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## Highly experienced leadership

Veteran pharma/biotech, life science micro-cap managers

## Proprietary positioning

Orphan drug and/or patents, exclusive licenses (applied and received)

# Experienced Management Team



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Mr. George joined our board of directors upon our IPO. He was a partner with the international accounting firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC) for 27 years until 2010. Mr. George currently serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and, since June 2011, has been a member of The University of Texas at Austin, McCombs Graduate School of Business accounting faculty.



**Michael D. Cannon** - Chair of Compensation Committee

Between 1997 and 2004, Mr. Cannon was the Chief Science Officer, EVP and a Director of SICOR, Inc. until its acquisition by Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc. SICOR focused on generic finished dosage injectable pharmaceuticals, active pharmaceutical ingredients and generic biopharmaceuticals. From July 2005 to December 2009, Mr. Cannon was a member of the scientific advisory board of Trevi Health Ventures LP. Mr. Cannon currently serves on the board of directors of other privately held biotech companies.

**John M. Climaco, JD** – Lead Independent Director

Most recently the Executive Vice President of Perma-Fix Medical S.A, a Polish subsidiary of the Perma-Fix Environmental Services, Inc. (NASDAQ: PESI) where he has served as a director since 2013. From 2003 to 2012, Mr. Climaco served as President and Chief Executive Officer, as well as a member of the Board of Directors of Axial Biotech, Inc., which he cofounded in 2003. Mr. Climaco has served as a member of the Board of Directors for Digirad Corporation (NASDAQ: DRAD), PDI, Inc. (NASDAQ: PDII) and InfuSystem Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: INFU). From 2001 to 2007, he practiced law for the firm of Fabian and Clendenin. Mr. Climaco holds a J.D. from the University of California Hastings College of the Law.

# Focus on Highly Resistant Tumors

## Example Indications

- R/R AML
- Glioblastoma
- Pancreatic
- Met melanoma
- Other

## Common Characteristics

- Multidrug resistance
- Immune evasion
- Upregulation of oncogenic transcription factors
- Increase in dependence on glycolysis

## Regulatory Advantage

- Significant unmet need
- Modest gains = new drug approval
- Accelerated approval pathway

# 3 Core Technologies

## Next Generation Anthracycline

- Avoids multidrug resistance
- Little to no cardiotoxicity

## Immune/Transcription Modulator

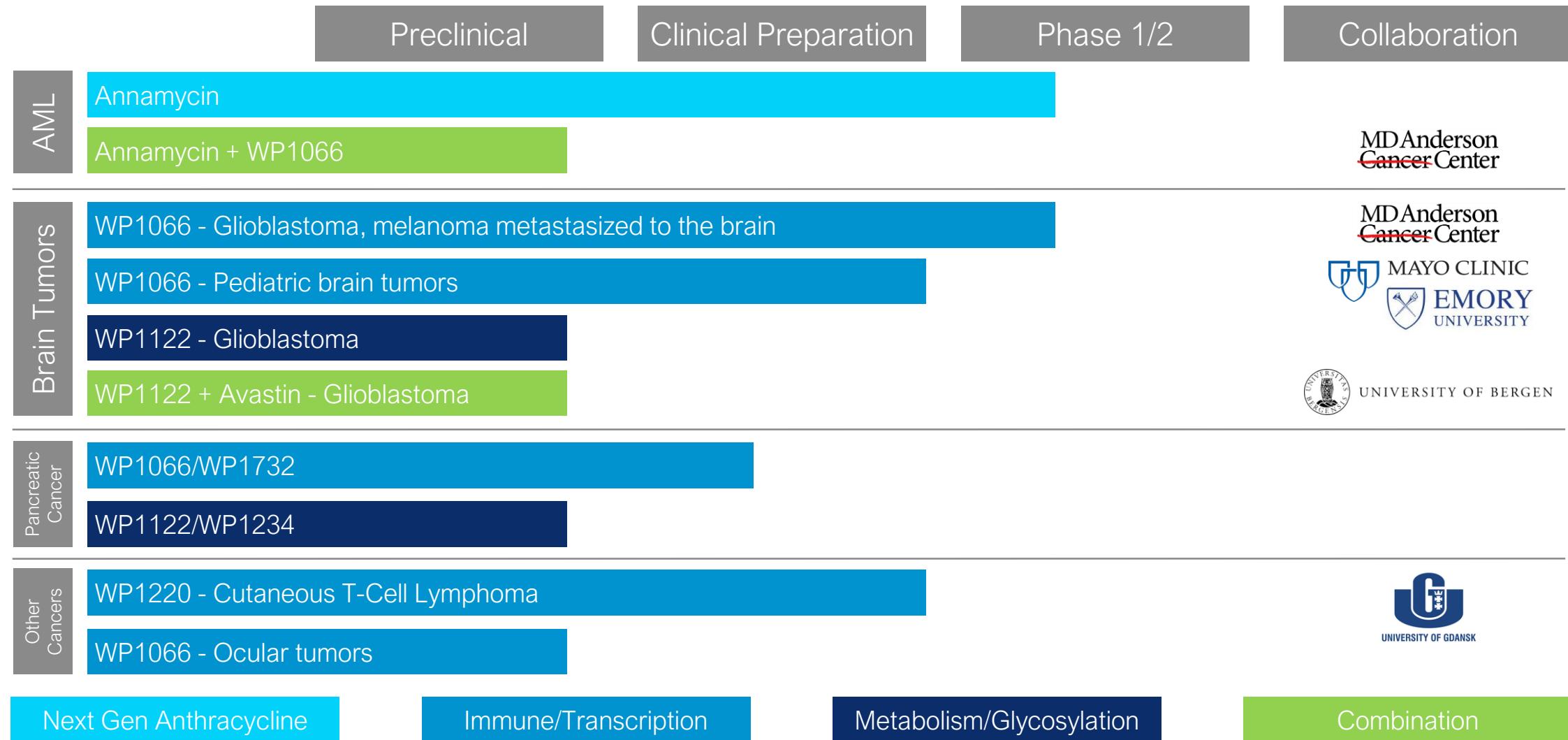
- Enables immune response
- Inhibits p-STAT3, c-Myc and HIF-1 $\alpha$

## Metabolism/Glycosylation Inhibitor

- Prodrug enables drug-like properties in glucose decoy
- Altering glycosylation enables immune checkpoint inhibitors

Potential for Combination

# Development Pipeline



# Technology Review

# Annamycin (Next Generation Anthracycline)

## Critical Advantages over Leading Drug

Leading AML induction therapy drugs are cardiotoxic and lose efficacy due to multidrug resistance

Annamycin has little to no cardiotoxicity, avoids multidrug resistance, has been shown to be more potent in AML cell lines and has shown activity in patients who failed standard of care

## Potential to Significantly Improve Health

Annamycin has shown the potential to significantly improve health in a Phase I/II acute myeloid leukemia (AML) trial

Orphan Drug status as single agent for relapsed or refractory AML

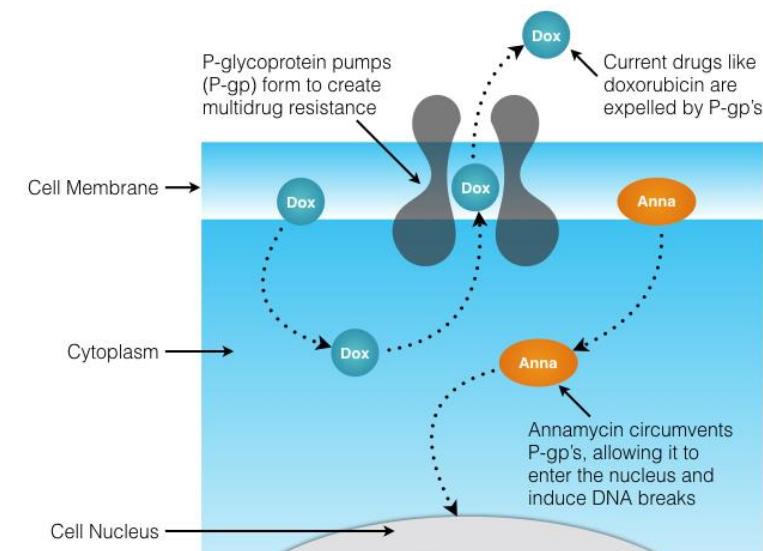
## Positioned for Accelerated Approval

Annamycin appears to be well suited for an accelerated approval pathway in the US, and in Europe

Absence of any approved second-line drug for most AML patients represents a significant unmet need

Potentially shorter time scale for saving lives than with typical cancer drugs

## Annamycin Process



# Annamycin Delivers

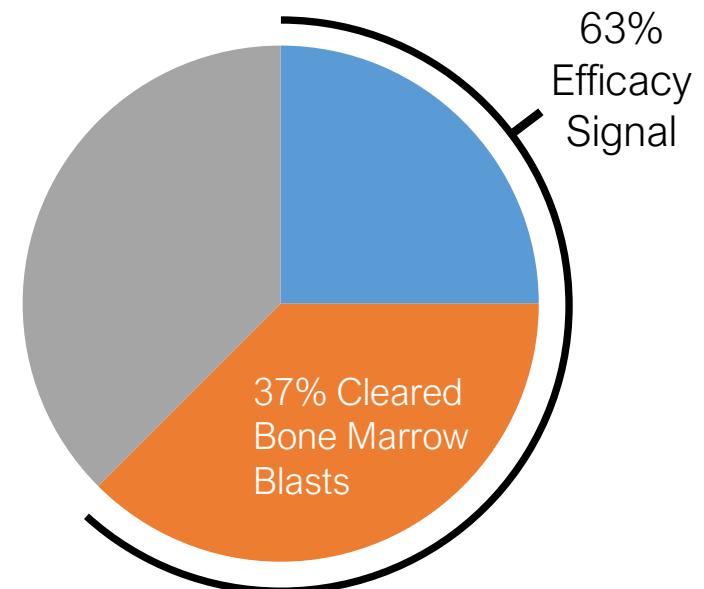
## Remarkable Performance

In a proof-of-concept Phase I/II clinical trial, Annamycin was given to patients who had failed an average of five previous induction therapy attempts

37% of those patients cleared enough of their leukemic cells to qualify for a bone marrow transplant

We believe repeating this performance in a larger clinical trial, could warrant new drug approval

Relapsed/Refractory  
Acute Leukemia  
Patients



*Annamycin gives new hope to patients who have run out of options*

# Annamycin Recap and Status

Annamycin is a “Next Generation” anthracycline designed to be non-cardiotoxic and avoid multidrug resistance

Prior developer failed financially and lost rights to license

Although impressive activity was shown in prior acute leukemia trials, developer did not properly close out or establish an appropriate RP2D

Moleculin is repeating Phase 1/2 both in US and EU

US Trial (MB-104) has begun treating patients; EU trial is about to begin

Repeat of prior results should afford Annamycin an accelerated approval pathway as a 2nd line induction therapy for R/R AML

Other indications include sarcomas, lewis lung carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma, among others

# WP1066 Immune/Transcription Modulators

## Based On Natural Compound

Built from chemical backbone of propolis (caffeic acid benzyl ester)

## Unique Dual Action

First-in-class drug to both directly inhibit tumor signaling (p-STAT3, HIF-1 $\alpha$ , c-Myc) while also stimulating patient immune response (Tregs)

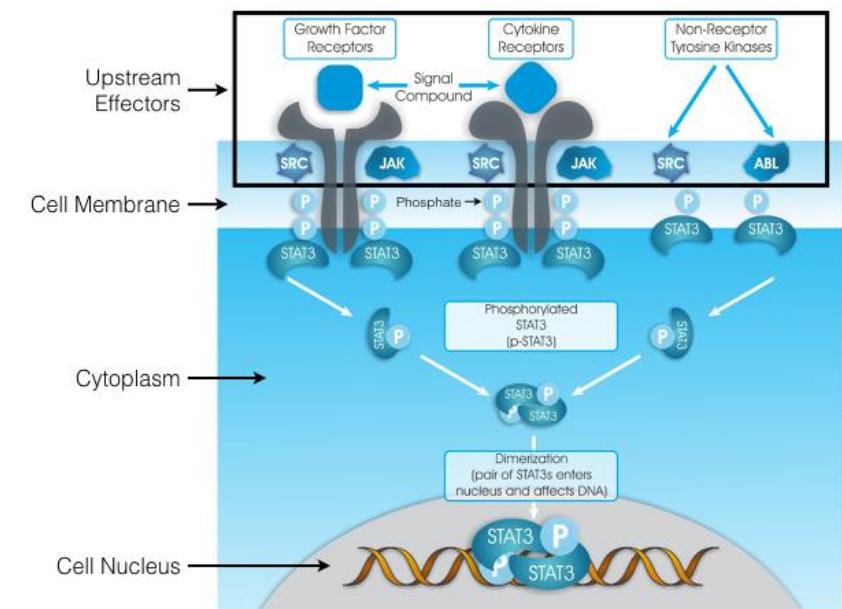
## Activity Against Hardest-to-Treat Cancers

Pre-clinical testing shows high level of activity against pancreatic cancer, metastatic melanoma, glioblastoma and others; yet very low potential for toxicity

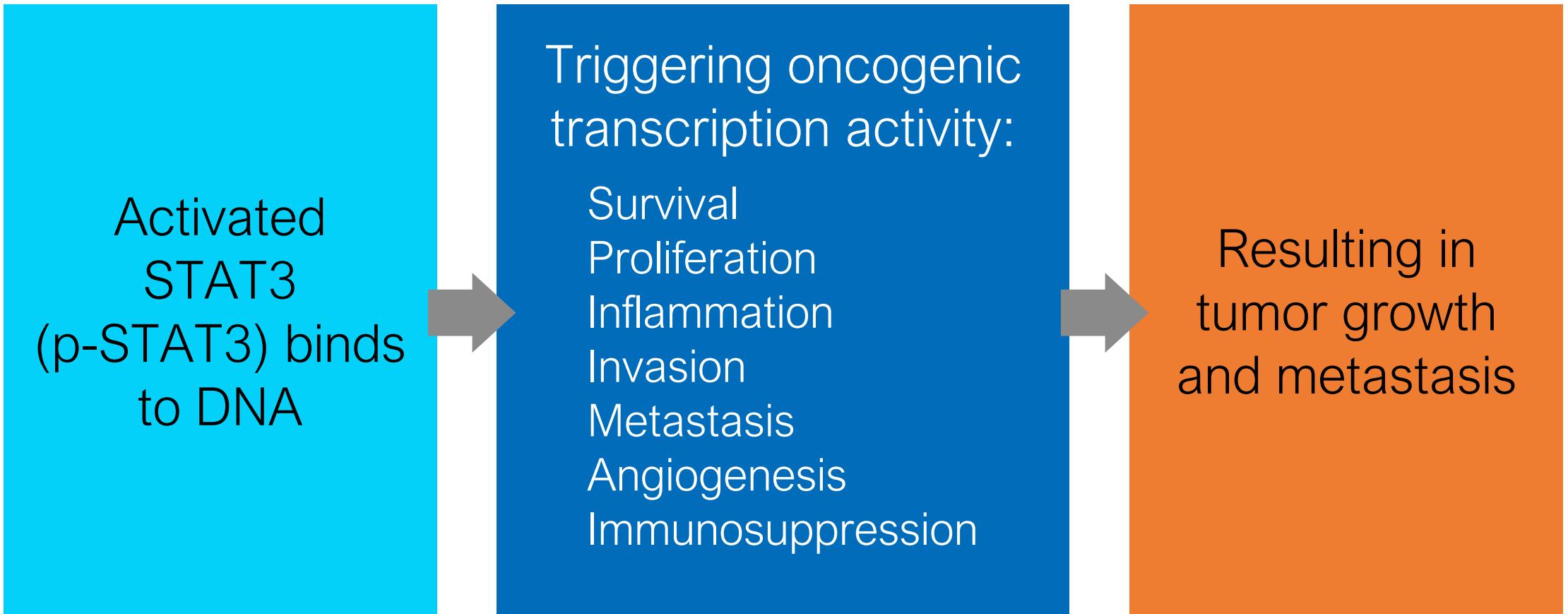
## Independently Validated

Subject of numerous peer reviewed journals validating findings across multiple institutions around the world

## STAT3 is Activated by Multiple Upstream Effectors

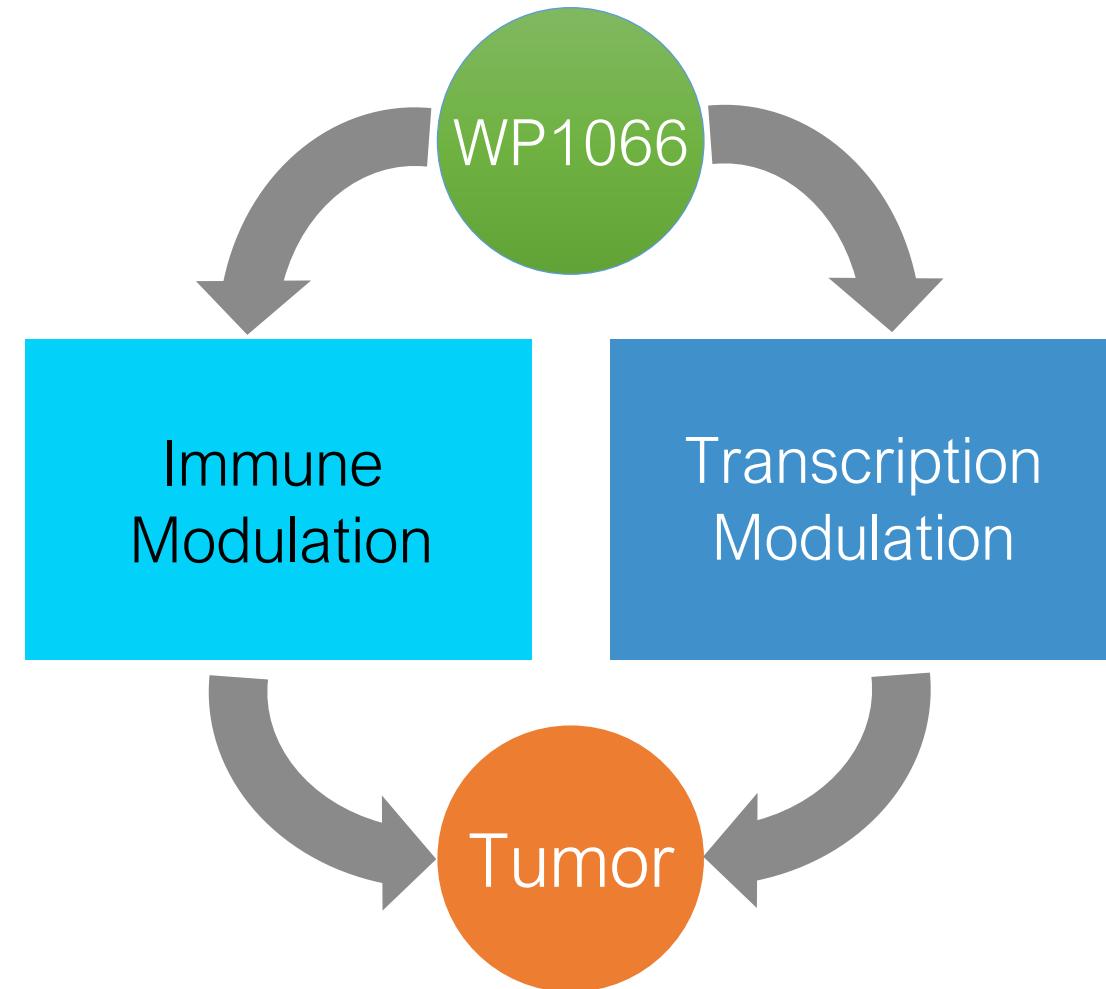


# STAT3 is a Master Regulator of Tumor Progression



# WP1066 Affects Tumors Directly and Indirectly

WP1066 modulates transcription factors resulting in direct tumor cytotoxicity while also stimulating a natural immune response by reducing Regulatory T-cells (Tregs)



# Transcriptional Control of Cancer

Immunosuppressive Oncogenic Axis

HIF-1 $\alpha$   STAT3  c-Myc

Implications for:

- GBM
- Pancreatic cancer
- Other cancers

# WP1066 Recap and Status

WP1066 is a small molecule that inhibits p-STAT3 by accelerating proteasomal degradation (not by blocking phosphorylation) without respect to upstream signaling

WP1066 also inhibits HIF1- $\alpha$ , c-Myc and Tregs

Currently in Phase 1 trial at MD Anderson for GBM and melanoma metastasized to the brain (WP1066 crosses BBB); in 3<sup>rd</sup> cohort of dose ranging; planned surgical expansion

Oral administration (due to lack of solubility) is demonstrating bioavailability in patients

Recently began IND-enabling work on WP1732, a fully water soluble analog of WP1066 that does not cross BBB, and shows impressive accumulation in pancreas

# WP1122 Metabolism/Glycosylation Inhibitor

## Addicted to Sugar

A brain tumor requires as much as 18 to 37 times as much glucose to survive as a healthy brain cell

Tumors are hyper-consumers of glucose and starve to death without it

## Starving a Tumor to Death

This eventually led to the theory that, if we feed tumor cells a glucose decoy (one that can't convert into energy), we can kill the tumor

This works well in a laboratory setting, but the problem is making these decoys drugable



Tumor cell

## Breakthrough design

WP1122 is a prodrug of 2-deoxyglucose (2-DG) that increases half-life, enables transmission across the blood brain barrier and improves other drug-like properties

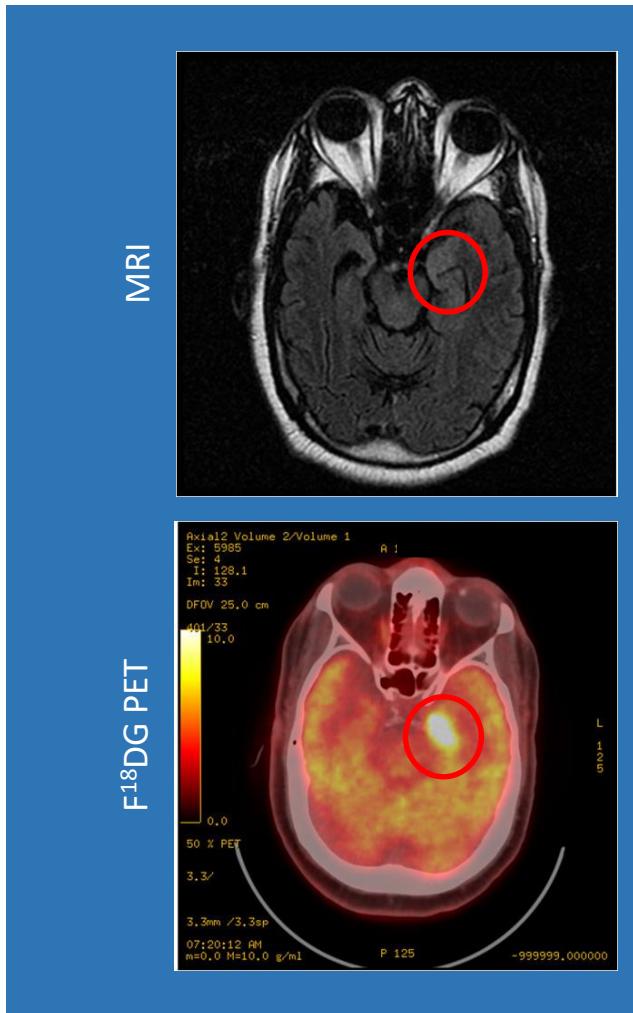


Normal cell

## Potential to Change Standard of Care

WP1122 (at suboptimal doses) performs as well or better than temozolomide in live human brain tumors; even better performance by combining the two drugs was shown in trials

# Many Tumors are Highly Glycolytic



Tumors rely preferentially on glycolysis even in the presence of abundant oxygen

For example: PET diagnostic imaging relies on a modified glucose with a radio-tracer (F<sup>18</sup>DG)

*Tumors over-consume F<sup>18</sup>DG because of their dependence on glycolysis*

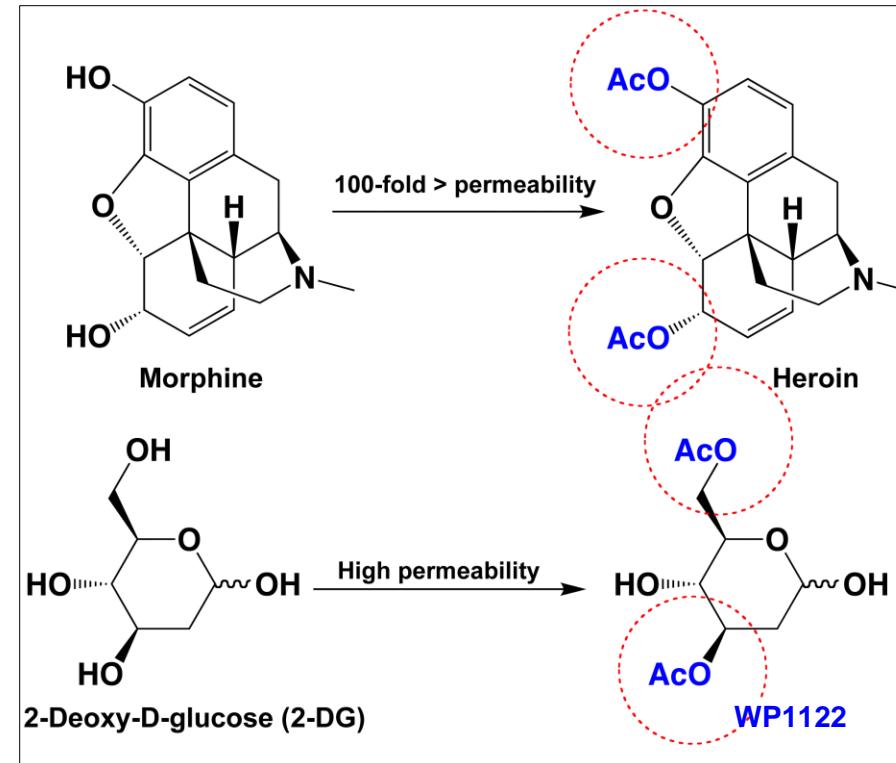
Cutting off this “fuel supply” (inhibiting glycolysis) results in targeted tumor cell death

# Chemistry – Improving the Drug-Like Properties of 2-DG and Targeting Brain Cancers

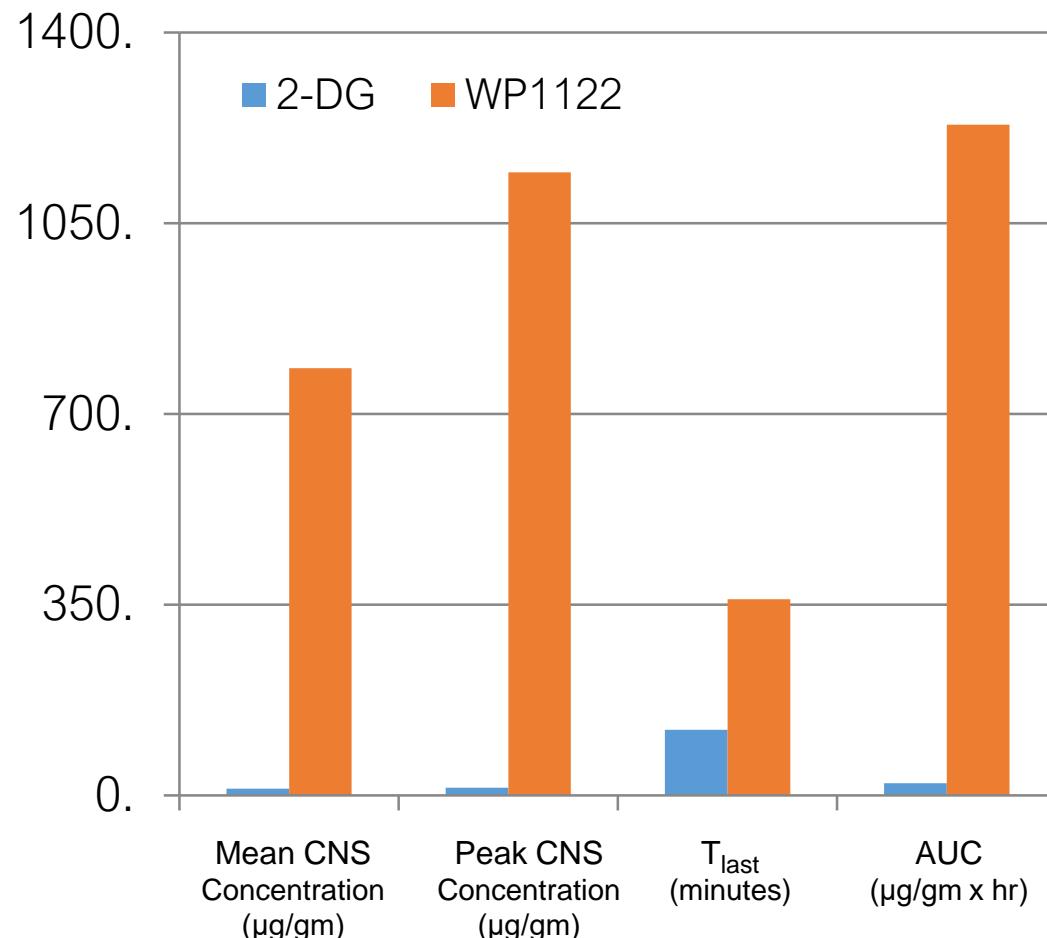
## Example of heroin

Heroin is the diacetyl ester of morphine that increases by 100-fold levels of morphine in the brain

WP1122 is the diester of 2-DG of our design, which greatly enhances CNS uptake and levels 2-DG in the brain



# Pharmacology (PK/PD)



2-DG CNS distribution and retention was measured after oral administration of equimolar amounts of 2-DG and its diacetate WP1122

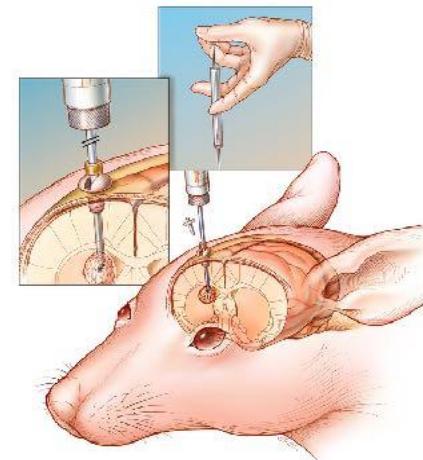
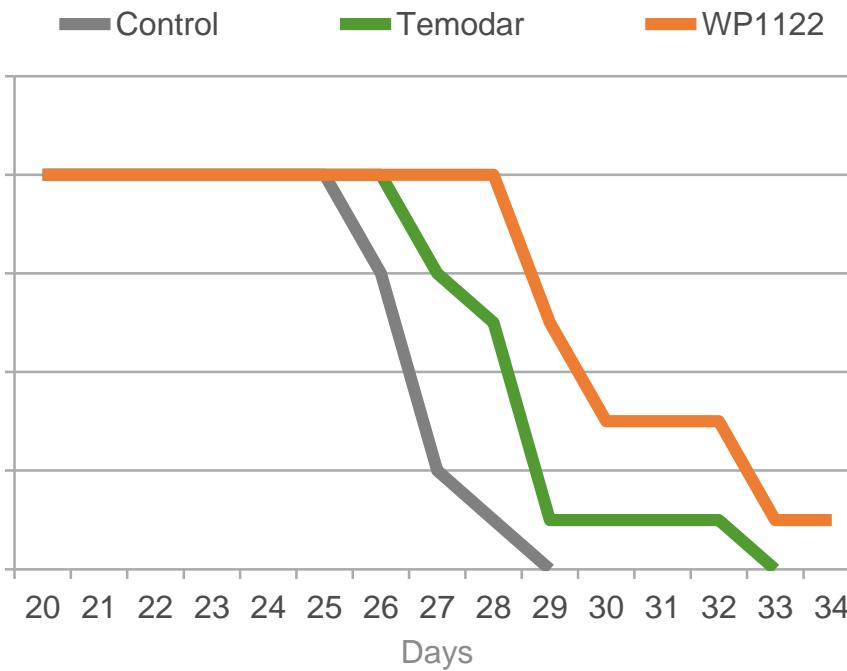
CNS distribution and retention of 2-DG is dramatically higher when generated from WP1122

No observed systemic toxicity

Data presented at annual meeting of:



## WP1122 is Effective *In Vivo* against Gliomas - July 2017

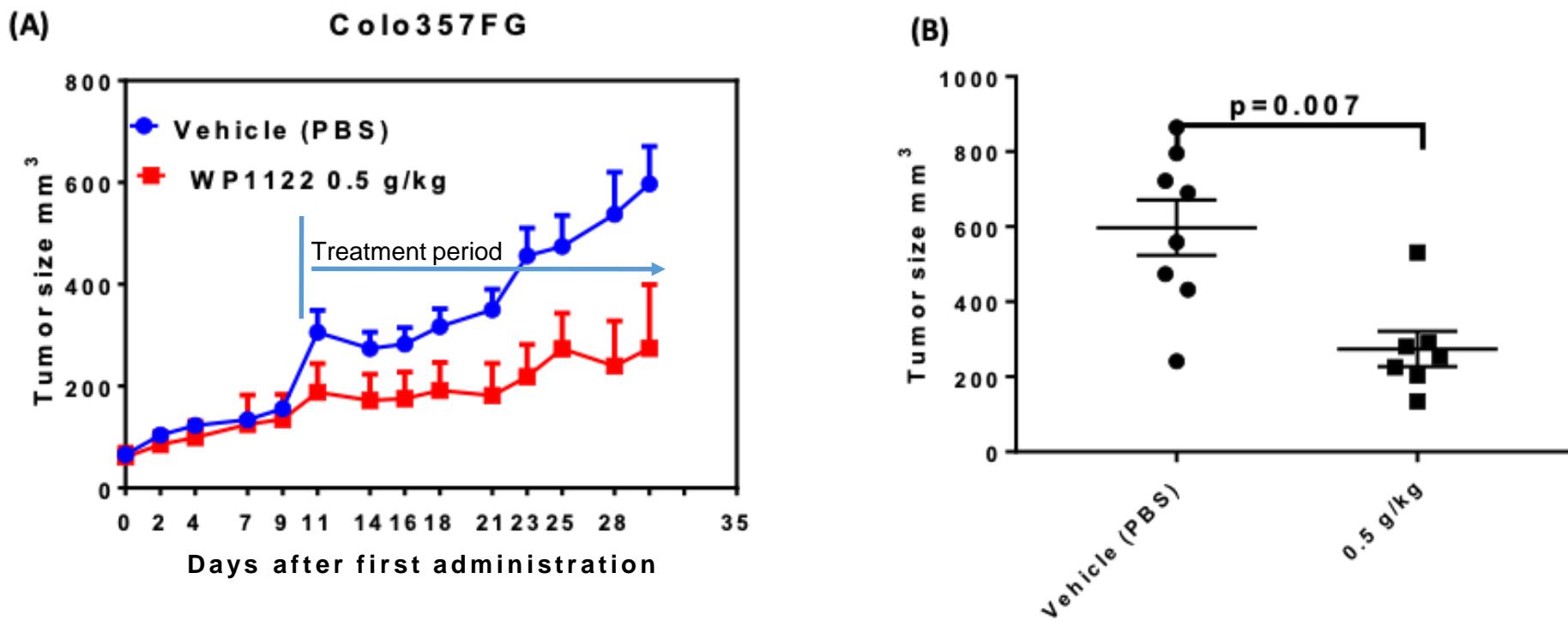


Orthotopic  
Glioblastoma  
Model in Mice

Human brain tumors injected into mice  
WP1122 performed as well or better than temozolamide  
Not shown is that a combination of both performed even better

WP1122 used alone has at least the same or greater activity than temozolamide (Temozolamide®), a current standard of care in patients diagnosed with glioblastoma

# WP1122 Shows In Vivo Activity Against Pancreatic Cancer - January 2018



**Figure 1.** WP1122 inhibits tumor growth in pancreatic Colo 357FG tumor model

Nude athymic mice, were implanted subcutaneously with 1 mln of Colo357 FG cells. At day ten animals were treated with 0.5 g/kg of WP1122 administered orally, once a day for 5 days (M-F) every week. Tumor volume was measured using electronic caliper. **(A)** change in tumor volume in time; **(B)** tumor volume distribution at day 30.

# Inhibitors of Sugar Metabolism in Cancer and Immunotherapeutic Implications

Glycolysis  
Glycosylation

2-DG  
2-Deoxyglucose  
or  
2-Deoxymannose?

# WP1122 Recap and Status

WP1122 is a prodrug of 2-DG that increases circulation time and ability to cross BBB and provides other drug-like properties

Utilizing Warburg principle, WP1122 converts to 2-DG in highly glycolytic tumor cells causing autophagy due to energy starvation

Evaluating oral versus IV administration and about to begin IND-enabling work

Recent published literature suggests that 2-DG may also enable deglycosylation of PD-L1 (see abstract in following slide)

WP1234 is an analog of WP1122 with improved organ distribution to the pancreas

## Original Article

### Deglycosylation of PD-L1 by 2-deoxyglucose reverses PARP inhibitor-induced immunosuppression in triple-negative breast cancer

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**Abstract:** Triple-negative breast cancer (TNBC), the most difficult-to-treat breast cancer subtype, lacks well-defined molecular targets. TNBC has increased programmed death-ligand 1 (PD-L1) expression, and its immunosuppressive nature makes it suitable for immune checkpoint blockade therapy. However, the response rate of TNBC to anti-PDL1 or anti-programmed cell death protein 1 (PD-1) therapy remains unsatisfactory, as only 10-20% of TNBC patients have a partial response. Glycosylated PD-L1, the functional form of PD-L1, is required for PD-L1-PD-1 interaction. TNBC cells have significantly higher levels of glycosylated PD-L1 than non-TNBC cells do. In a screening of glucose analogs to block PD-L1 glycosylation, we found that 2-deoxyglucose (2-DG) can act as a glucose analog to decrease PD-L1 glycosylation. Because PARP inhibition upregulates PD-L1, 2-DG reduced PARP inhibition-mediated expression of glycosylated PD-L1. The combination of PARP inhibition and 2-DG had potent anti-tumor activity. Together, our results provide a strong rationale for investigating the targeting of PD-L1 glycosylation in TNBC further.

# Milestones and Financials Review

Anticipated Milestones	Potential Timeframe
<b>NextGen – Anthracycline - Annamycin</b>	
Initial IRB (Institutional Review Board) approvals and site initiations of various clinical sites participating in our Phase I/II clinical trial of Annamycin	<b>Accomplished</b> and ongoing 2019
Complete cohort of 150 mg/m2 - prior trial recommended phase II dose (RP2D)	2019
Start treating patients in Annamycin Phase I/II clinical trial in Poland	Q1-2019 (Screening has begun with drug in country)
Announcement of initial clinical data for Annamycin trial	2019
Poland clinical trial (MB-105) begins Phase II	2020
Approach FDA on US trial (MB-104) on dose expansion using Poland trial data	2020
<b>Immune/Transcription Modulator – WP1066</b>	
Announcement of initial clinical data from WP1066 clinician sponsored trial	2019
Phase I surgical cohort begins	Second Half of 2019
Transfer clinician sponsored trial WP1066 IND to Moleculin	Second Half of 2019
Emory Physician Led Pediatric Medulloblastoma Trial begins	Second Half of 2019
Announcement of further benefits of our sponsored research agreement with MD Anderson	<b>Accomplished</b> and Ongoing into 2019
Announce filing and approval of CTA for WP1220 for the treatment of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL)	2019 ( <b>CTA Filed</b> )
Assess WP1220 initial patient data	Q4-2019
IND for WP1732 submitted	First Half of 2019
Dose first patient in Phase I trial for WP1732	2020
Announce further research preclinical results on WP1066 family	First Half of 2019
<b>Metabolism/Glycosylation Inhibitor</b>	
Begin preclinical work on WP1122	<b>Accomplished</b>
File IND 1122	2020
<b>General Clinical</b>	
Announce a fourth and fifth approved clinical trial	2019

# Financial Statement Summary

In thousands \$ - except for loss per share and shares outstanding	For the Nine Months Ended 9/30/18	For the Year Ended 12/31/17
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
<b>Statement of Operations Data</b>		
Revenue	-	-
Research and development	6,801	4,545
General and administrative	3,886	4,108
Total operating loss	(10,687)	(8,653)
Net loss	(9,091)	(9,805)
Net loss per common share – basic and diluted	\$ (0.36)	(0.53)
<b>Balance Sheet Data</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,600	7,714
Prepaid expenses and other	760	588
Total current assets	9,360	8,302
Total assets	20,899	19,483
Total current liabilities	3,129	2,215
Total liabilities	5,931	2,365
Accumulated deficit	(23,571)	(14,480)
Total stockholders' equity	14,968	17,118
Shares outstanding	26,861,497	21,469,109
Shares outstanding as of December 31, 2018 – 28,528,663		



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