A Phase 2b, Open-label Study to Evaluate the Efficacy, Safety, Tolerability, Immunogenicity and Treatment Regimens of VTP-300 Combined with Low-dose Nivolumab in Chronic Hepatitis B Infection

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## Introduction

- Current therapies for chronic HBV infection are effective in reducing the progression of liver disease but functional cure is not common
- VTP-300 is being investigated as a potential component of a functional cure therapy

Three potential components to a functional cure				
Approved	Investigational Investigational			
Inhibit viral replication	Directly <b>lower</b> viral antigen Hepatitis B surface antigen burden (HBsAg)	<b>Stimulate</b> host immune system response		
NUCs Capsid & Entry Inhibitors ( <i>Investigational</i> )	RNAi Oligonucleotide Monoclonal antibodies (mAbs)	Ag-specific immunotherapies PD-1 Inhibitors Immunostimulants (TLR agonists)		

#### This presentation will:

- Recap data from HBV002, a Phase 1b/2a study presented at EASL in June 2023
- Share preliminary safety and efficacy data from the ongoing HBV003 Phase 2b study
- Highlight combination interim data from an ongoing VTP-300 / Imdusiran study (AB-729-202)
  - Poster presentation at AASLD 2023 – LB#5036-C



#### VTP-300: Targeted Immunotherapy Designed to Stimulate Host Immune System



**ChAdOx/MVA Combination Approach:** Has yielded higher magnitude, quality and duration of CD8+ T cells, essential for controlling disease in humans

**Antigens** based on a consensus genotype C include full length surface (S, PreS1, PreS2), modified polymerase, and core

Phase 1b/2a study demonstrated meaningful and sustained reductions in HBsAg when given alone and with checkpoint inhibitor

**Ongoing studies evaluating VTP-300 in combination** with other therapies as a **component of a functional cure regimen** 



ChAdOx: Chimpanzee Adenovirus Oxford MVA: Avian-adapted Modified Vaccinia Ankara

#### VTP-300 Showed Meaningful, Sustained HBsAg Reductions in a Phase 1b/2a Study<sup>1</sup>



- Significant, durable reductions of HBsAg were seen in both VTP-300 monotherapy (Group 2) and VTP-300 + lowdose nivolumab group (Group 3)
  - Reductions in HBsAg were most prominent in those with lower baseline HBsAg.
  - Non-detectable HBsAg was observed in 2 of 5 Group 3 patients with baseline HBsAg <100 IU/mL at month 3 through month 9.



<sup>1</sup> Full data was presented as a poster at EASL, Q2 2023.

#### HBV003 – Ph 2b Study Designed to Evaluate Additional Dosing and PD-1 inhibition Timing

Enrolment initiated 25/10/2022; 12 sites in Thailand, Hong Kong, and Taiwan 74 of up to 120 participants randomised by 10 October 2023; Data up to Day 113 available for 56 participants (76%)



HBV DNA ≤1,000 IU/mL

HBsAg ≥10 to <4,000 IU/mL

On NUCs for ≥6 months

#### **Primary Endpoint**

% participants with a greater than 1 log HBsAg reduction at 6 months after initiation of therapy

#### **Secondary Endpoints**

- Safety and reactogenicity: incidence of AEs and SAEs
- T cell response

Presentation will focus on available data to Day 113 56 (76%) of 74 randomized participants; preliminary data from ongoing study



#### HBV003 Phase 2b – Preliminary Baseline Data and Available Data by Visit

	Group 1 (N=25 )	Group 2 (N=25 )	Group 3 (N=24 )	Total (N =74 )
Age, mean (SD)	49.9 (9.1)	49.0 (8.1)	50.3 (8.5)	49.7 (8.5)
Male, %	80%	68%	71%	73%
Day 1 HBsAg IU/mL Median (25 <sup>th</sup> , 75 <sup>th</sup> %tile) Screening ≤200 IU/mL, %	533 (118, 1082) 28%	554 (181, 1084) 28%	411 (116, 990) 38%	490 (118, 1082) 31%
HBeAg positive, %	32%	12%	21%	22%

#### Numbers of Participants with Available HBsAg Log Change Data by Visit

	Group 1 (N=25 )	Group 2 (N=25 )	Group 3 (N=24 )	Total (N =74 )
Day 1	25	25	23	73 (99%)
Day 113	20	19	17	56 (76%)
Day 169	14	16	16	46 (62%)



# Preliminary Efficacy Data



#### VTP-300 in Combo with Nivolumab Continues to Show Sustained HBsAg Reductions

Reductions in HBsAg are most prominent in patients with Screening HBsAg levels ≤200 IU/mL



Group 1: Day 1 ChAdOx1-HBV, Day 29 MVA-HBV+Nivo

• Group 2: Day 1 ChAdOx1-HBV, Day 29 & Day 85 MVA-HBV+Nivo

Group 3: Day 1 ChAdOx1-HBV, Day 29 MVA-HBV, Day 36 Nivo, Day 85 MVA-HBV



#### Reductions in HBsAg are most prominent in patients with BL HBsAg ≤200 IU/mL

- 54% participants with HBsAg at Screening ≤ 200 IU/mL had a >0.5 log decline from Day 1\*
- 31% of participants with HBsAg at Screening ≤ 200 IU/mL had a >1 log decline from Day 1\*



#### HBsAg log reductions at Day 113 from Day 1

	n/N (%)
>0.5 log HBsAg reduction	13/56 (23%)
>1 log HBsAg reduction	5/56 (9%)

#### HBsAg log reductions at Day 113 by Screening level

	>200 IU/mL	≤200 IU/mL
>0.5 log reduction	6/43 (14%)	7/13 (54%)
>1 log reduction	1/43 (2%)	4/13 (31%)

• Day 113: 4 weeks after last MVA dose

Day 169: possible NUC discontinuation timepoint



### Eligibility criteria met for NUC discontinuation in some participants

• Participants who discontinued NUCs closely followed up post-discontinuation

- Bi-weekly for 8 weeks; monthly for 4 months; and quarterly for 6 months
- Strict criteria for reinitiating NUCs
- 7 (15%) of 47 participants who reached Day 169 were eligible for discontinuation\*
  - o 7 (78%) of 9 participants who reached Day 169 with screening HBsAg below 200 IU/mL were eligible
  - 3 participants have discontinued NUC therapy

	HBsAg (IU/mL)		ıL)	
Pt #	Day 1	Day 169	Day 169 log Δ	Status
1 (Grp 3)	116	22	-0.72	Undetectable HBsAg 16 weeks post-discontinuation
2 (Grp 3)	19	2	-0.98	Restarted NUC after 8 weeks due to DNA ↑ (>20000 IU/mL)
3 (Grp 2)	105	3	-1.57	Restarted NUC after 8 weeks due to DNA ↑ (>20000 IU/mL)

\* Discontinuation criteria: ALT <2 × ULN, and HBV DNA < LLOQ, and HBeAg negative, and HBsAg undetectable or <100 IU/mL.



# Preliminary Safety Data



#### VTP-300 in combination with nivolumab was generally well tolerated

- No study discontinuations
- 1 SAE urinary tract infection; not related to either study drug as assessed by the investigator
- One treatment discontinuation participant with Bell's Palsy (did not receive Day 85 MVA-HBV); resolved
- Thyroid dysfunction reported in 7 participants (all groups) attributed to nivolumab; follow-up ongoing
  - 5 asymptomatic; thyroid function laboratory values returned to within normal range in 4 out of 5 participants
  - 2 symptomatic; one had anti-thyroid antibodies at screening; one TSH slightly above ULN and one just below ULN at screening
- ALT/AST
  - Through Day 169 follow-up, transaminase elevations above 2xULN (2.05 to 6.7x ULN) occurred in 12 participants; observed in all groups
  - Not reported as clinically significant and transient other than for one participant (Follow-up ongoing)
  - Occur soon after Day 29 MVA-HBV and most revert to <2x ULN by Day 85\*</li>



\*Data for the 12<sup>th</sup> participant does not yet exist beyond Day 85

# Collaboration Data with Arbutus AB-729-202



# Interim data from AB-729-202 indicate that VTP-300 following 24 weeks of Imdusiran appear to contribute to maintaining low HBsAg levels in early post-treatment period



- Ongoing collaboration with Arbutus:
  - Imdusiran administered for 24 weeks followed by VTP-300.
- See AASLD poster presentation LB#5036-C for more information.





## HBV003 Phase 2b

Conclusions



## Conclusions

- The data presented are preliminary data from small numbers of participants and the study is still ongoing
- VTP-300 in combination with nivolumab was observed to lead to HBsAg declines in all treatment groups particularly in participants with Screening HBsAg levels ≤200 IU/mL
- Greater mean HBsAg log reductions were observed in Group 2 (with 2 doses of MVA-HBV/Nivo) but insufficient data for definitive conclusion
- 7 participants (15%) have met criteria for NUC discontinuation at Day 169
- Preliminary safety data suggest VTP-300 in combination with nivolumab was generally well tolerated with no treatment related SAEs observed or reported
  - Transient ALT/AST elevations and thyroid function abnormalities observed in all groups
- We believe these early data are encouraging and in combination with interim data from an ongoing study with Imdusiran/VTP-300 suggest that VTP-300 may be an important component of a future functional cure regimen

