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## **Engineered Selectivity to Extend the Clinical Reach of Immuno-oncology Agents**





## **Innovative Pipeline of IO Drugs with Broad Commercial Potential**

Program (Target)	Indication	Discovery	IND-enabling	Phase 1 / 2 Clinical
SNS-101* (VISTA)	Solid Tumors			
SNS-102 (VSIG4)	Solid Tumors			
SNS-103 (ENTPDase1/CD39)	Solid Tumors			



\*Sensei has entered into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with the National Cancer Institute. The goal of this collaborative effort is to further elucidate the role of VISTA in immune checkpoint resistance and expand the potential of SNS-101 as a combination therapy beyond anti-PD-1.

#### REGENERON

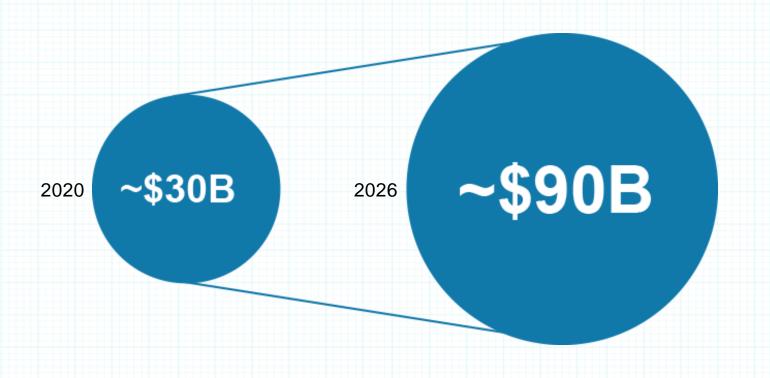
\*Sensei has entered into a clinical supply agreement with Regeneron supporting the planned evaluation of SNS-101 in combination with Regeneron's anti-PD-1 therapy Libtayo® (cemiplimab) in a Phase 1/2 clinical trial in solid tumors.

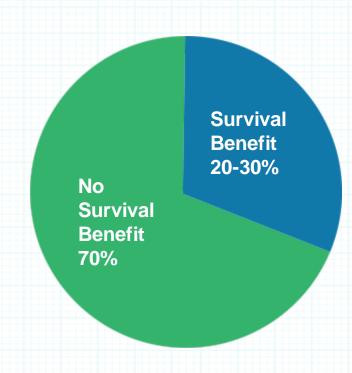


## The Modern-Day Challenge in Immuno-Oncology

The PD-1/PD-L1 market is big and growing fast<sup>1</sup>

PD-1/PD-L1 monotherapy does not benefit 70% of patients<sup>2</sup>







## Lack of Tumor Targeting is a Major Obstacle to CI Innovation

# Conventional antibodies target immune checkpoints that are highly expressed in normal tissues, resulting in: Dose-limiting toxicities due to on-target/off-tumor action Pharmacological sink effect requires higher and more frequent dosing Suboptimal activity due to poor PK and dose-limiting toxicities Conditionally active antibodies are selectively targeted to the tumor microenvironment, potentially providing: Little or no toxicity due to selective on-target/on-tumor action Lower and less frequent doses by avoiding normal tissue binding Powerful activity selectively focused on the tumor microenvironment

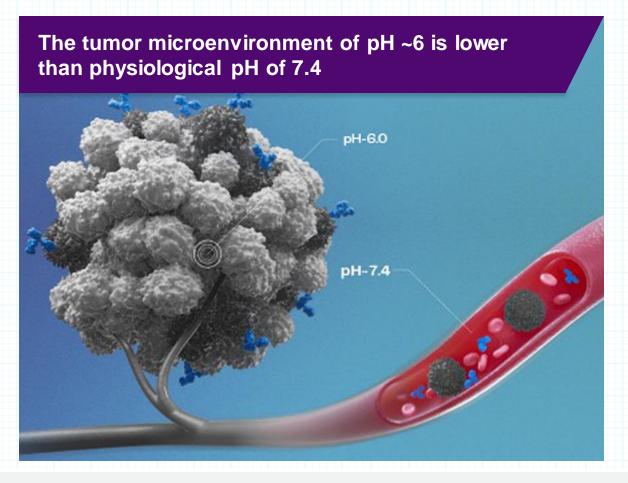
Only one new checkpoint inhibitor has been approved since the original CTLA-4 and PD-1/PD-L1 group





# pH-sensitive Antibodies Have Potential to Selectively Bind Their Targets in the Low-pH Tumor Microenvironment

#### **TMAb Platform**



Sensei's technology identifies pH-sensitive antibodies designed to bind only at the tumor

- Exploits the tumor microenvironment using pHselective properties
- Intended to alleviate undesirable properties:
  - Dose-limiting toxicities due to on-target/offtumor binding
  - Higher and more frequent dosing due to poor pharmacokinetics (Target-mediated Drug Disposition, or TMDD)
- Bolsters specific activities
- Goal is to unlock previously undruggable immune targets



# Commercially Validated Precedent for pH-sensitive Approach

Soliris® (eculizumab), an anti-C5 monoclonal antibody (mAb), was considered standard of care for patients with paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH) and atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome, but had a short half-life as a result of extensive TMDD.

Engineering eculizumab using histidine substitutions resulted in a pHsensitive mAb with markedly improved half-life.

## Antibody Engineering of Solaris Led to pH Sensitivity and Half-Life Improvements

	Soliris (Eculizumab)	<b>-</b>	Ultomiris (Ravulizumab, ALXN1210)
K <sub>D</sub> pH 7.4 (nM)	0.03		0.49
K <sub>D</sub> pH 6.0 (nM)	0.6		22
t <sub>1/2</sub> (d)	3.9		13.4

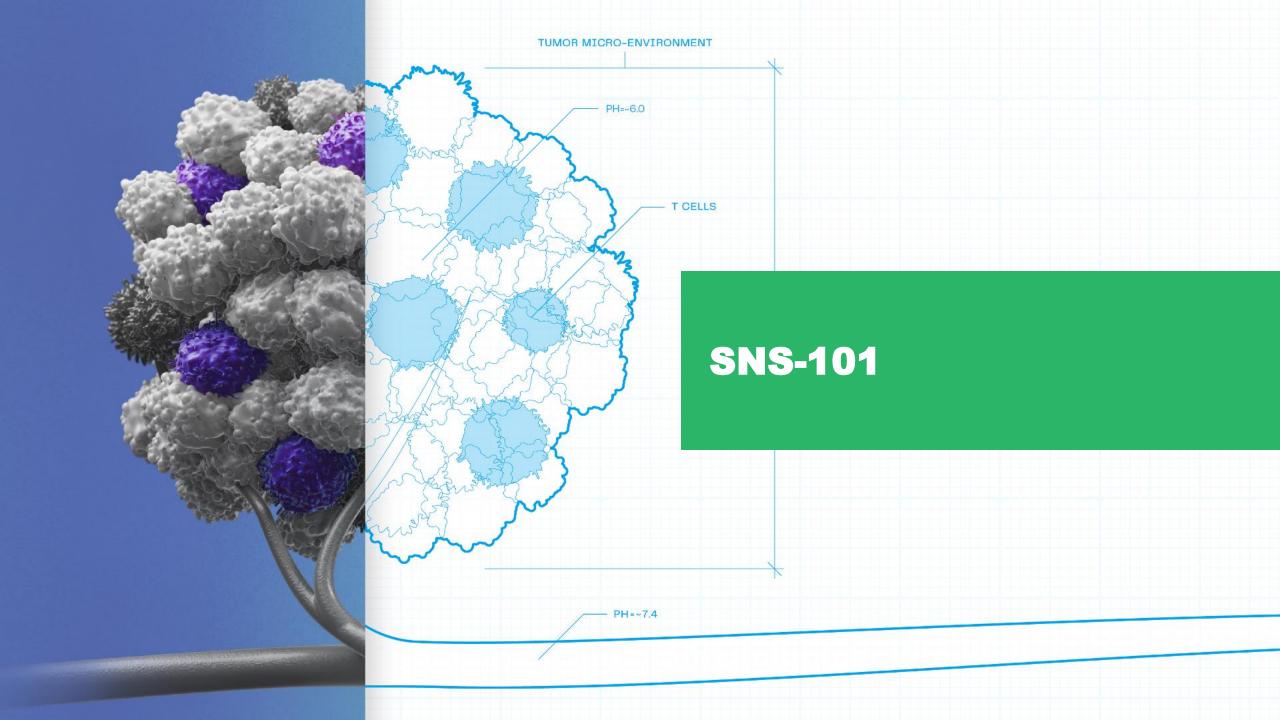
Rewulizumab utilized histidine insertions into the CDR regions (VH\_Y27H, VH\_S57H) and Fc substitutions (M428L, N434S) of eculizumab

Due to its longer half-life (13.4 d vs 3.9 d), ravulizumab given every 8 weeks achieved noninferiority compared with eculizumab given every 2 weeks for all efficacy endpoints, while maintaining a similar safety profile.

2018: FDA approves Ultomiris® (ravulizumab, ALXN1210)

2020: Ultomiris sales = \$1.08 billion

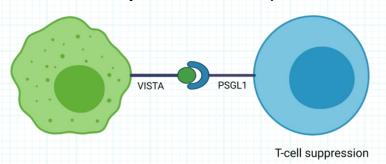


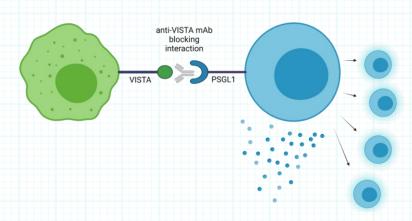


## VISTA is a Potent T cell Checkpoint Extensively Expressed on Myeloid Cells<sup>1</sup>

VISTA is a B7 family member that suppresses T cell function

Immunosuppressive function believed to be mediated by PSGL-1 receptor

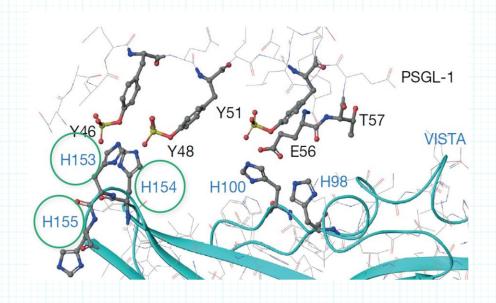




T-cell proliferation & activation

Extensive VISTA expression on off-tumor myeloid cells demands a conditionally active antibody approach

VISTA has inherent pH sensitivity: its extracellular domain is uniquely rich in histidines<sup>2</sup>





## **SNS-101: Selectively Targeting VISTA with a pH-sensitive Antibody**

## SNS-101 is a differentiated, pH-sensitive antibody

Selectivity for Active VISTA<sup>pH6</sup> over VISTA<sup>pH7.4</sup>

#### Monovalent Affinity (K<sub>D</sub>) [nM]

pH 6.0	pH 7.4	
0.218	132	
0.210	(~No binding)	

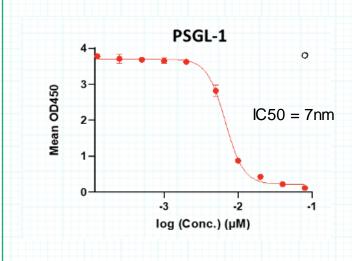
#### **Additional SNS-101 features**

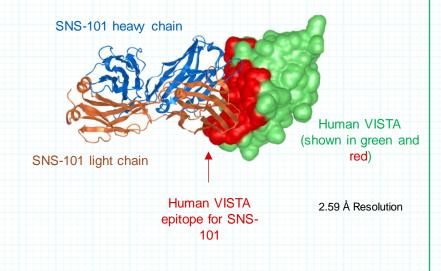
- IgG1 format
- Active Fc

#### SNS-101 blocks the key receptor regulating VISTA's immunosuppressive activity

SNS-101 strongly inhibits the VISTA:PSGL-1 interaction and all other potential binding partners at pH 6.0 *in vitro* 

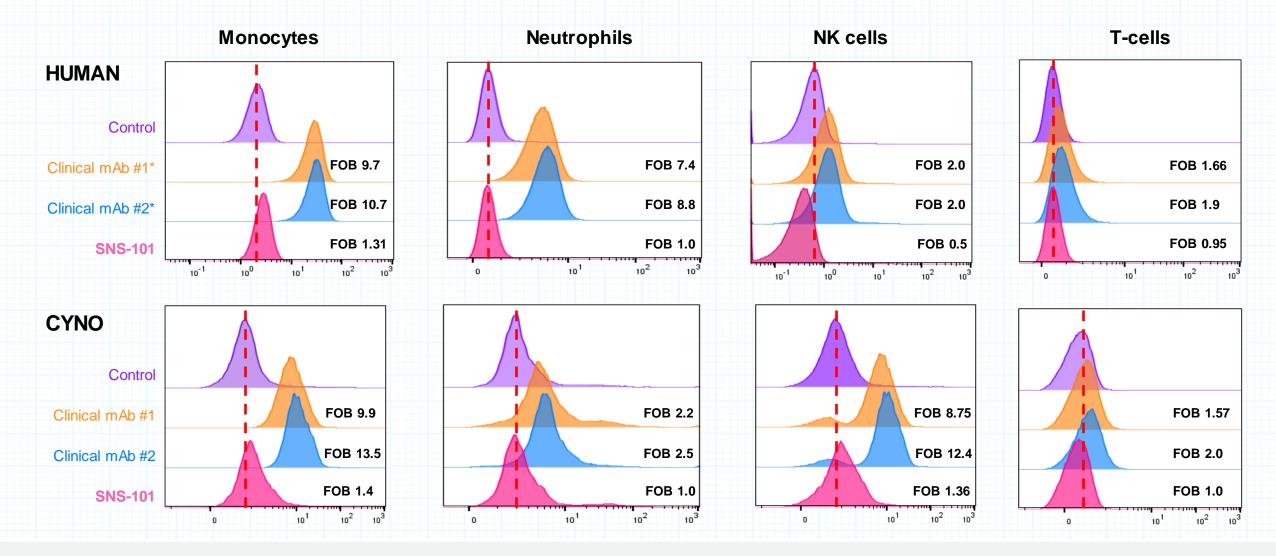
VISTA:SNS-101 co-crystal structure demonstrates epitope of SNS-101 encompasses VISTA's PSGL-1 epitope





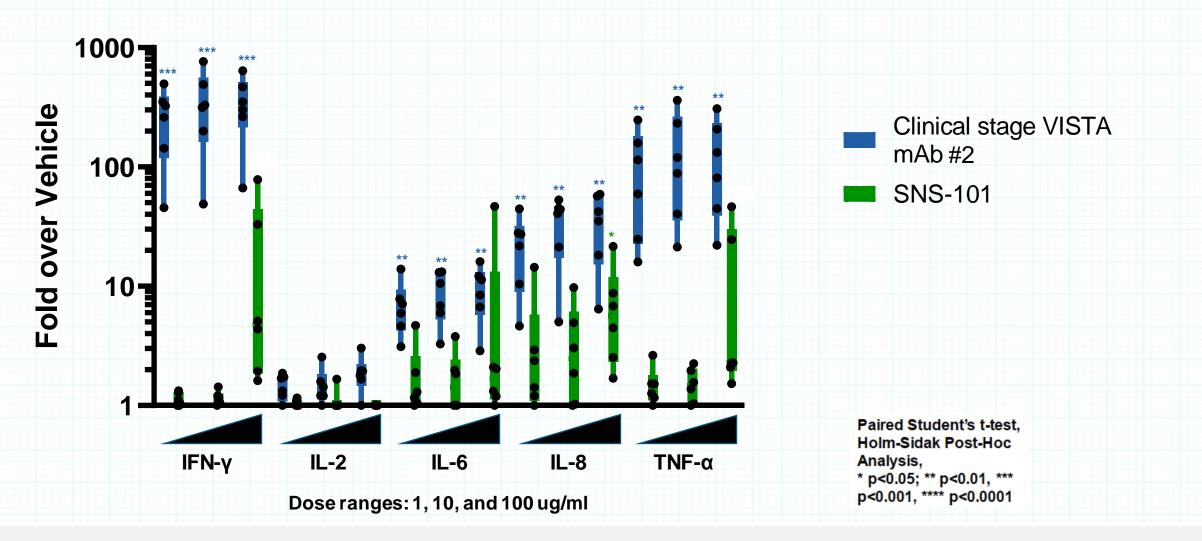


# No Significant Binding of SNS-101 to Monocytes, Neutrophils, NK Cells and T-cells in Whole blood at Physiological pH





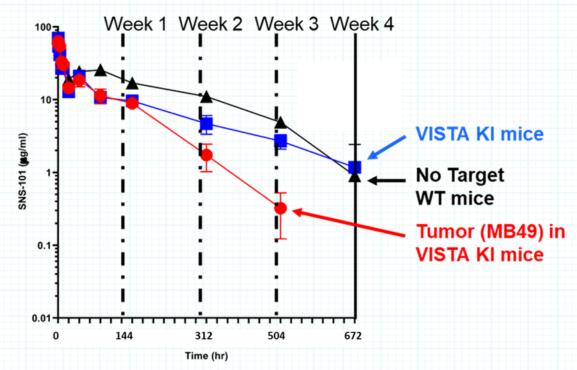
# SNS-101 Induced Substantially Lower Cytokine Release in Whole-blood Assay at Neutral pH Compared to pH-independent VISTA Antibody



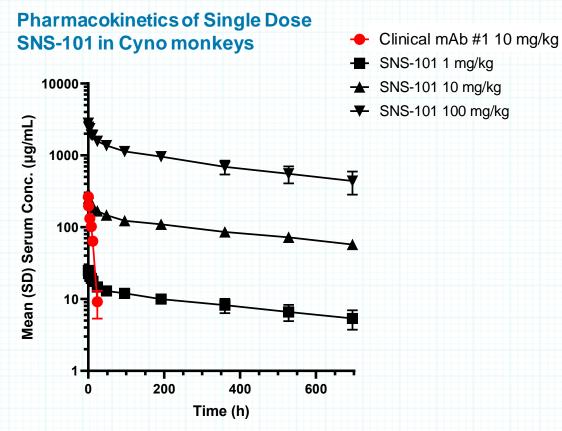


# SNS-101 Has Displayed a Favorable Single-dose PK Profile in Preclinical Studies - *No Significant TMDD in Human VISTA KI Mice or Non-human Primates*

## Pharmacokinetics of Single Dose 5 mg/kg SNS-101 in VISTAKnock-in Mice



Demonstrated a long mean residence time in the blood, indicating a lack of significant target-mediated drug disposition (TMDD) and clearance in non-malignant tissues



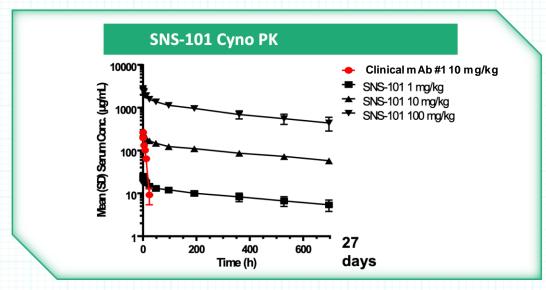
SNS-101 displayed linear elimination kinetics unlike a pH-independent anti-VISTAmAb, which demonstrated TMDD and rapid clearance



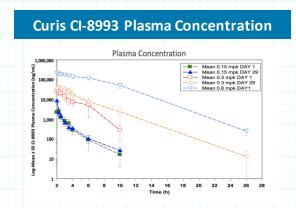
## PK Sink Continues to be an Issue with Non-pH-Sensitive VISTA programs\*

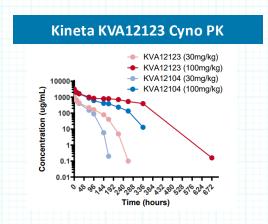
Linear

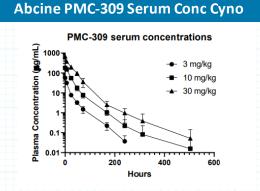
SNS-101 is designed to overcome elimination kinetics and half-life related to PK sink observed in non-pH-sensitive VISTA programs

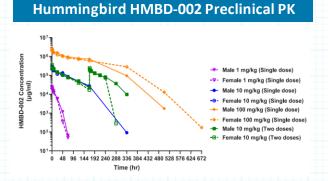


#### Non-linear



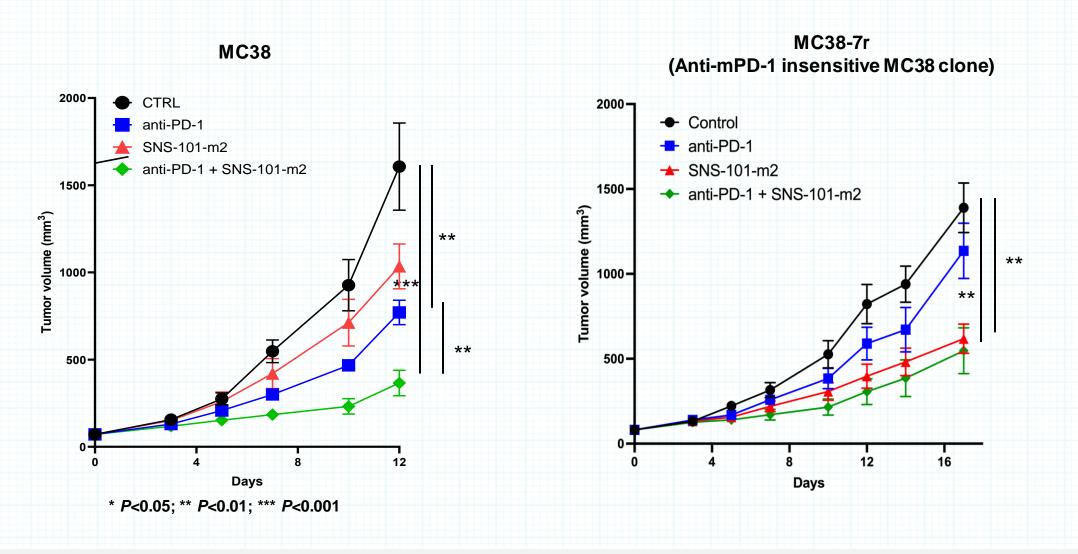






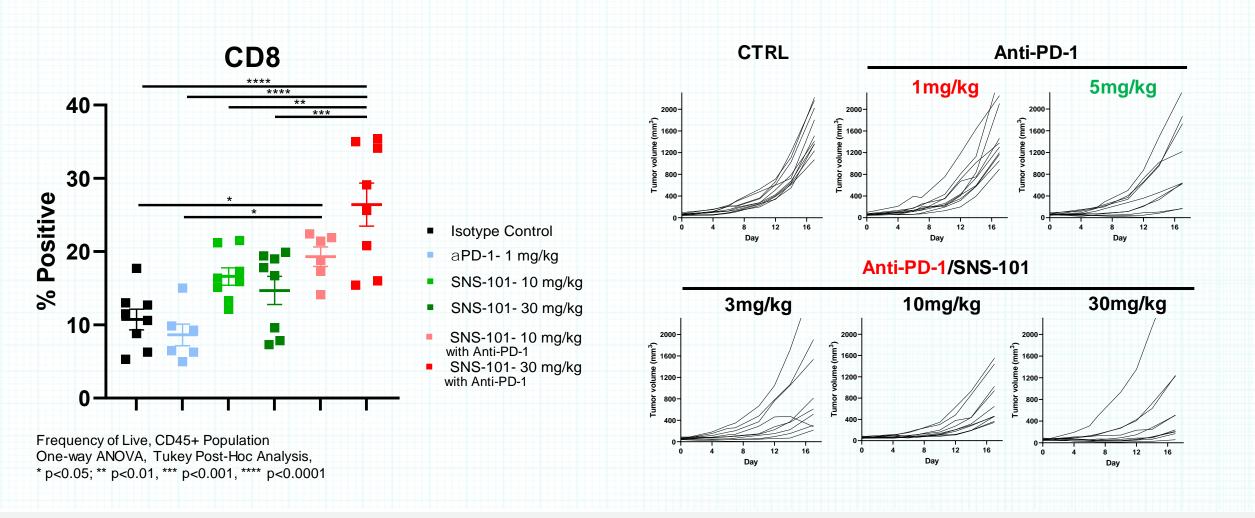


# SNS-101 Drove Single-agent Activity and Deepened Anti-tumor Responses to PD-1 in Human VISTA KI Mice





# SNS-101 Increased CD8 T-cells in Combination With Anti-PD-1 in MC38 Tumors *In Vivo*

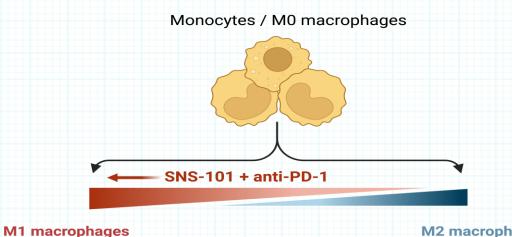




# Targeting VISTA and PD-1 Checkpoints in the TME Promotes Anti-tumoral M1 Macrophage Polarization

SNS-101 targets suppressive signaling in the myeloid compartment, and in combination with anti-PD-1 may help shift the balance of macrophage polarization toward an anti-tumor M1 phenotype

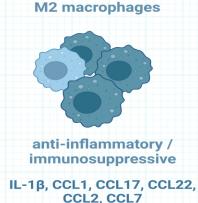
M1 macrophages are antitumorigenic through secretion of pro-inflammatory cytokines and chemokines, and driving of Th1 CD4+ T cell responses



M2 macrophages are immunosuppressive; pro-tumor TAMs are a subset of M2-type cells

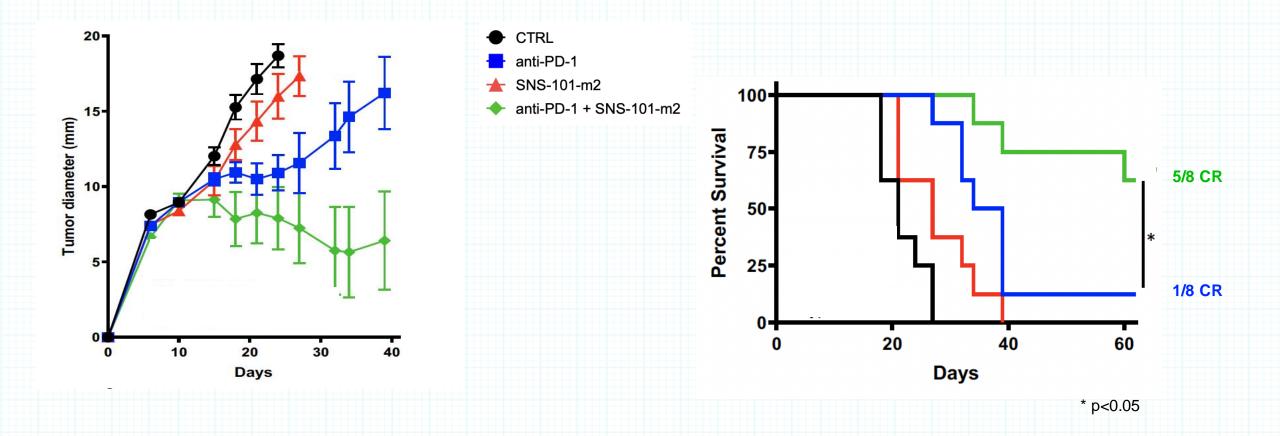
pro-inflammatory / anti-tumor

TNF-α, IL-6, IL-12, IL-23, CXCL9, CXCL10, CXCL11, CCL5, CXCL1





# SNS-101 Re-sensitized Anti-PD-1 Insensitive Sarcoma Tumors in Human VISTA Knock-in Mice

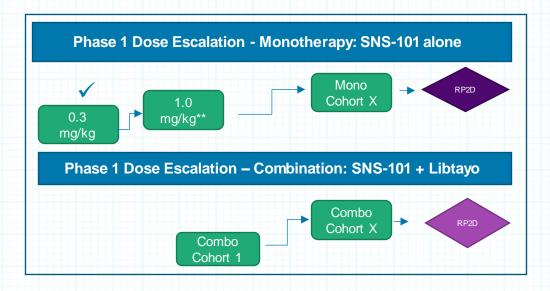




#### SNS-101 Phase 1/2 Study

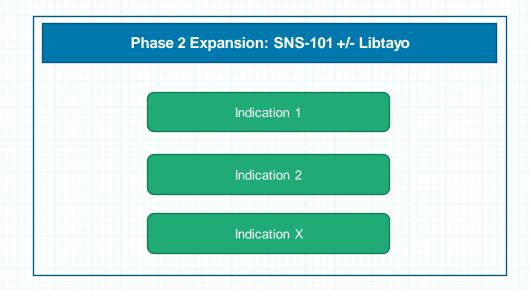
#### **Phase 1 Study Design**

Dose escalation using Bayesian Optimal Interval (BOIN) design; plan to initiate combo dosing prior to monotherapy RP2D\*



ansion Design

Single-arm, Simon two-stage minimax design incorporating an interim futility analysis



Patient Population	Study Objectives	Dosing
Advanced solid tumors	<ul> <li>Primary endpoint: safety, tolerability &amp; RP2D</li> <li>Secondary endpoint: PK profile, immunogenicity &amp; anti-tumor activity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>SNS-101 +/- Libtayo (350 mg) dosed as an IV infusion once every 3 weeks</li> <li>SNS-101 starting dose = 0.3 mg/kg; Dose escalation/de-escalation will proceed following the BOIN design until the MTD/RP2D is determined</li> </ul>

Patient Population	Study Objectives	Dosing
Advanced solid tumors     Tumor types to be     determined based on data     from Phase 1 study and     emerging results from     preclinical studies	<ul> <li>Primary endpoint: Antitumor activity</li> <li>Secondary endpoint: Antitumor activity, safety, tolerability, PK profile &amp; immunogenicity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>SNS-101 +/- Libtayo         (350 mg) dosed as an         IV infusion once every         3 weeks</li> <li>Dose will be         determined from the         Phase 1 study</li> </ul>



<sup>\*</sup> Safety Monitoring Committee (SMC) to determine initiation of combination arm based on emerging clinical data

RP2D = Recommended Phase 2 Dose MTD = Maximum Tolerated Dose

<sup>\*\*</sup> Currently screening patients in Cohort 2 (1.0 mg/kg)

## **Key Partnerships Supporting SNS-101's Clinical Development**

Potential opportunities for combination therapy and biomarker identification

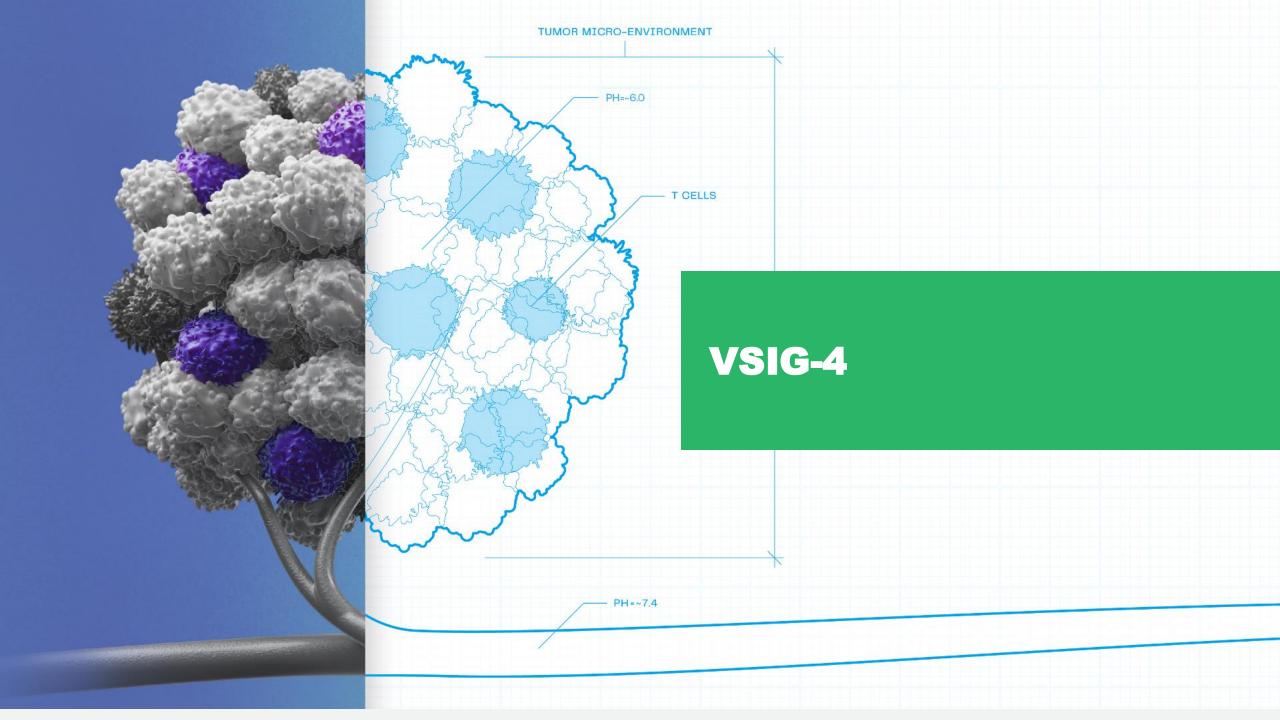
Partner / Collaborator Goal		Description		
REGENERON  Clinical Supply Agreement	Supports evaluation of SNS-101 in combination with Libtayo® (cemiplimab) in planned Phase 1/2 clinical trial	<ul> <li>Sensei to fund planned clinical trial</li> <li>Regeneron to provide Libtayo®</li> <li>Sensei maintains global development and commercial rights to SNS-101</li> </ul>		
NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE  Cooperative Research & Development Agreement	Further elucidate role of VISTA in immune checkpoint resistance and expand potential of SNS-101 as a combination therapy beyond anti-PD-1	<ul> <li>Sensei collaborating with NCI Center for Immuno-Oncology Co-Directors, Jeffrey Schlom, Ph.D., and James Gulley, M.D., Ph.D.</li> <li>Preclinical studies will assess SNS-101 mechanism of action in combination with therapies beyond anti-PD-1</li> </ul>		
Washington University inSt.Louis  Research Collaboration	Further study the mechanism of SNS-101's anti- tumor activity	<ul> <li>Sensei collaborating with laboratory of immuno-oncology KOL, Robert Schreiber, Ph.D.</li> <li>Preclinical studies will include identification of SNS-101 response biomarkers</li> </ul>		



## **SNS-101 Is a Fully Differentiated Anti-VISTA Antibody**

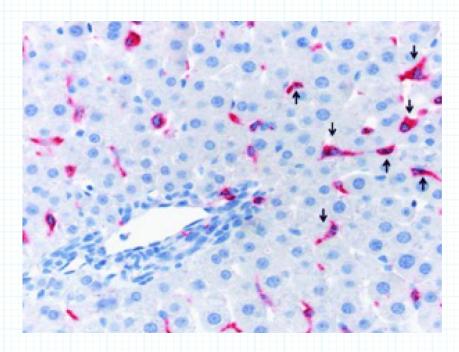
	SNS-101 sensei	CI-8993; JNJ-61610588 (J&J/Curis)	K01401-020; W0180 (Pierre Fabre)	HMBD-002 (Hummingbird)	KVA12.1 (Kineta)	VISTA.18 (BMS)	(PMC-309) Pharm Abcine
Inhibit PSGL-1 Binding	$\odot$	$\odot$	$\bigcirc$	<b>⊗</b>	$\odot$	$\odot$	$\odot$
pH Sensitive Binding	$\odot$	$\bigotimes$	$\bigotimes$	8	$\otimes$	$\bigcirc$	$\otimes$
Fc Active	(IgG1)	(IgG1)	N/A	8	(IgG1)	(IgG4)	(IgG1)
Stage	Phase 1	Phase 1	Phase 1	Phase 1	Phase 1	Preclinical	Preclinical





## VSIG4 is an Immunosuppressive Receptor with On-Target, Off-Tumor Challenges

## Tissue macrophages (Kupffer cells) in liver

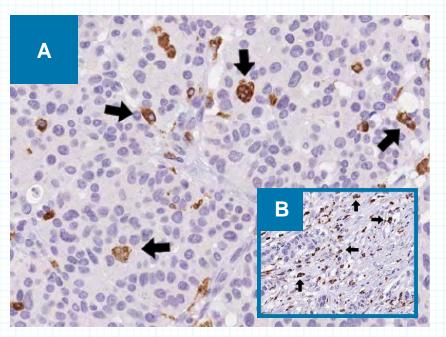




In the liver, VSIG-4 ... Is expressed on Kupffer cells<sup>1-2</sup>

Appears to drive significant target-mediated drug disposition (TMDD) and clearance

## Tumor-associated macrophages in tumor and stroma (inset)





In the tumor microenvironment, VSIG-4 ...

Correlates with immunosuppressive "M2" macrophage infiltration<sup>3</sup>

Inhibits T cell activation4

Promotes tumor growth based on data from a syngeneic Lewis lung carcinoma model in knockout mice<sup>5</sup>



See references in Appendix

## Sensei Has Identified pH-sensitive VSIG4 Antibodies

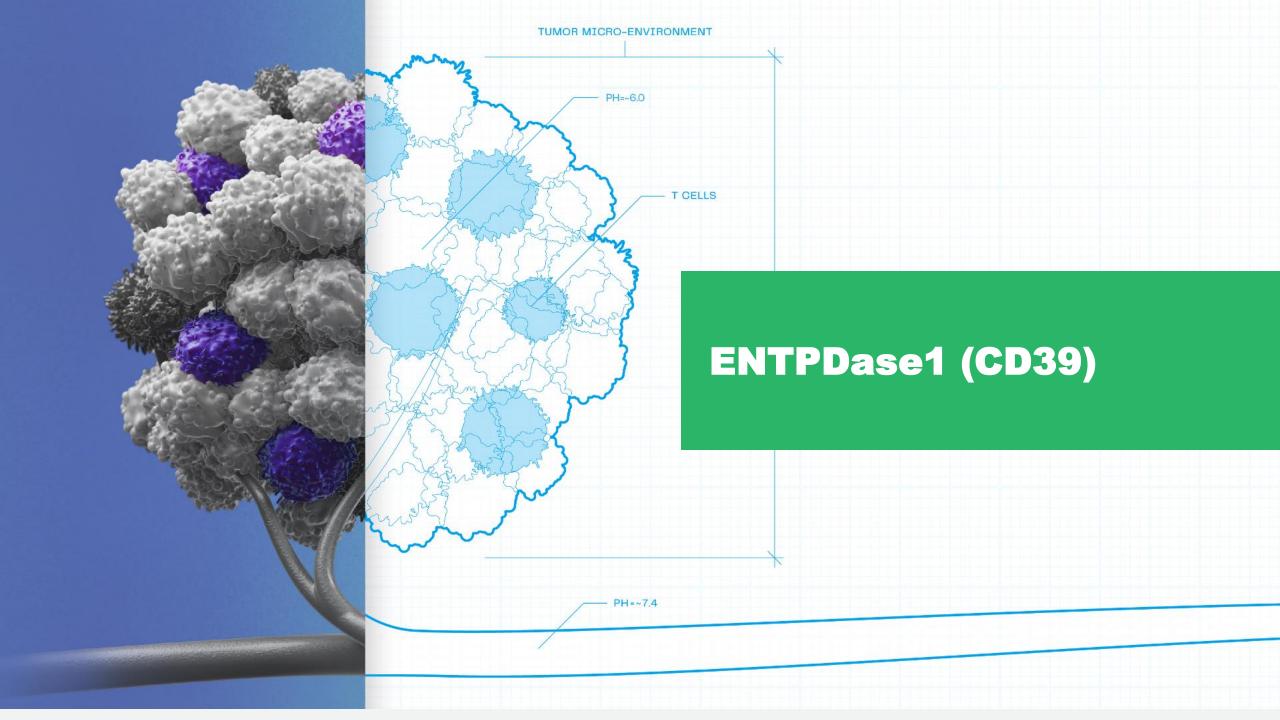
## pH-Sensitive VSIG4 Parental Antibodies Selected for Further Optimization

- Program milestones to date:
  - Identified 8 parental antibodies for optimization and are currently testing progeny antibodies;
  - Identified pH-sensitive antibodies highlighting the potential breadth of the TMAb platform;
  - Identified novel VSIG4 receptors on primary T-cells by Hi-Res proteomics, which are currently in verification stage.
- Plan to select product candidate in 2023

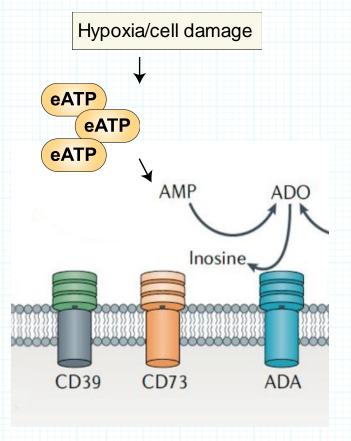
Antibody Reference#	Ratio of pH Selectivity (6.0 vs 7.4)	Blockage of Immobilized VSIG4- T-cell Inhibition	Blockage of Cellular VSIG4- T-cell Inhibition
1	1	+	+
2	7	+	+
3	1	+	+
4	3	+	+
5	3	+/-	+
6	25	+	+
7	1	+	+
8	2	-	+

<sup>\*</sup> Ratio assessed by flow cytometry on VSIG4 overexpressing cells





# ENTPDase1 (CD39) is the Rate Limiting Enzyme in the Production of Immunosuppressive Adenosine



- Primary function is conversion of extracellular ATP (eATP) to adenosine (ADO), which exerts immunosuppressive properties through binding to A2a/A2b receptors (ADA)
- Expressed on various immune cells in both tumors and normal tissues
- Development of a TMAb antibody has potential for improved safety and PK profile compared to competitor CD39 mAbs





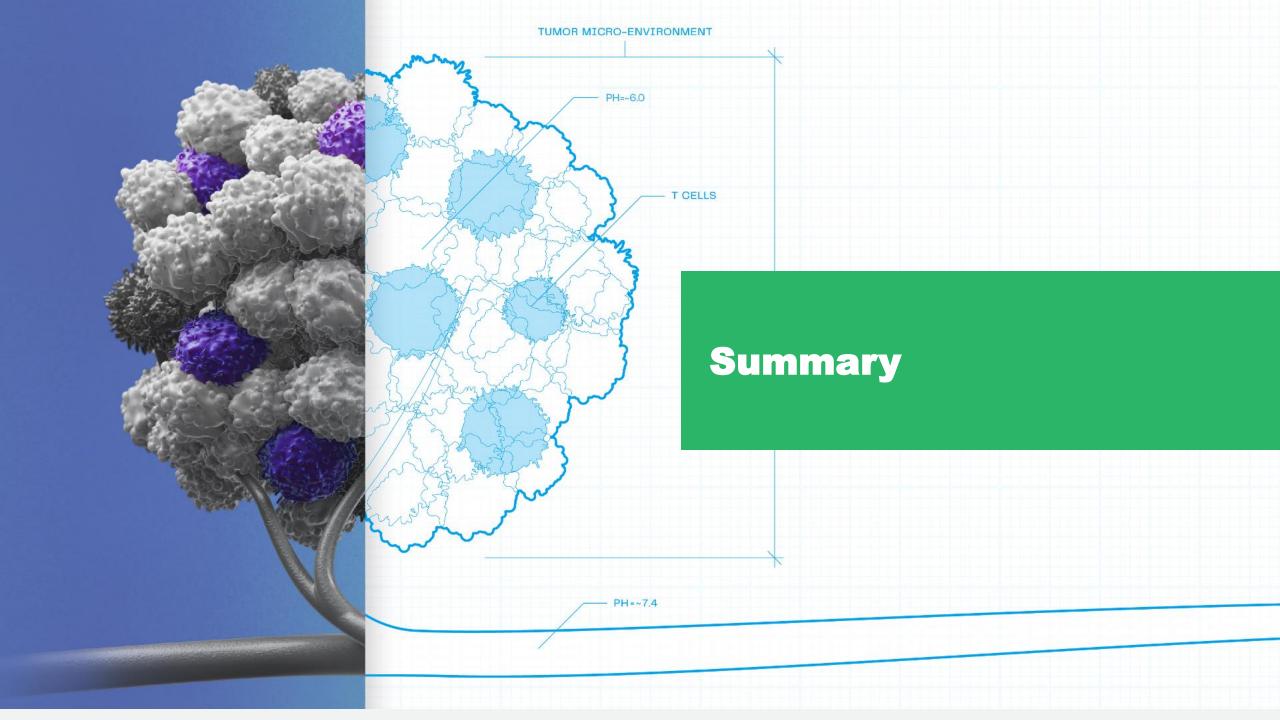
## Sensei Has Identified pH-sensitive ENTPDase1 (CD39) Antibodies

- Program milestones to date:
  - Identified 8 parental antibodies for further optimization, and currently testing progeny antibodies
  - Identified pH-sensitive parental antibodies for lead optimization
- Plan to select lead product candidate in 2023

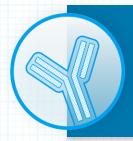
## pH-Sensitive CD39 Parental Antibodies Selected for Further Optimization

Antibody Reference#	Ratio of pH Selectivity (6.0 vs 7.4)
1	1
2	6
3	4
4	5
5	18
6	1
7	1
8	1





## **Expected Program Milestones**



#### **SNS-101 (anti-VISTA)**

- √ May 2023: First Patient Dosed
- In or before Q1 2024: Dose first patient in combination with Libtayo®
- 2024: Topline Phase 1 monotherapy data
- 2024: Initial Phase 1 combination data



## SNS-102 (anti-VSIG4)

• 2023: Select product candidate



#### SNS-103 (anti-ENTPDase1/CD39)

• 2023: Select product candidate



#### **TMAb Platform**

- Advance one program forward to IND-enabling studies following product candidate selection
- ✓ **2023:** Initiate fourth TMAb discovery program focused on developing a conditionally active bispecific antibody



## **Engineered Selectivity to Extend the Clinical Reach of Immuno-oncology Agents**





## **Seasoned Leadership Team**



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