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LAVA Therapeutics, N.V.

(Registrant)

Date: June 6, 2024

By: /s/ Fred Powell

Fred Powell

Chief Financial Officer

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# **Gamma-delta T cell engagers for next-generation cancer therapeutics**

Investor Presentation  
June 2024

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## Strong Team, IP and Cash Position

Experienced management team, with diverse portfolio of product and platform IP and a cash balance of \$95 million<sup>4</sup>, with an expected runway into 2026

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1. Gamma-delta T cells are abbreviated as Vγ9Vδ2 or Vδ2 in this deck. 2. LAVA announced a [clinical collaboration](#) with Merck & Co., on January 25, 2024. 3. Formerly LAVA-1223. 4. Based on cash, cash equivalents and investments as of March 31, 2024, mCRPC = Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer, CRS = Cytokine Release Syndrome, IL-2 = Interleukin-2.



# Gammabody® Platform Pipeline: Potential in Hematologic Malignancies and Solid Tumor Indications

Pipeline					
Candidate	Target	Indication(s)	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2
LAVA-1207	PSMA	mCRPC			
		Monotherapy			
		+ IL-2			
		+ Pembrolizumab <sup>1</sup>			
LAVA-1266	CD123	Hematologic Malignancies			
LAVA-1427		Undisclosed			
LAVA-1433		Undisclosed			
Strategic Partnerships					
PF-08046052	EGFR	Solid Tumors			
Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine		Undisclosed			

■ Solid Tumor
 ■ Hematologic malignancy
 ■ Undisclosed

4 | 1. LAVA announced a [clinical collaboration](#) with Merck & Co., on January 25, 2024 for LAVA-1207. PSMA: prostate-specific membrane antigen; EGFR: epidermal growth factor receptor; mCRPC: metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer







# Gammabody<sup>®</sup> Platform

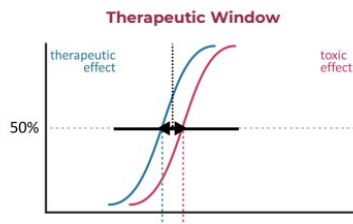
## Overview

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# LAVA's Bispecific T Cell Engager Strategy is Focused on Recruiting Vδ2-T Cells

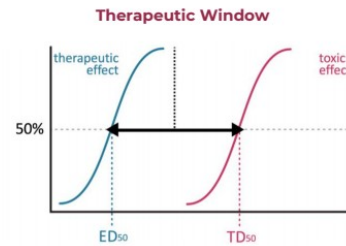
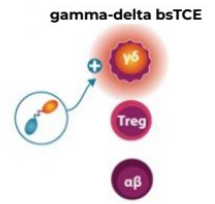
## 1<sup>st</sup> generation T cell engagers

- CD3 (pan) T cell activators
- High grade cytokine release syndrome (CRS) toxicities
- On-target/off-tumor toxicities
- Co-activation of Tregs
- Sporadic efficacy in solid tumors



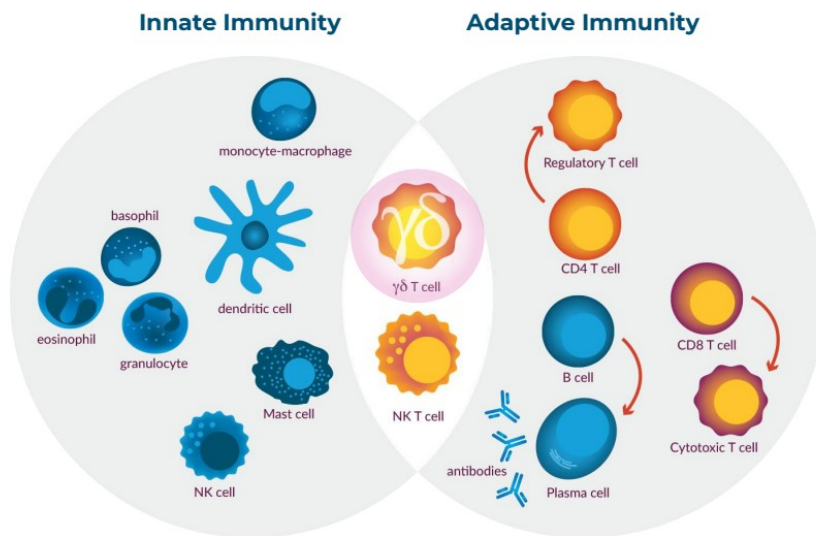
## LAVA's next-generation approach

- Recruitment of Vδ2 T cells
- Homogeneous population of antitumor immune effector cells
- Avoids co-activation of Tregs
- Anticipated low incidence of high-grade CRS and on-target/off-tumor toxicity
- Unique antigen presenting function



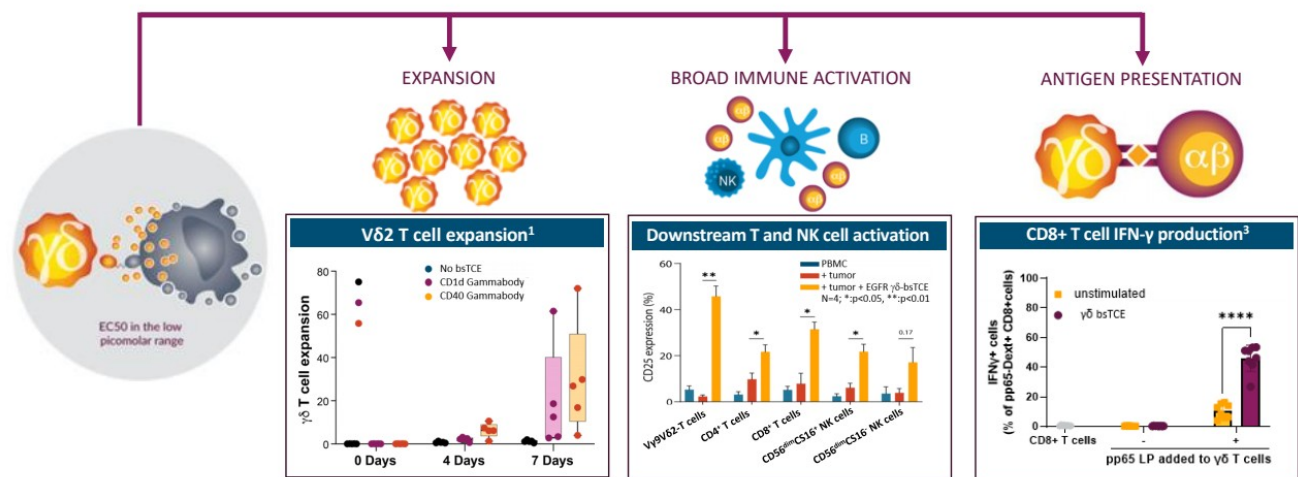
## V $\delta$ 2 T Cells

Positioned at the interface between innate and adaptive immunity

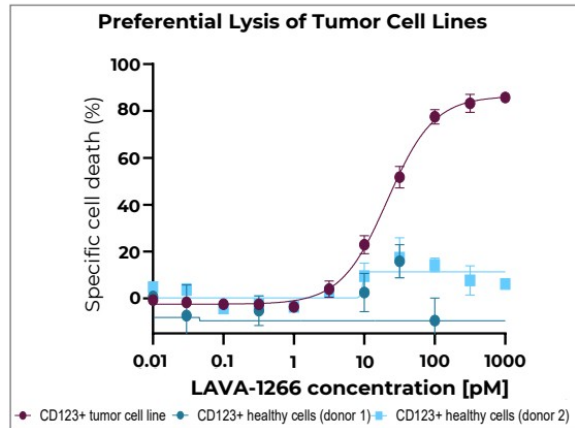
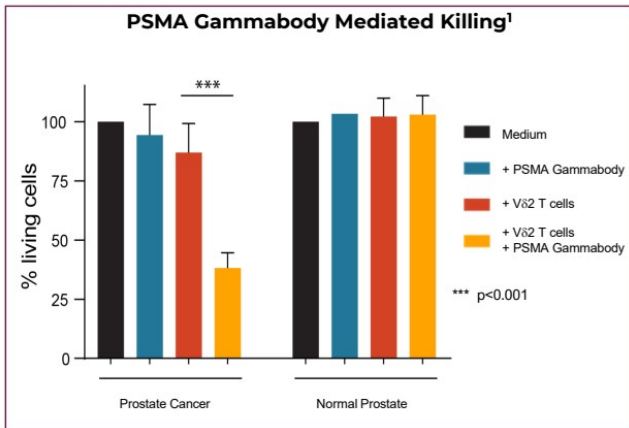


- Largest  $\gamma\delta$  T cell subset in blood: (~90-95% of total  $\gamma\delta$  T cells)
- Natural ability to recognize and kill tumor cells
- Presence of V $\delta$ 2 T cells associated with improved outcomes in cancer patients
- Recognize tumors through phosphoantigen-BTN2A1/3A1 complex
- Consistent pro-inflammatory cytotoxic effector T cell population

# Selective Activation of Vδ2 T Cells has the Potential to Coordinate the Immune Response Against Tumors



## Sparing of Normal Tissue is a Key Differentiator of the Gammabody® Platform<sup>1</sup>



- Potential for larger therapeutic window
- Preferential killing of cancer versus healthy cells demonstrated *in vitro* and *ex vivo*
- Allows for targeting of widely expressed tumor-associated antigens



# LAVA-1207

Gammabody Designed to Activate V $\delta$ 2 T Cells by Targeting  
PSMA for the Treatment of mCRPC

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# LAVA-1207 Targets PSMA: Enrolling in Phase 1/2a Global Study

Update expected H2 2024



## PSMA is a clinically validated target

Highly-expressed in >90% prostate cancers<sup>1</sup>. Higher levels negatively correlated with survival<sup>2</sup>  
FDA approval of Pluvicto, a PSMA-targeted radiopharmaceutical, provides clinical validation



## High unmet need

While early-stage outcomes are good, mCRPC prevalence is 50,000 in the U.S.<sup>3</sup>  
With ~35,000 prostate-cancer related deaths annually in the U.S.<sup>4</sup>, 5-year survival for mCRPC is ~30%<sup>5</sup>



## Strong scientific rationale

Reported relative abundance of Vδ2 T cells correlates with improved patient prognosis and makes mCRPC an attractive indication for Gammabody® Platform<sup>6</sup>



## Phase 1 enrollment

Enrollment is ongoing in the U.S. and Europe (NCT05369000) for dose level 10 monotherapy  
Clinical collaboration with Merck & Co., Inc.<sup>7</sup> adding a combination cohort with KEYTRUDA® (pembrolizumab)



## Study update

Preliminary signs of clinical activity observed with disease stabilization and PSA reduction during early Phase 1 dose escalation  
To minimize the risk of CRS events >grade 2 we have introduced premedication and step-dosing  
Next update is planned for H2 2024, targeting a medical conference

## LAVA-1207 Phase 1 mCRPC

### Dose Escalation

Therapy refractory mCRPC

Dosing: every 2 weeks

Optional adjustments

- Dose level
- Dosing frequency
- # cohorts

RP2D and schedule

### Dose Expansion

Therapy refractory mCRPC

#### GOAL

Determine recommended dose and schedule based on optimal biological dose and/or maximum tolerated dose

#### GOAL

Confirm safety and determine preliminary anti-tumor activity

#### Patient Population

- Adult males with mCRPC
- At least 1 prior taxane
- At least 1 AR targeted therapy
- ECOG 0-1

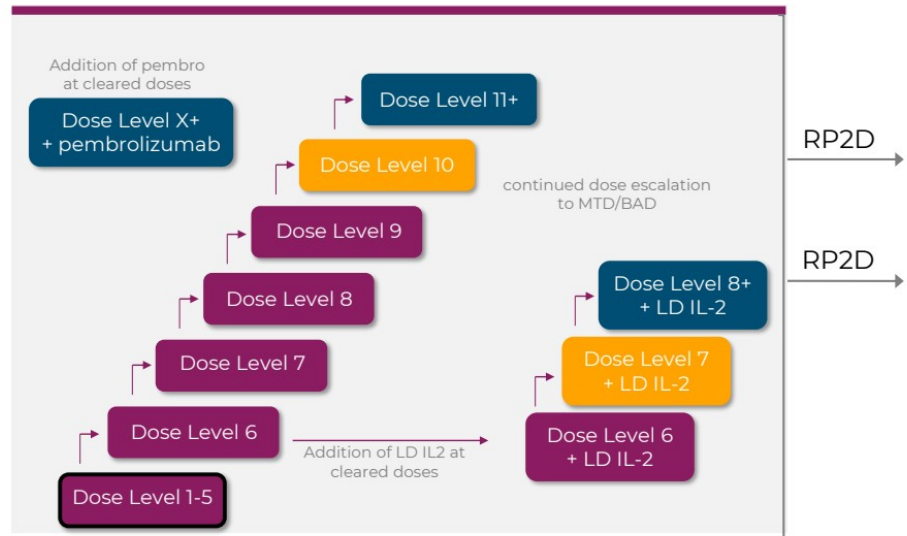


# LAVA-1207 Study Schema – Phase 1

## Current Step Dosing Schedule

- Priming Dose 1 on Day 1: 120ug (outpatient visit)
- Priming Dose 2 on Day 8: 360ug (outpatient visit)
- Target Dose on Day 15 and q2w thereafter (only first target dose has mandatory hospitalization of 24h; flexibility to extend beyond 24h based on investigator discretion)

- Dose Level Cleared – ASCO GU 2023 Update
- Dose Level Cleared
- Ongoing
- Additional dose levels Phase 1



## Why explore the combination of LAVA-1207 and PD-1 mAb

- PD-1 can be expressed by V $\delta$ 2-T cells (in patient Tumor-Infiltrating Lymphocyte (TIL), PBMC) and is upregulated after exposure to bispecific  $\gamma\delta$ -TCE
  - This has the potential to dampen the antitumor effect of LAVA-1207 (and could be released by anti-PD1 mAb)
- bsTCE induced V $\gamma$ 9V $\delta$ 2-T cell activation triggers downstream activation of NK and T cells via proinflammatory cytokine secretion and can induce naive CD4 and CD8 T cell responses through their unique Ag presenting ability
  - This may broaden the immune response that could be promoted by anti-PD1 mAb
- Anti-PD1 mAb therapy may therefore facilitate/potentiate the antitumor effect of LAVA-1207

## Phase 1/2a Snapshot from ASCO GU 2023



### Dose Levels 1-5 20 patients

Median patient was 68 years old, had received 4 rounds of prior therapy and was median 9 years from diagnosis

Metastases were primarily located in bone, lymph nodes and visceral tissues



### Encouraging safety profile

No occurrence of high-grade CRS (>2)

No increase in severity/frequency of TEAEs (grade 1 and 2) with increasing doses, or treatment discontinuations due to adverse events

One grade 4 AE occurred (spinal cord compression, DL5) which was non-related



### Established data on pharmacokinetics

Observed linear pharmacokinetics (PK)



### Attractive early data on pharmacodynamics

Pharmacodynamics (PD) reflect changes expected per MOA

Vδ2 T cell receptor occupancy increased with escalating dose



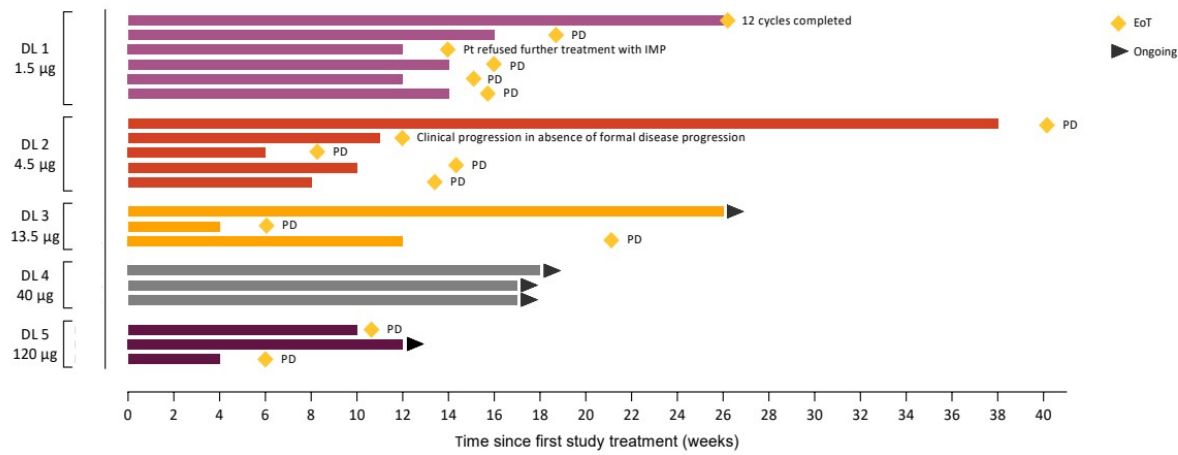
### Activity and treatment duration

PSA reductions observed

Stable disease observed in 8 of 14 evaluable patients, as of ASCO GU 2023

Data cutoff: 12/8/2022

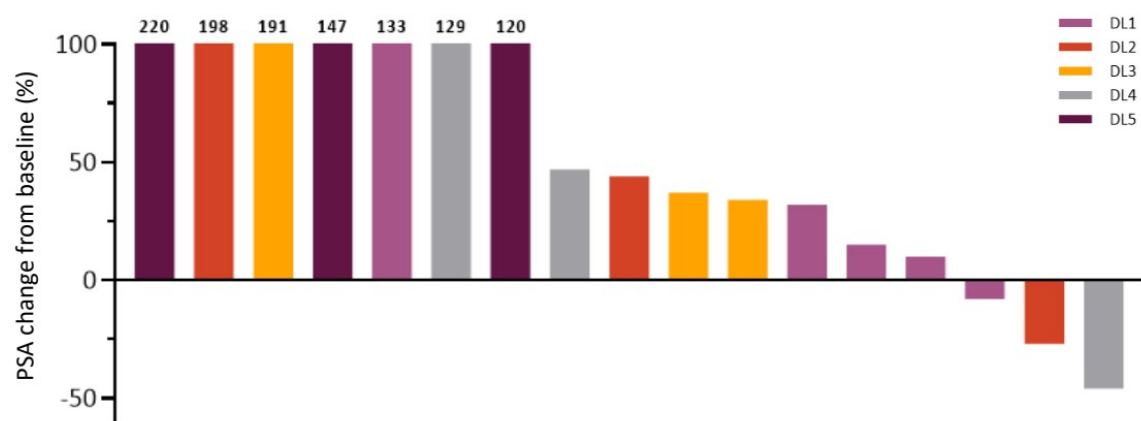
# ASCO GU 2023: Time on Treatment



**Subsequent to ASCO GU:**

- Currently enrolling dose level 10 for monotherapy

# ASCO GU 2023: Best PSA Response

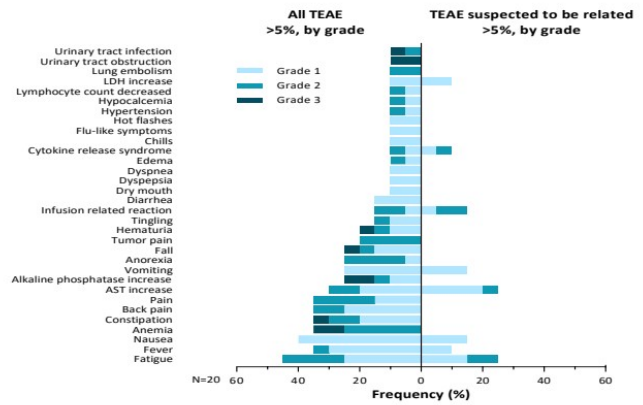


**Subsequent to ASCO GU:**

- Continue to see PSA reductions and other signs of potential antitumor activity

## ASCO GU 2023: Initial Phase 1 Safety Data

- Favorable safety profile with no occurrence of high-grade (>2) CRS
- TEAEs that were suspected to be related were grade 1 or 2
- No increase in severity or frequency of TEAEs with increasing doses
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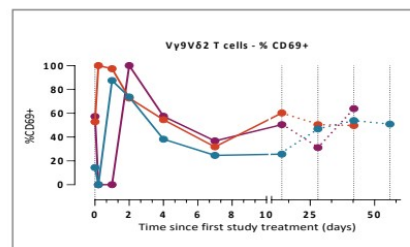
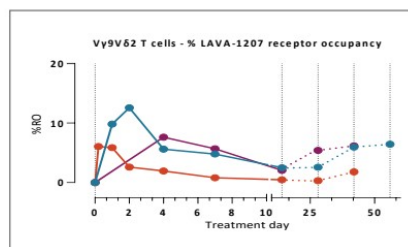
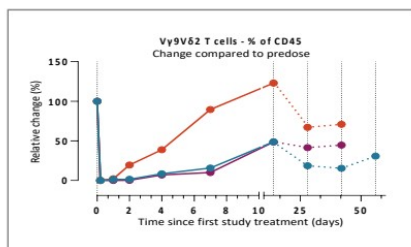


### Subsequent to ASCO GU:

- Single dose-limiting toxicity (DLT) in cohort 6 noted in the monotherapy arm
- Three dose-limiting toxicities (DLTs) were observed in patients receiving IL-2 in addition to LAVA-1207 in a cohort with multiple doses of IL-2 per cycle
- Step-dosing introduced to minimize risk of high grade CRS
- No grade >2 CRS observed before or since introduction of step-dosing

## ASCO GU 2023: Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics

Continuing to see Vδ2 T cell receptor occupancy with increasing doses



— Sbj 3 – Cohort 4  
— Sbj 4 – Cohort 4  
— Sbj 5 – Cohort 4

### PK, PD Data in Keeping with MOA

- PK appears to be linear
- Pronounced drop in circulating Vδ2 T cell frequency 2 hr after dosing, suggesting Vδ2 T cell re-distribution, with subsequent recovery
- Vδ2 T cell activation markers (CD25 and CD69) upregulated following dosing
- Receptor occupancy detectable up to day 14 after EOI, with peak levels ranging from 6.1% to 12.6%

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# LAVA-1266

Gammabody Designed to Activate V $\delta$ 2 T Cells by Targeting CD123 for the Treatment of Hematologic Malignancies

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## LAVA-1266 Targets CD123 for AML & MDS



### Strong scientific rationale

Relative abundance of Vδ2 T cells in AML suggests this disease could be an attractive target for Gammabody therapies



### High unmet need

Estimated new diagnoses in US in 2024: 62,770<sup>1</sup>  
Estimated Deaths in US in 2024: 23,670<sup>1</sup>



### Multiple levels of de-risking

Vδ2 T cell engaging arm partially derisked by LAVA-1207  
CD123 clinically validated as a cancer target  
Over-expressed in a wide range of hematologic malignancies



### Promising preclinical data

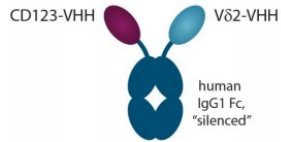
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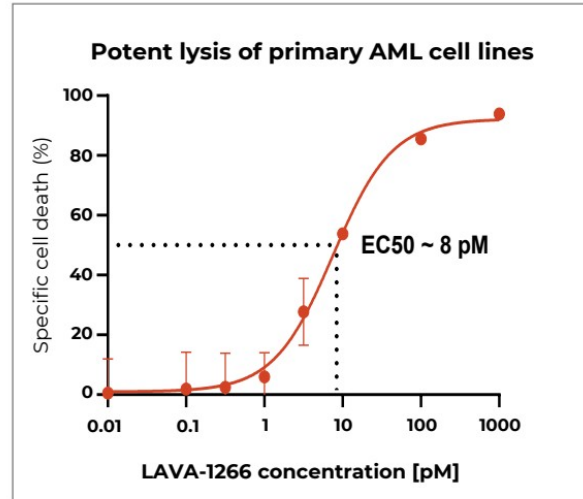
### Program status

Clinical trial enabling activities are underway, in support of an expected Q2 2024 IND filing

## LAVA-1266: CD123-Targeting Bispecific V $\delta$ 2 T Cell Engager



- pM potency and activity at low effector to target cell ratios
- Increased survival in AML xenograft model
- No co-activation of immunosuppressive regulatory T cells
- Does not interfere with IL-3 induced proliferation (relevant for HPSC)
- Results in very limited *in vitro* cytokine release (incl. IL-6, TNF, IFN- $\gamma$ )
- Preferentially targets CD123<sup>+</sup> tumor cells to reduce the potential for on-target off-tumor toxicity



## Strategic Partnerships



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## PF-08046052 for Solid Tumors: Phase 1 Underway<sup>1</sup>



### Mechanism of action

Designed to induce preferential lysis of EGFR-expressing tumor cells while relatively sparing EGFR-expressing normal cells



### Strategic partner



### Agreement

Exclusive worldwide license agreement with Pfizer entered into Q3 2022  
Pfizer to develop and commercialize PF-08046052  
Potential for milestones of up to approximately \$650 million and royalties



### Payments to date

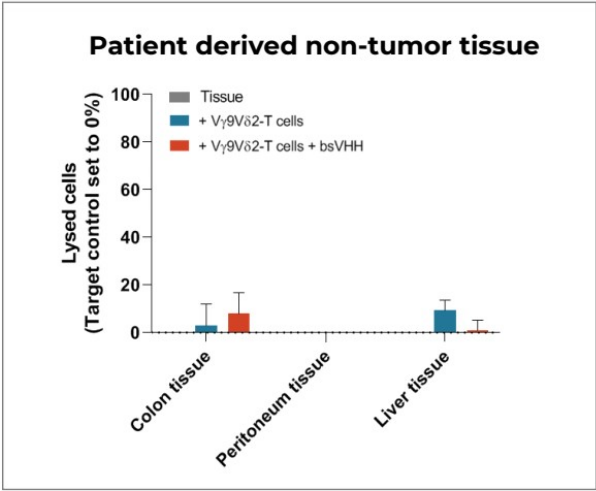
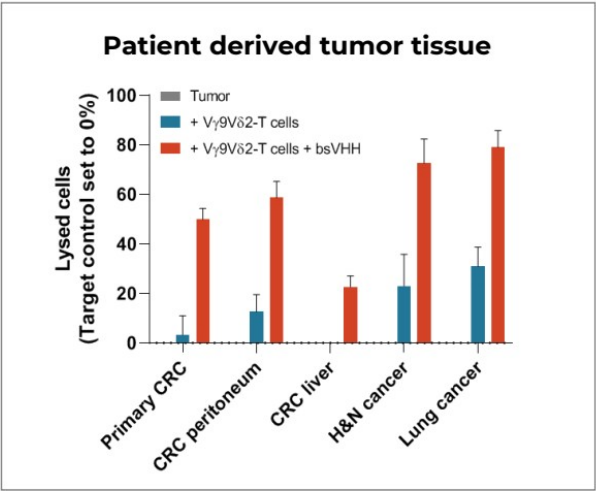
\$50 million upfront received with the signing, Sept 2022  
Received \$7 million Phase 1 enrollment milestone, March 2024




### Program status

Phase 1 Clinical Trial ([NCT05983133](#)) initiated in Q4 2023  
Program highlighted during Pfizer Oncology Innovation Day<sup>1</sup>

# PF-08046052 – EGFR-Targeting Gammabody



# Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine Collaboration: Lead Candidate Selected

	<b>Mechanism of action</b>	Undisclosed tumor associated antigen
	<b>Strategic partner</b>	<b>Johnson&amp;Johnson Innovative Medicine</b>
	<b>Agreement</b>	LAVA entered into a research collaboration and license agreement with J&J Innovative Medicine (May 2020) for the discovery and development of a novel bispecific gamma-delta T cell engager for the treatment of cancer J&J Innovative Medicine is responsible for the future clinical development, manufacture, and commercialization of the candidate at J&J Innovative Medicine's sole cost and expense
	<b>Payments</b>	Upfront payment received in July 2023 LAVA is eligible to receive development, regulatory and commercialization milestone payments and royalties
	<b>Program status</b>	Product candidate onboarded June 2023

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