

Training the Immune System to Fight Cancer

The ImmunoPhage<sup>™</sup> platform induces robust, focused immune responses

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- February 2021 IPO:
  - ~ \$152M in gross proceeds
  - NASDAQ Ticker "SNSE"
  - Bookrunners: Citigroup, Piper Sandler, Berenberg
  - Manager: Oppenheimer
- Cash position as of March 31, 2021
  - \$169.4M runway at least into 2H 2023
- Use of proceeds:
  - Clinical development of SNS-301
  - Preclinical and clinical development of SNS-401
  - Preclinical and clinical development of SNS-VISTA
  - Development of ImmunoPhage<sup>™</sup> platform & other pipeline programs
  - Working capital and other general corporate purposes



## **SENSEI TEAM**

# PROVEN TEAM WITH DEEP EXPERIENCE

# MANAGEMENT



#### John Celebi, MBA President and CEO

- Over 23 years of experience in biotechnology sector
- Former Chief Operating Officer of X4 Pharmaceuticals and Chief Business Officer of Igenica Biotherapeutics







#### Marie-Louise Fjaellskog, MD, PhD Chief Medical Officer

- Over 25 years of experience in clinical oncology, translational research, and drug development
- Previously served as VP of Clinical Development at Merus where she lead the development of several bispecific antibody therapeutics in oncology

# UNOVARTIS Merus



# Robert Pierce, MD

- Chief Scientific Officer
- Over 20 years of experience in immuno-oncology
- While at Merck, he led a team focused on the development of tissue-based biomarkers for its anti-PD- 1 therapeutic antibody, KEYTRUDA
- Medical lead of the clinical trials of KEYTRUDA in MCC and CTCL







#### Anu Hoey, MS, MBA Chief Business Officer



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# OUR IMMUNOPHAGE PLATFORM SOLVES THE TOUGHEST PROBLEMS IN IMMUNO-ONCOLOGY





Proprietary ImmunoPhage platform programs and mAbs and nanobody programs



Pipeline of immunotherapies for cancer with potential to expand into additional disease areas



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Ongoing Phase 1/2 clinical trial for SNS-301 in head and neck cancer that has shown promising anti-tumor activity and has been well-tolerated

**Collaborations with multiple academic institutions** 

In-house GMP manufacturing capabilities

#### **ROBUST PIPELINE UTILIZING PIONEERING IMMUNOPHAGE PLATFORM** Program Approach/Target Indication **Preclinical** Phase 1 Phase 2 **Anticipated Milestones** Discovery Phase 3 **ONCOLOGY** YE 2021: 1st Line+ • Addition of HPV-specific E6/E7 Head & Neck In combination with pembrolizumab ImmunoPhage combination Cancer Phase 1/2 data readout from large • subset of patients **SNS-301** Targeting ASPH; **HPV-specific** E6/E7 Head & Neck **Evaluating combination strategies** Cancer -YE 2021: Phase 2 trial initiation Neoadjuvant Merkel Cell **SNS-401** 1H 2022: IND filing with FDA Cocktail with Carcinoma **MCPyV** 81A 88 YE 2021: Initiate IND-enabling **SNS-VISTA** Solid Tumors studies **Targeting VISTA** 81A 88 Antibodies and Discovery and validation of multiple antibodies and nanobodies utilizing ImmunoPhage platform **Nanobodies** -

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

ImmunoPhage

Antibody





# ImmunoPhage Platform



# **IMMUNO-ONCOLOGY VACCINE HISTORY**



The emergence of checkpoint inhibitors has rekindled interest in mechanisms that activate T-cells and block alternate immunosuppressive mechanisms Immuno-oncology vaccine history

An over-reliance on surrogate &

vaccines, such as histologic evidence of

tumor necrosis or lymphocyte infiltration, rather than objective cancer regressions,

subjective endpoints for cancer

led to mediocre clinical results<sup>1\*</sup>

In 2019, Sensei Bio launches the ImmunoPhage platform

Checkpoint inhibitors are FDA approved, but fail to produce meaningful benefit in a majority of patients due to lack of T-cell activation or the presence of alternate immunosuppressive mechanisms

The conclusion by many is that cancer vaccines generally fail to immunologically destroy established tumors that lead to objective responses\*\*

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In 2004, most enthusiasm

the use of cancer vaccines,

to treat growing tumors<sup>1</sup>

immunotherapy was directed at

active immunizations designed

in the field of cancer

This led to a **number of new strategies** to *directly* target tumor associated antigens, including the advancement of TCR and CAR-T therapies, and checkpoint inhibitors

\*At the NCI, among 440 patients treated with cancer vaccines, the objective response rate was 2.6%1

\*\* Due to insufficient numbers of high avidity T-cells with recognition of tumor antigens, trafficking and infiltration of T-cells to the tumor and stroma, and activation of T-cells at the site of the tumor.



# What if we could **engineer** a virus to **target** the key mechanisms of **checkpoint resistance?**

# What if we could do this in a **personalized** way, with an **offthe-shelf** product concept?



At Sensei Biotherapeutics, we have built the ImmunoPhage platform dedicated to develop therapeutics that induce a robust, focused and coordinated immune response to treat cancer Bacteriophage are ubiquitous viruses that infect bacteria but not mammalian cells. They are also adept at activating the human immune system in multiple unique ways.

# THREE AXES OF INNOVATION TO FIGHT CANCER



Cancer is a complex problem requiring a multi-pronged solution. Our *ImmunoPhages* can mount a multi-modal attack on cancer, combining the benefits of a traditional vaccine with localized gene therapy.

# **Targeted therapeutic vaccine**

- MHC-mediated immunity
- Bacteriophage have natural tropism for APCs
- Can be further targeted to APCs with non-antigen capsid modifications

# **Phortress™ library**

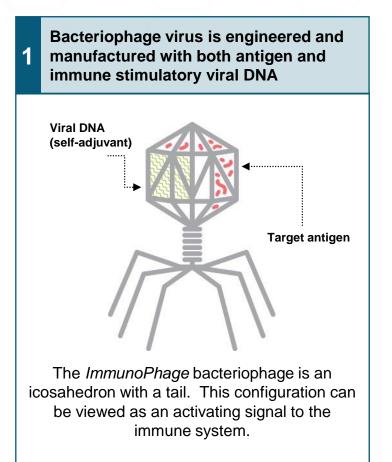
- Personalized yet off the shelf medicines
- Pre-manufactured cost effectively
  then combined based on genetic profile

# Gene therapy vehicle

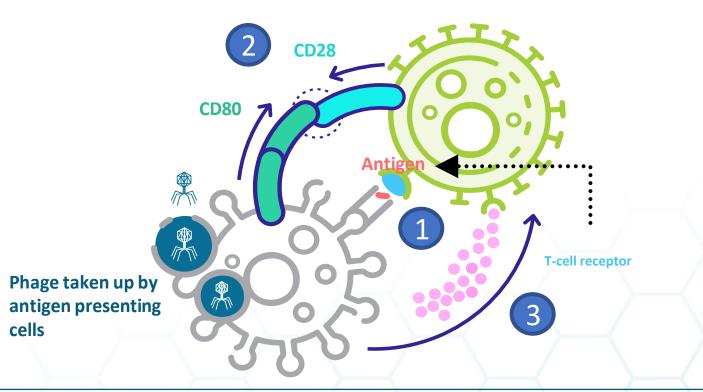
- Phage containing self-replicating RNA
- Used to deliver payloads consisting of immunomodulatory proteins or nanobodies

# **GENERATING STRONG ANTIBODY AND T-CELL RESPONSES**

Our *ImmunoPhages* contain an **engineered display of target antigens on the surface of a bacteriophage.** We use non-infectious lambda bacteriophage viruses to mimic a pathogenic virus, driving strong T cell and B cell mediated antibody responses.



2 ImmunoPhages are taken-up by APCs and deliver the three critical signals required to drive activation of T cells. 1) Activation of CD8 T cells through cross presentation 2) Positive Costimulation of T cells 3) Generation of a Th1-biased immune response and cytotoxic Tlymphocytes

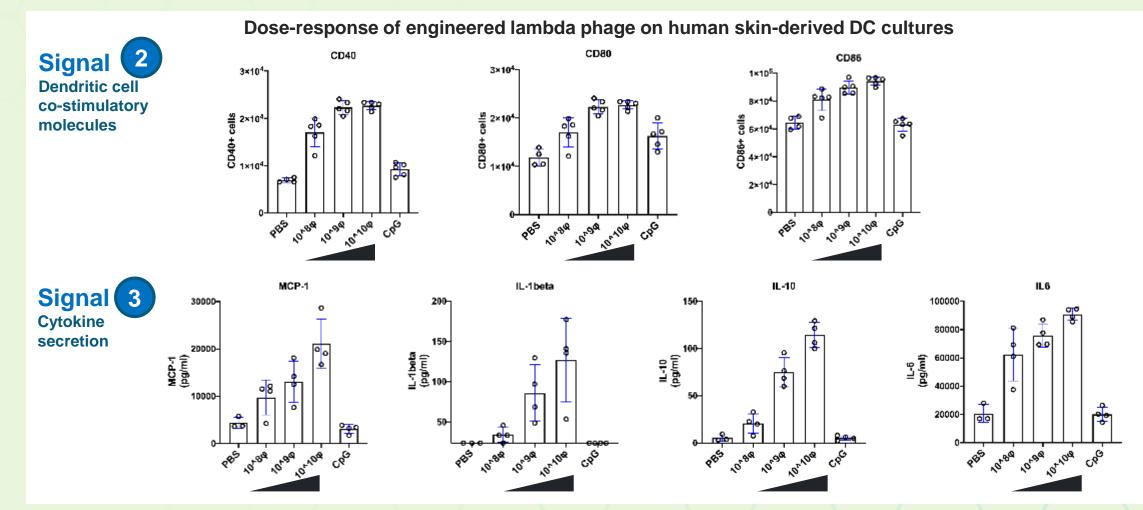






# MECHANISM OF ACTION: ACTIVATION AND MATURATION OF DENDRITIC CELLS

Critical signals of dendritic cell activation show <u>dose-dependent increases</u> when dendritic cells are exposed to increasing amounts of *ImmunoPhages* Bacteriophage-expressed antigens are then processed and presented efficiently by MHC class I and class 2 pathways, leading to <u>robust CD4 and CD8</u> <u>T cell responses</u>

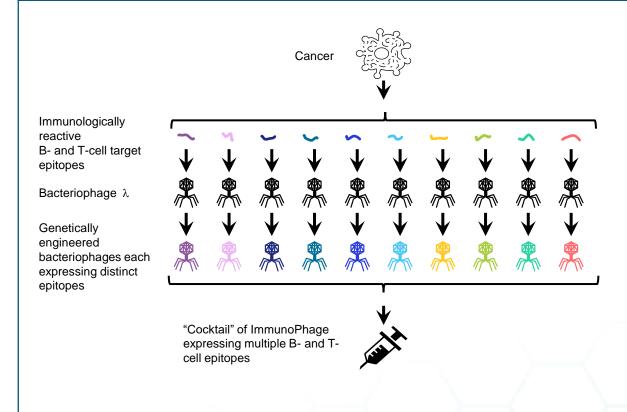




# COMBINATIONS CAN BE CUSTOMIZED FOR PERSONALIZED IMMUNOTHERAPY

Our proprietary library of *ImmunoPhage – Phortress –* harnesses the intrinsic immunostimulatory characteristics and capabilities of bacteriophage to create a personalized, coordinated, and nuanced multi-modal immune response.

Phortress is our proprietary library of personalized vaccine cocktails with off-the-shelf ImmunoPhage "ingredients"

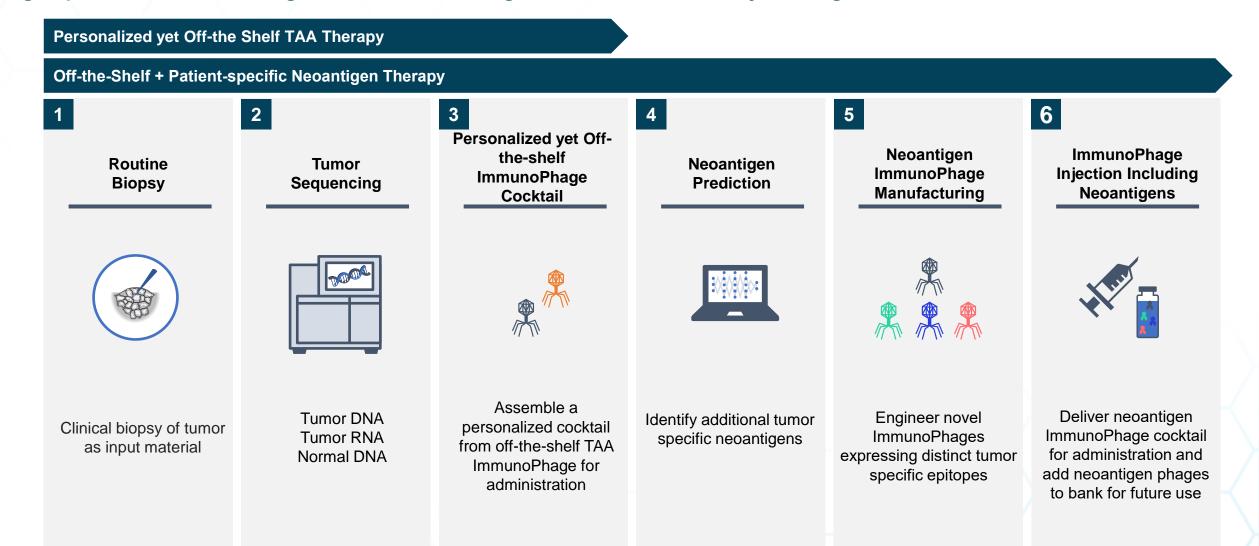


- These "cocktails" are defined by the disease or patient genetics
- Combinations are customized to cover multiple epitopes, protein domains or targets
- Each *ImmunoPhage* is pre-manufactured to target a discrete antigen

# PERSONALIZED IMMUNOTHERAPY APPROACH



# High speed and low cost-of-goods of ImmunoPhage allows a broader array of antigens





# Pipeline Programs





# SNS-301 ONGOING PHASE 1/2 TRIAL IN HEAD AND NECK CANCER



#### **OBJECTIVES**

Evaluate safety, tolerability, and anti-tumor activity; immune responses and tumor/immune biomarkers

#### **PATIENT POPULATION (n=60)**

- ~30 difficult to treat patients without observed tumor reductions on PD-1 blockade
- ~30 patients with no prior PD-1 blockade

#### DATA

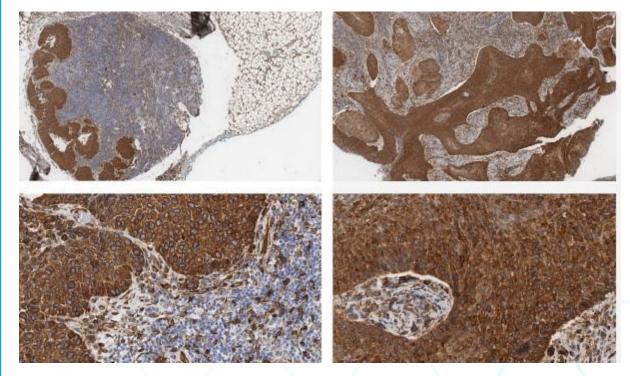
### Phase 1/2 study data

- Well tolerated & encouraging clinical activity observed
- Tumor samples collected from ~30 screened patients showed strong ASPH expression

#### **STATUS**

- New data accepted for poster presentation at ASCO 2021
- Anticipate substantial data readout by end of 2021

# Patients enrolled in the SNS-301 Phase 1/2 trial strongly express the tumor-associated antigen ASPH



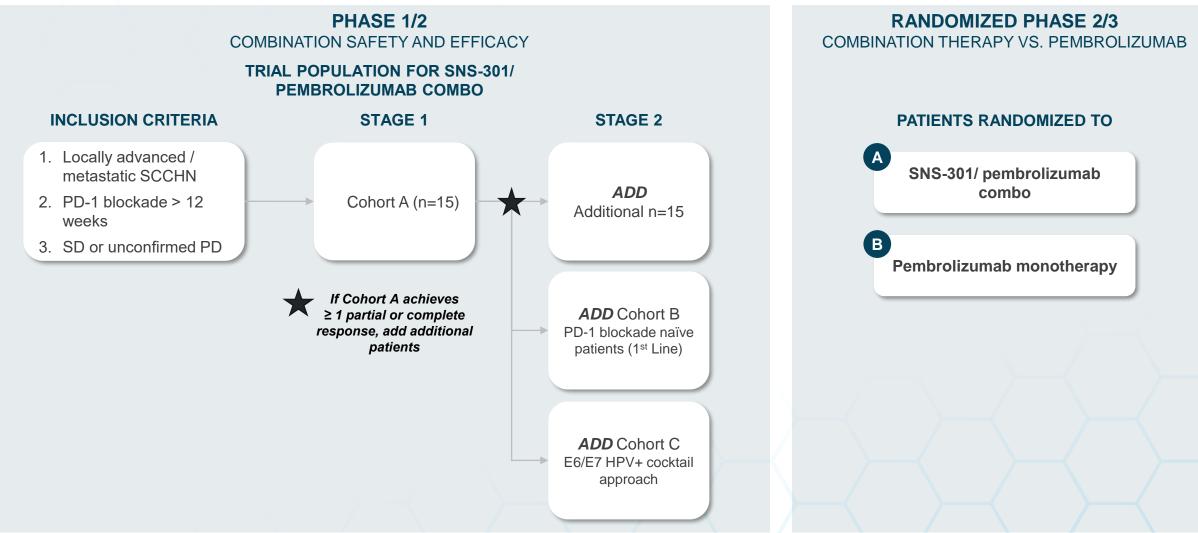
#### ASPH = TUMOR-ASSOCIATED ANTIGEN

# SNS-301 CLINICAL TRIALS

# SNS-301 CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT PATH



# Phase 1/2 data readout expected by YE 2021



# SNS-301 CLINICAL TRIALS

# RESULTS FROM PHASE 1/2 TRIAL IN HEAD AND NECK CANCER (AS OF DECEMBER 10, 2020)



PD-L1 Status	Status Pre-Trial*	BOR On Trial	Patient													
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BOR = Best Over	ed Progressive Disease rall Response at enrollment after ≥ 12 w	eeks of PD-1 blockade	Weeks	6		 12	 18	 24	 30	 36	 42	48	54	6		 66 1 9

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SNS-301 CLINICAL TRIALS

# **PATIENT G DETAIL**



The partial response is highly likely to be attributed to the addition of SNS-301 to pembrolizumab, given that the tumor was PD-L1 negative prior to study and no objective response was observed after >3 months of prior pembrolizumab.

#### PATIENT

- 69-year-old woman / HPV and PD-L1 negative
- Stage II T2N0M0 HNSCC (supraglottic larynx)

#### STATUS AT TRIAL ENTRY

ECOG 1; PD-1 blockade (pembrolizumab) >3 months

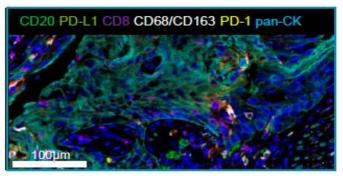
#### PHASE 2 TRIAL OVERVIEW

- IMRT (2 54 Gy) 09JUL- 08AUG2018
- CARBO/PACLI/CETUX 08AUG-15AUG2019 (2 cycles) with best response PR
- Pembrolizumab JAN2020 ongoing

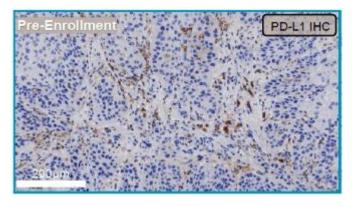
#### Patient G Tumor Measurements 100% 80% 60% 40% PD (progressive disease) 20% 0% -20% PR (partial response) -40% -60% -80% -100% Baseline 12 weeks 18 weeks 24 weeks 30 weeks 6 weeks

#### **Pre-Treatment**

Immune Markers by Multiplex IHC Pre-Treatment

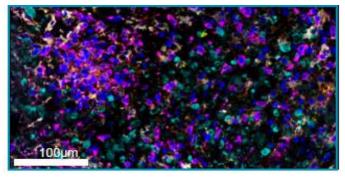


**PD-L1 Negative Pre-Treatment** 

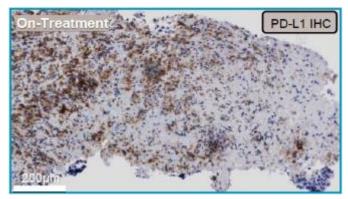


#### **Post-Treatment**

Increase in Immune Markers by Multiplex IHC



#### Strongly PD-L1 Positive Post-Treatment



# SNS-301 HAS BEEN WELL TOLERATED IN COMBINATION WITH PEMBROLIZUMAB



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			(n=11)				
Related Events	Grade 1 n (%)	Grade 2 n (%)	Grade 3 n (%)	Grade 4 n (%)	Grade 5 n (%)	All Grades n (%)	
Decreased appetite	1(9.1)	1(9.1)	0	0	0	2 (18.2)	
Fatigue	2(18.2)	0	0	0	0	2 (18.2)	
Pruritus	2(18.2)	0	0	0	0	2 (18.2)	
Back pain	0	1(9.1)	0	0	0	1 (9.1)	
Constipation	0	1(9.1)	0	0	0	1 (9.1)	
Dehydration	0	0	1(9.1)	0	0	1 (9.1)	
Diarrhea	1(9.1)		0	0	0	1 (9.1)	
Dizziness	0	1(9.1)	0	0	0	1 (9.1)	
Electrocardiogram QT prolonged	0	0	1(9.1)	0	0	1 (9.1)	
Erythema	1(9.1)	0	0	0	0	1 (9.1)	
Headache	1(9.1)	0	0	0	0	1 (9.1)	
Injection site pain	1(9.1)	0	0	0	0	1 (9.1)	
Nausea	0	1(9.1)	0	0	0	1 (9.1)	
Non-cardiac chest pain	0	1(9.1)	0	0	0	1 (9.1)	
Urine output decreased	1(9.1)	0	0	0	0	1 (9.1)	
Weight decreased	1(9.1)	0	0	0	0	1 (9.1)	

Data as of December 10, 2020

• No DLTs and mostly Grade 1-2 unrelated adverse events.

Two Grade 3 events were reported: hypertension (not related) and dehydration (related), reported as a serious adverse event (SAE). An additional SAE,
 Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome (G1), occurred during follow-up.

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An exclusive collaboration with the University of Washington to build the **first custom Merkel Cell Carcinoma (MCC) vaccine consisting of Merkel Cell Polyoma Virus epitopes** and other patient specific antigens

MCC is a rare, aggressive neuroendocrine skin cancer

- 33-46% disease-specific mortality
- 2,500 cases/yr with disease-specific mortality approaching 50%
- Vaccine combination therapy in adjuvant or neoadjuvant is attractive and feasible
  - PD-1/PD-L1 refractory MCC remains unmet medical need with aggressive clinical course
  - ~40% MCC patients recur <24 months following definitive local treatment

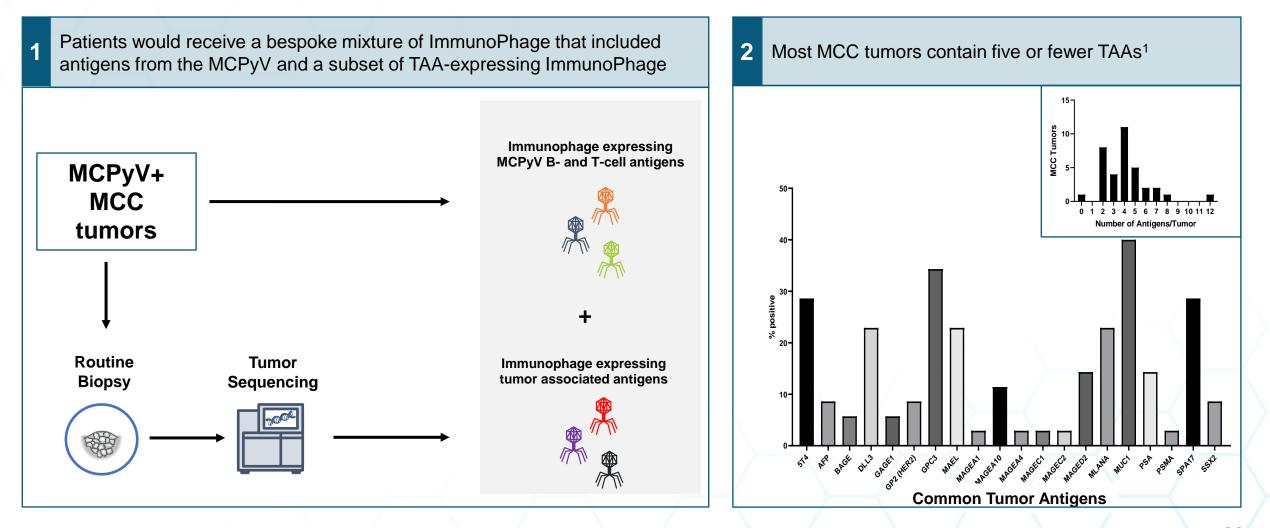
- Integration of MCPyV is present in ~80% of U.S. cases
- In these cases, expression of a viral antigen (oncogenic T-antigen) appears to be a strictly required tumor driver
- Researchers at UW have mapped MCPyV epitopes and determined
   CD8 T-cell, CD4 T-cell, and B-cell
   epitopes that are antigenic in the context of MCPyV+ MCC tumors.

- 3 Discovery partnership with University of Washington
- UW will design MCPyV T-cell constructs and will determine the immunogenicity and mechanism of candidate *ImmunoPhages*
- Sensei will develop *ImmunoPhages* specifically targeting MCPyV T-cell constructs and other tumor associated antigens (TAAs) using a cocktail approach



# BUILDING THE FIRST CUSTOM MERKEL CELL POLYOMA VIRUS (MCPyV) IMMUNOPHAGE

# SNS-401 has the potential to be the first fully customized, yet off-the-shelf, product.



# **SNS-VISTA**

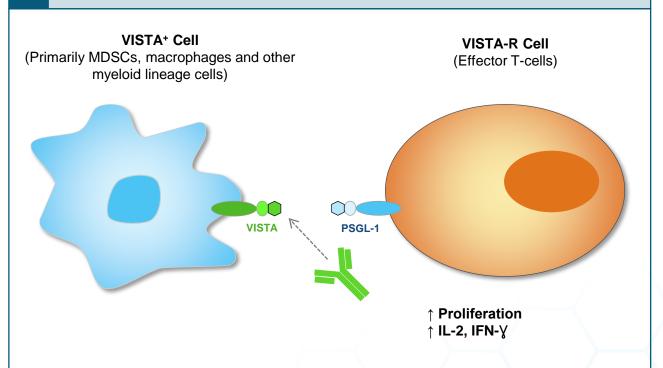
# PARTNERSHIP WITH ADIMAB TO DEVELOP LEAD anti-VISTA ANTIBODY



- A VISTA is recognized as an important immune checkpoint regulator
- Member of B7 family of proteins
- A negative regulator of T cell responses
- Blockade significantly enhances immunemediated tumor rejection in vivo<sup>1</sup>
- Agonists exert protective effect in autoimmune models
- Plays a role in immune surveillance through phagocytic dead cell clearance<sup>2</sup>
- Mice lacking VISTA and PD-1 display enhanced ability to control tumor outgrowth<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Le Mercier et al. VISTA Regulates the Development of Protective Antitumor Immunity. Cancer Res. 2014 Apr 1;74(7):1933-44.
 <sup>2</sup> K. W. Yoon et al., Science 349, 1261669 (2015). DOI: 10.1126/science.1261669
 <sup>3</sup> Liu J. et al. PNAS 2015

B Disruption of the extracellular VISTA-PSGL-1 interaction enhances T-cell proliferation and induces cytokine production



Knowledge of functional epitope between VISTA and PSGL-1 and potential patient population decreases development timeline and enhances early signal detection in Ph I trial

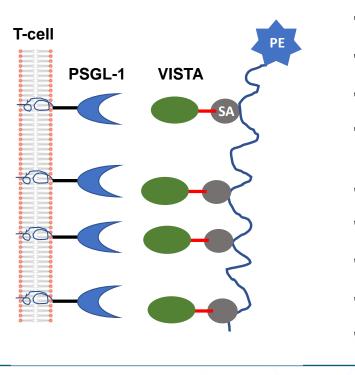
# **SNS-VISTA**

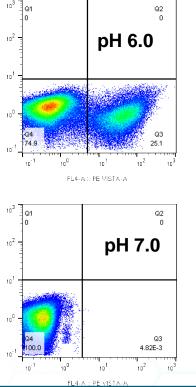
# ASSESSMENT OF LEAD ANTIBODIES



A Assessment of anti-VISTA mAbs through interaction of VISTA and native PSGL-1 at varying pH

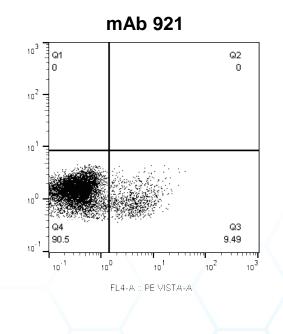
 Assay shows binding of VISTA protein to native PSGL-1 on activated CD4 T-cells

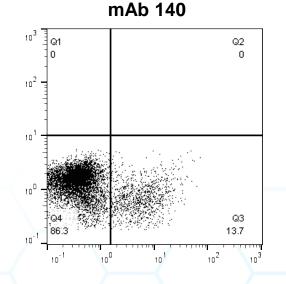




B Disruption of the VISTA-PSGL-1 interaction at pH 6 enhances T-cell proliferation and induces cytokine production

- Screened >80 mAb candidates
- Multiple candidates **inhibited VISTA binding** to cell surface of CD4+ T-cells at **pH 6.0**, including:





### **KEY MILESTONES**

# PH1/2 IN SCCHN TOPLINE READOUT BY YE 2021; NEW PROGRAMS ENTERING THE CLINIC IN 2022



