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# Management

Leo Ehrlich, CPA CEO, CFO, Board of Directors

- Co- Founded Cellceutix in 2007
- CEO since 2010
- >14 years of experience as Director, CEO and CFO of publicly traded companies
- Former Founder, Director & CFO of Nanoviricides, Inc.
- BBA, Bernard Baruch College of the City University of New York

W. James Alexander, MF, MPH, FACP Chief Operating Officer

- Joined Cellceutix in 2014 after 2 years as medical consultant
- Internal Medicine / Infectious Disease training at UAB
- As Public Health Medical Officer, collaborated with US Centers for Disease Control: HIV and HCV epidemiology, STD and tuberculosis treatment
- Over 25 years' experience in clinical development, regulatory and pharmacovigilance positions at SmithKline Beecham, Glaxo, Glaxo Wellcome, POZEN, and BioCryst
- Contributed to successful NDAs for treatments for: bacterial and viral infections (HIV, herpesviruses, and influenza), asthma, COPD, and migraine

Krishna Menon, RCM, PhD, VMD President, CSO, Board of Directors

- Co-Founded Cellceutix in 2007
- >30 years drug development experience in academia and industry
- Eli Lilly President's Recognition Award for work on cancer drugs, Gemzar and Alimta
- Research Scientist at Dana Farber & Miles Laboratories

Edward Walters, MPH Head of Clinical Operations

- Joined Cellceutix in 2014
- Expert in clinical pharmacology, pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics
- Developed strategies for program design, clinical protocol preparation, study implementation, analysis and interpretation of results for regulatory approvals
- Experienced in FDA and EMA submissions
- Over 30 years' experience in the pharmaceutical industry and academic research

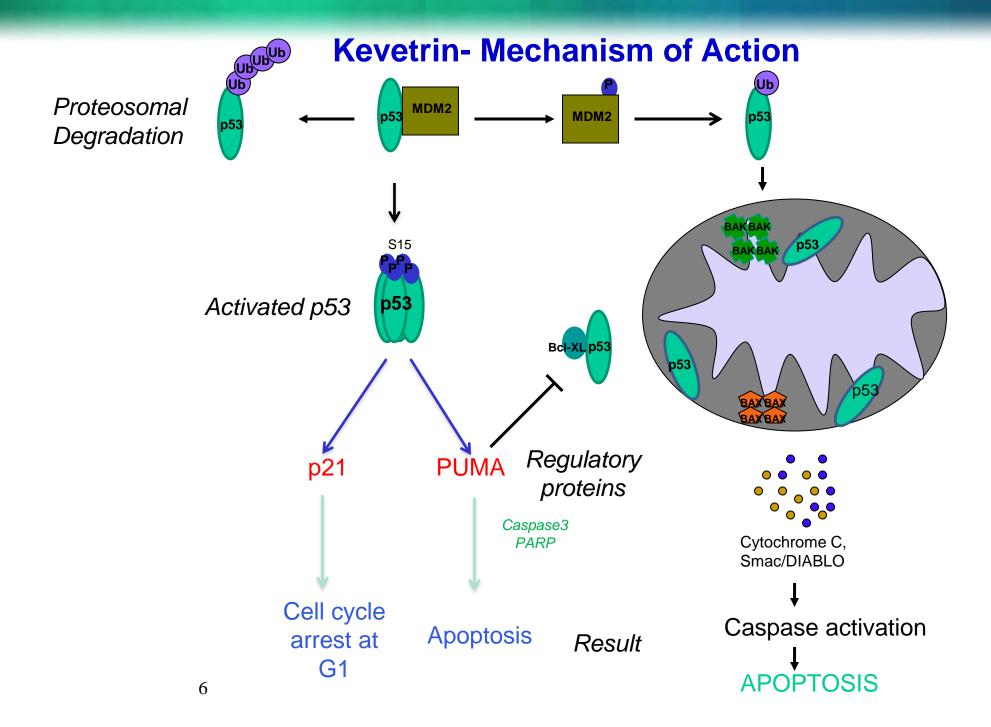
### **Cellceutix - Clinical Development Programs**

- **Kevetrin** Anti-tumor Activity; Induction of Apoptosis
  - Dose-escalation study in patients with refractory solid tumors -ongoing
- Brilacidin Acute Bacterial Skin and Skin Structure Infections (ABSSSI)
  - Phase 2b multicenter study in US completed in 2014
  - Single-dose efficacy demonstrated (one intravenous dose)
- Brilacidin Oral Mucositis (OM)
  - Proof-of-concept Phase 2 study in patients with oral cancer undergoing chemoradiation (brilacidin oral rinse)
- **Prurisol** Chronic Placque Psoriasis
  - Proof-of-concept Phase 2 study in patients with mild to moderate psoriasis

## **Kevetrin (thioureidobutyronitrile)**

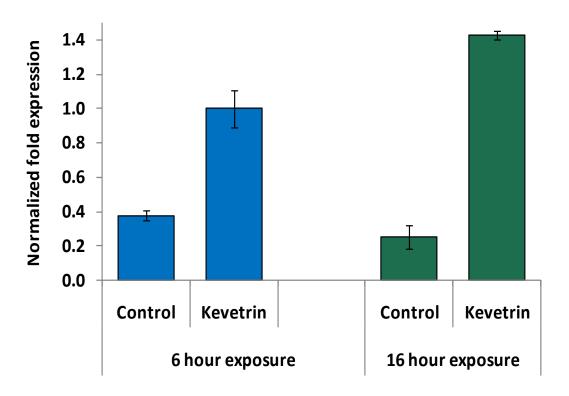
- Small molecule; structurally distinct from other oncology agents
- Dose-dependent anti-tumor activity demonstrated in vitro
- Activity shown in three drug-resistant tumor models
- Activity for wild-type p53 and mutant p53 (present in most cancers)
- Excellent nonclinical toxicity profile
- Highly soluble in aqueous solution, highly permeable and polar
- Simple API synthesis and formulation
- Potential for use in combination with other drugs and/or radiation

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## p21 - A Biomarker of p53 Activation

Enhancement of expression level of p21 in lymphocytes in mice



## **Kevetrin - Study CTIX-0000**

A Phase 1, Open-Label, Dose-Escalation, Safety, Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic Study of Kevetrin (thioureidobutyronitrile) Administered Intravenously in Patients with Advanced Solid Tumors

- 34 subjects have received Kevetrin 10 to 350 mg/m2
- Subjects have had multiple tumor types: including endometrial, ovarian
- p21 increased ≥ 10% in 6 of 14 subjects at lower doses of Kevetrin –
   data are pending for subjects receiving higher doses of Kevetrin
- No hematologic, hepatic, or renal toxicities have been observed
- Subjects in next cohort will receive 450 mg/m2
- Dose-related, non-serious cutaneous erythema is prevented by premedication prior to infusion

Study is being conducted at Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

# **Kevetrin - Study CTIX-0000 One Subject's Experience**

- •57 year-old female with metastatic ovarian carcinoma (lesions in colon, spleen) and ascites requiring weekly paracentesis
- •Kevetrin begun 1 Oct 2014 at 350 mg/m2 once weekly
- •Cycle 1 (1-22 Oct) Subject reported increased energy-went hiking with her family
- Cycle 2 (29 Oct 21 Nov) Scans repeated -- ascites decreased, previous noted splenic lesion nearly completely absent, CA 125 stable, lower volume of ascitic fluid on paracentesis
- •Cycle 3 (25 Nov-17 Dec) Scans repeated -- stable since end of Cycle 2, CA 125 result was increased by ≈ 10%, subject chose to withdraw from the study in consultation with her oncologist
- •No hematologic, hepatic or renal toxicity observed

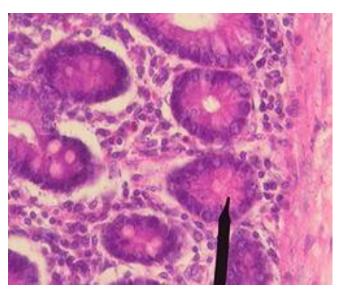
### **Kevetrin – Moving Forward**

#### **Proposed Clinical Trials**

- Phase 1b clinical trial: Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML)
  - Sponsored by University of Bologna and The Italian Cooperative Study Group on Acute Leukemia (GIMEMA Group)
  - Design: Open-label evaluation of efficacy and safety of Kevetrin administered intravenously alone and with cytarabine
- Phase 1b/2 clinical trial: Drug Resistant Renal Cancer
  - Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center; largest recipient of SPORE grant
  - Design: Evaluation of efficacy and safety of Kevetrin in combination with sunitinib
- Phase 2 clinical trial: Solid Tumors
  - Final data from CTIX-0000 will be examined and will likely suggest the tumor type(s) with greatest promise of response to Kevetrin

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### **Brilacidin and the Paneth Cell**



- Paneth cells are named for Joseph Paneth (1857–1890), an Austrian physiologist
- Paneth cells are found throughout the small intestine and the appendix at the base of the intestinal glands.
- Paneth cells sense bacteria via MyD88-dependent tolllike receptor (TLR) activation which then triggers antimicrobial action
- Paneth cells are stimulated to secrete <u>defensins</u> when exposed to bacteria (both Gram-positive and Gramnegative) or such bacterial products as lipopolysaccharide, muramyl dipeptide, and lipid A

Brilacidin is a defensin-mimetic and its pharmacologic origin may be traced to the defensins secreted by Paneth cells in the gut

### **Brilacidin**

#### Synthetic Non-Peptide Mimetic of Host Defense Proteins (HDP)

#### HDPs are small anti-microbial peptides

- Normally produced in skin, mucosal surfaces, neutrophils
- Widespread in the animal kingdom
- HDPs act locally in response to infection
- HDPs target the microbial membrane

#### HDPs provide first line of defense against bacterial invasion

- A component of innate immunity
- Action at microbial membrane associated with low potential for resistance development
- Immunomodulatory activity is present link to innate and adaptive immunity

#### HDP mimics have potential for therapy / prophylaxis in many conditions

- Antimicrobial Acute bacterial skin and skin-structure infections (ABSSSI), otitis, eye infections, diabetic foot infection, cystic fibrosis, acne
- Antinflammatory oral mucositis associated with chemoradiation, ulcerative colitis and other inflammatory GI conditions, atopic dermatitis

#### **Brilacidin**

#### **Key Features**

- Unique mechanism of action on bacteria resistance unlikely to develop
- Active against multiple drug-resistant bacteria, including MRSA and VRE
- Active against Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria
- Active against stationary-phase bacteria
- Robust sub-MIC activity
- Extended half-life after single dose
- Two Phase 2 studies completed in a total of 430 subjects with ABSSSI

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## **Study CTIX-BRI-204**

A Randomized, Double-Blind, Phase 2b Study Comparing Three Dosing Regimens of Brilacidin to Daptomycin in the Treatment of Acute Bacterial Skin and Skin Structure Infections (ABSSSI)

**Brilacidin:** 

**Daptomycin:** 

0.6 mg/kg single dose IV on day 1

4 mg/kg IV daily for 7 days

0.8 mg/kg single dose IV on day 1

0.6 mg/kg IV on day 1; 0.3 mg/kg on days 2 & 3

215 subjects enrolled; 209 received one of the 4 treatments

Primary efficacy endpoint: Reduction in lesion area by ≥ 20% at 48-72 hours after initiation of treatment (per FDA Guidance of October, 2013)

**Topline results released October 23, 2014** 



# **Study CTIX-BRI-204 – Topline Results**

Proportions of Subjects with Early Clinical Response (Primary Efficacy Endpoint) - (≥20 % decrease in lesion area) at 48-72 Hours after the First Dose of Study Drug

	Brilacidin: 0.6 mg/kg single dose	Brilacidin: 0.8 mg/kg single dose	Brilacidin: 3-day regimen	Daptomycin 7-day regimen
Intent to Treat (ITT) Population, n assessed	n = 54	n = 53	n = 54	n = 54
≥ 20% decrease in lesion area (%)	47 (87.0)	48 (90.5)	51 (94.4)	45 (83.3)
All Treated / Safety Population, n assessed	n = 51	n = 48	n = 52	n= 48
≥ 20% decrease in lesion area (%)	47 (92.2)	46 (95.8)	51 (98.1)	45 (93.8)
MITT Population (pathogen isolated at baseline), n assessed	n = 29	n = 30	n = 28	n = 36
≥ 20% decrease in lesion area (%)	27 (93.1)	30 (100.0)	27 (96.4)	34 (94.4)

## **Study CTIX-BRI-204 – Baseline Pathogens**

Staphylococcus aureus (only) accounted for 80.5% of baseline pathogens causing ABSSSI and 44/107 isolates (41%) were MRSA

	Brilacidin: 0.6 mg/kg single dose	Brilacidin: 0.8 mg/kg single dose	Brilacidin: 3-day regimen	Daptomycin 7-day regimen	Overall
Pathogen(s)	n = 31	n = 35	n = 29	n = 38	n= 133
S aureus only (%)	27 (87.1)	30 (85.7)	24 (82.8)	26 (68.4)	107 (80.5)
MRSA	10	10	11	13	44
MSSA	17	20	13	13	63
MRSA +	0	0	0	2	2
Coinfection					
MSSA +	1	1	2	2	6
Coinfection					
Other single	3	4	3	8	18
pathogens					
excluding S aureus					

# **Brilacidin for Treatment of ABSSSI – Conclusions, Implications, Next Steps**

- A single dose of Brilacidin is planned for evaluation in the Phase 3 program for treatment of acute bacterial skin and skin structure infections (ABSSSI)
- Brilacidin efficacy in the Phase 2b study was similar to that of a 7-day regimen of daptomycin
- Brilacidin has been designated as a Qualified Infectious Disease Product (QIDP), which results in Fast Track Status, Priority Review, and 5-Year Exclusivity upon NDA approval
- The successful Phase 3 evaluation of Brilacidin for ABSSSI can serve as a gateway for additional indications for serious drug-resistant bacterial infections
- FDA encouraged Cellceutix to submit pharmacokinetic data and additional information from study CTIX-BRI-204; these data are being prepared for submission prior to an End of Phase 2 Meeting

#### The Clinical Problem of Oral Mucositis

Radiation and chemotherapy induce changes and an inflammatory cascade -

#### Resulting in:

- DNA damage; mediated largely by NFKB-dependent pathways
- Production of reactive oxygen species
- Epithelial cell death
- Activation of inflammatory cytokines and matrix metalloproteinases

#### **Leading to:**

- Destruction of the oral mucosa with ulceration
- Pain
- Difficulty or Inability in swallowing food / liquids

# A Patient with Oral Mucositis after 4 Weeks of Radiation for SCC of Oral Cavity



# Oral Mucositis due to Chemoradiation for Head and Neck Cancer (HNC)

- Nearly every patient who receives CT/RT will develop clinically significant OM
- OM is a driver of resource use and cost of treatment
- The world-wide number of HNC patients is large (estimated 263,900 new cases annually)
- HNC patients are considered a sentinel population efficacy of a treatment is likely translatable to other at-risk OM populations
- Brilacidin would be the first treatment approved in the US for prevention and/or attenuation of OM in HNC

# Brilacidin for Prevention / Attenuation of Oral Mucositis

- Topical brilacidin applied to hamster oral mucosa protected against radiation-induced mucositis (BioModels data)
- No other compound has shown this degree of efficacy in this animal model
- In vitro data show potent effects of brilacidin on inflammatory mediators present in GI tract
- Proof-of-Concept Phase 2 study in patients undergoing chemoradiation for squamous cell cancer of the head and neck is set to begin

# Prurisol (abacavir acetate) – Potential Nonbiologic Treatment for Psoriasis

#### **Proposed Mechanism of Action**

Acts through immune modulation and PRINS reduction

- Reduces IL-20
- Reduces skin cell proliferation rate

Efficacy demonstrated in murine xenograft model

#### Phase 1 study completed in 16 volunteers

- Purisol is rapidly converted to abacavir after oral dosing
- Well tolerated (single doses)
- Predictable pharmacokinetics
- Exposure to abacavir is lower than with equimolar dosing of Ziagen (abacavir sulfate) –providing data to support a 505 (b)(2) NDA application

# Prurisol for Psoriasis – Next Steps

- Conduct of a multicenter, double-blind, dose-ranging, placebocontrolled Phase 2 study in patients with mild to moderate plaque psoriasis has been discussed and agreed with FDA
- Prurisol doses to be evaluated include 50 mg once daily, 50 mg twice daily, and 100 mg twice daily
- Efficacy endpoints will include those that would be used in a subsequent Phase 3 development program
- A clinical research organization with extensive experience in dermatologic clinical trial management has been selected
- Study will begin in the near future

#### The HDP Portfolio Offers More Promise

#### **HDP Mimics With Activity Against Gram Negative Pathogens**

- A series of compounds have demonstrated potent activity against Gram negative bacteria with low cytotoxicity against human cells
- Activity against clinically-relevant pathogens including ndm-1 Klebsiella pneumoniae
- Animal studies beginning soon

#### HDP Mimics With Activity Against Candida and Aspergillus species

- Identification of highly potent compounds against *C. albicans*, nonalbicans Candida, and Aspergillus species with low cytotoxicity, good tolerability
- Award of Phase 2B SBIR grant from the NIAID to collaborator Fox Chase Chemical Diversity Center (up to \$1.5 million over two years)
- Animal studies beginning soon

# **Cellceutix Corporation - Summary**

- A strong and diverse pipeline of potential products with novel mechanisms of action
- Development-stage compounds to address unmet medical needs:
  - Single-dose therapy for ABSSSI
  - Prevention and/or attenuation of oral mucositis caused by chemoradiation
  - A new option for refractory solid tumors and other malignancies
  - A non-biologic, oral therapy for chronic psoriasis
- HDP mimics that have the potential to provide treatment for serious
   Gram negative and fungal pathogens
- HDP mimics that have demonstrated anti-inflammatory activity
- A committed team of drug development professionals backed by experienced senior management

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