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### We Know We Cannot Develop All Our Technology Alone

We are Highly Focused on Developing Strategic Relationships To Achieve that Vision



- Our technologies are highly innovative and represent a leap forward in cell and gene therapy approaches
- We are focused on establishing partnerships and collaborations to help us drive value creation
- The significant breadth of our platforms and pipeline create opportunity for flexibility in structure
- · Currently all platforms and programs are wholly-owned and unpartnered

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# Poseida Therapeutics: Investment Hypothesis

Multiple Avenues to Significant Value Creation with Significant Potential Catalysts Ahead

Compelling Investment Hypothesis	piggyflac Cas-CLOVER Nanoparticle/AAV DNA Modification System Gene Editing System Delivery Technology
<ul> <li>Innovative and disruptive technology platforms enable broad cell and gene therapy pipeline</li> </ul>	CILL THERAPIES         GENE THERAPIES         OTHER           Oncology & Non-Oncology         IPSCs         AAV-98 & Nano 98         Nano m8NA           CAb.1/1Cb.1         HSC         In Vivo EP         In Vivo Gene Editing
<ul> <li>Multiple milestones and potential catalysts in next 18 months</li> </ul>	P-BCMA-101
<ul> <li>Multiple differentiated CAR-T programs in liquid and solid tumors including autologous and a high focus on allogeneic</li> </ul>	P-BCMA-ALLO1 ALLO DUAL BCMA+CD19 P-PSMA-101 P-MUC1C-ALLO1
<ul> <li>Novel Gene Therapy programs address shortcomings of AAV and enabling single treatment cures</li> </ul>	P-PSMA-ALLO1 DUAL ALLO1 (undisclosed) DUAL CD19+CD20
<ul> <li>Significant opportunities for partnership, collaboration and platform expansion</li> </ul>	P—OTC-101 (piggyBac + AAV) P-MMUT-101 (piggyBac + AAV)
	PiggyBac + Nanoparticle

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