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# Experienced Leadership Team, Endorsed by Top VCs and Big Pharma

## Senior Management Team



**Bizuo (Tony) Liu**

Founder, Chairman & CEO



- Joined AbelZeta 2014 as CFO, CEO/CFO since 2016; Founder, Chairman, CEO, since 2021
- Corporate VP at Alibaba Group responsible for Overseas investments; AliExpress GM, B2B Finance VP
- 19 years at Microsoft in various finance leadership roles: Corporate Strategy GM, MSFT China CFO, Corp. Corporate Accounting Sr. Director



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Chief Scientific Officer



**Andy Chan, JD, MBA**  
Chief Legal Officer, Secretary



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SVP, Clinical Development, China



## Strategic Investors



## Institutional Investors



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## Leveraging our global R&D capabilities to develop innovative cellular therapies for the treatment of patients with cancer and autoimmune diseases globally

### Integrated Capabilities

State-of-the-art R&D  
and GMP facilities

#### Centers of Excellence

Rockville, Maryland – HQ

Shanghai, China  
to augment our global  
capabilities

### Platform Technologies

Innovative T cell engineering  
modalities for multiple diseases

CAR-T  
(Mono- / Bi-specific / Armored)  
TIL

Solid Tumors  
Hematological Cancers  
Autoimmune Diseases

### Robust Innovative Pipeline

Proprietary, internally-optimized  
programs with early clinical validation

- Five clinical stage programs and multiple IIT/pre-clinical stage assets
- Proven targets and optimal design to maximize specificity while minimizing toxicity
- Best-in-class and best-in-disease potentials

### Global Pharma Partnerships

Two major pharmaceutical deals  
for global licensing & collaboration

**Johnson&Johnson**  
Worldwide licensing of two  
CD20-directed autologous  
CAR-Ts \*

**AstraZeneca**  
Solid tumors-focused  
collaboration

\* The legal entity to the worldwide collaboration and license Agreement is Janssen Biotech, Inc., a Johnson & Johnson company.

# Accelerated Global R&D with Focused US and China Execution



## US Strategy



Leverage our in-house US R&D and manufacturing capabilities along with global partners to accelerate global development

- Generate **robust POC data** on the safety and efficacy of the key drugs, such as C-CAR039, C-CAR066 for r/r NHL, C-CAR168 for autoimmune disease, and C-TIL051 for NSCLC
- Seek C-CAR039/C-CAR066 BLA **approval in all lines of NHL with multi-billion investment** in clinical development, CMC, and commercialization
- Dynamic **partnership with global pharma to create a win-win scenario** by matching our breakthrough innovations with the resources of global pharma

## China Strategy



Utilize KOL and hospital network to conduct IIT and sponsored trials for novel programs to achieve early validation and China development

- Seek C-CAR039 BLA approval in all lines of NHL
- AstraZeneca partnership developing CAR-T therapies for solid tumors (C-CAR031 and C-CAR036)
- Actively generating C-CAR168 POC clinical data for autoimmune diseases
- Leverage our strong manufacturing expertise to address commercialization needs

Pipeline



	Program	Indication	Target	Platform	Preclinical	IIT	Phase I/Ib	Pivotal	Partners
Hematology Malignancies	C-CAR039	r/r B-NHL	CD20/CD19	CAR-T	US				Johnson&Johnson
					China				
	C-CAR066	r/r B-NHL including r/r to CD19 CAR-T treatment	CD20	CAR-T	US				Johnson&Johnson
					China				
	C-CAR088	r/r Multiple Myeloma	BCMA	CAR-T	China				
	Undisclosed CAR-T	Acute Myeloid Leukemia	Undisclosed	CAR-T	US				
Auto-immune Diseases	C-CAR168		CD20/BCMA	CAR-T	US				
					China				
	C-CAR088		BCMA	CAR-T	China				
	A-CAR198		BCMA/CD19	CAR-T	US				
Solid Tumors	C-CAR031/AZD7003	HCC	GPC3	CAR-T	China				AstraZeneca
	C-CAR036/AZD6422	Solid Tumor	Claudin 18.2	CAR-T	China				
	C-TIL051	NSCLC	Multiple	TIL	US				
	Armored CAR-T	Ovarian Cancer	Claudin 6	CAR-T	US				
	Armored CAR-T	Neuroblastoma	GD2	CAR-T	US				





**\$245 million**  
Upfront Payment

**Additional Future Milestone Payments**

**Tiered Royalty Payments**

**CD20-directed Autologous CAR-Ts**

To develop, manufacture and commercialize next-generation CAR-T therapies for B-cell malignancies **Johnson&Johnson**

Clinical Stage Programs		
	C-CAR039	C-CAR066
	Novel CD20/CD19 bispecific CAR-T	Optimized Novel CD20 targeted CAR-T
Territories		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Development &amp; Commercialization rights ex-China</li><li>Commercialization rights in China</li></ul>
IND transfer		<div>C-CAR039 / JNJ-90014496 Ph1 in US (NCT05421663) and Australia</div> <div>C-CAR066 / JNJ-90009530 Ph1 in US (NCT05784441)</div>
Clinical supply	<div>Viral vector and plasmid</div>	Technology transfer

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# Novel Optimized CD20 Directed CART Programs

## Unmet Medical Needs

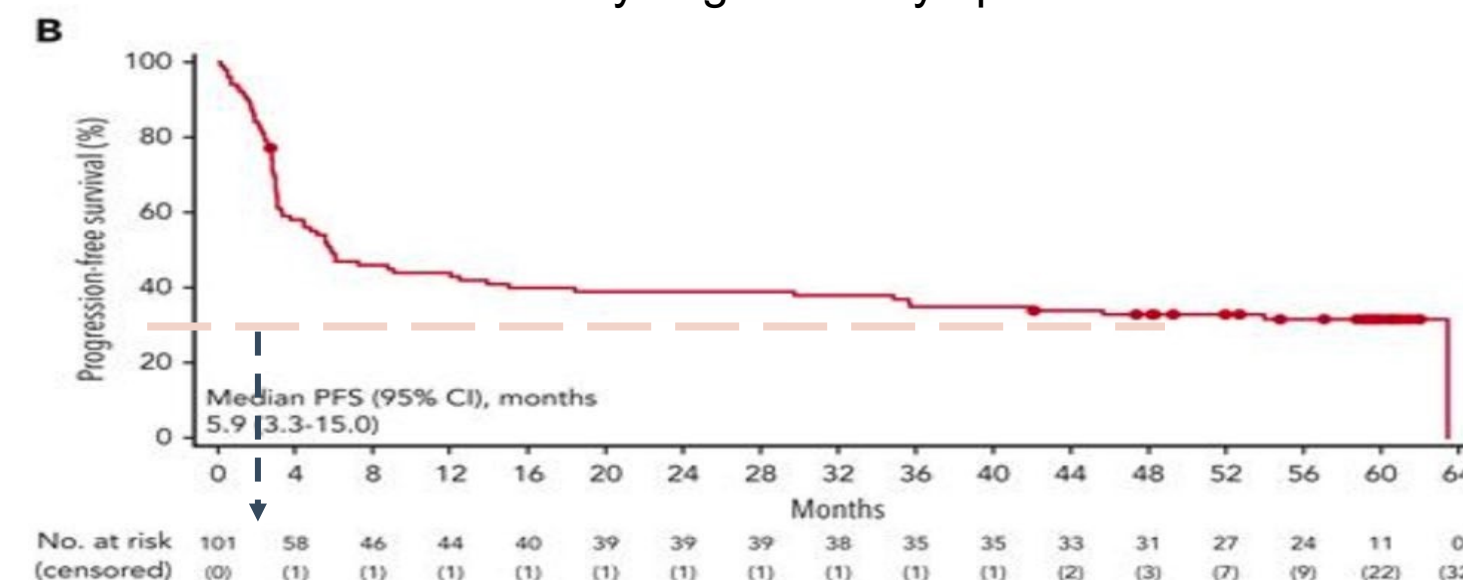
Anti-CD19 CAR T-cell therapies have proven to be efficacious in r/r B-NHL patients. However, ~20% of LBCL patients and ~10% of indolent patients are non-responders <sup>1-5</sup>

50% of LBCL progressed by ~6 months after CD19 CAR-T treatment , < 40% long-term durable response <sup>6</sup>

Clinical outcomes in patients with relapsed/refractory large B-cell lymphoma (r/r LBCL) following CD19 CAR-T therapy are poor.

- The objective response rate (ORR) and complete response (CR) rate with salvage therapies, including bispecific antibodies and antibody-drug conjugates, were 18–54.1% and 3.8–35%, respectively.<sup>7–14</sup>
- The median progression-free survival (PFS) was 1.4–3.8 months and the median overall survival (OS) was 3.8–9.3 months.<sup>7-12</sup>

Clinical response of YESCARTA in refractory large B-cell lymphoma



Neelapu SS et al., Five-year follow-up of ZUMA-1 supports the curative potential of axicabtagene ciloleucel in refractory large B-cell lymphoma, Blood, 2023.

## Upside Potentials of C-CAR039 and C-CAR066 – Aim for Approvals in All Lines of Therapies

### 3L+ NHL

- ~47k of treatable patients
- Currently in Ph1b trials in US and China (CD19 CAR-T naïve)

### 2L NHL (R-CHOP failure)

- ~80k of treatable patients

### 1L NHL (R-CHOP naïve)

- ~159k of treatable patients

Data Source: Clarivate, 2021 for G7 countries

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r/r, Relapsed or Refractory; B-NHL, B-Cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma; ORR, Overall Response Rate; CR, Complete Response; PFS, Progression-Free Survival.



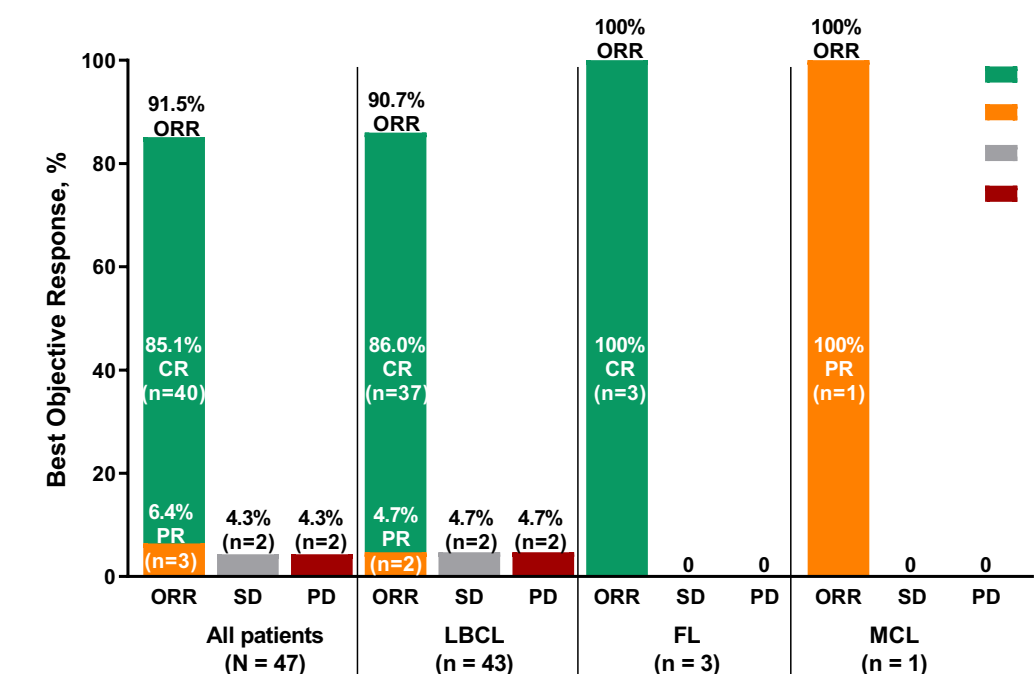
# C-CAR039 Clinical Results

**C-CAR039 is a Promising Therapy for B-NHL (esp. for LBCL) with Excellent Safety Profile and Promising Clinical Efficacy**

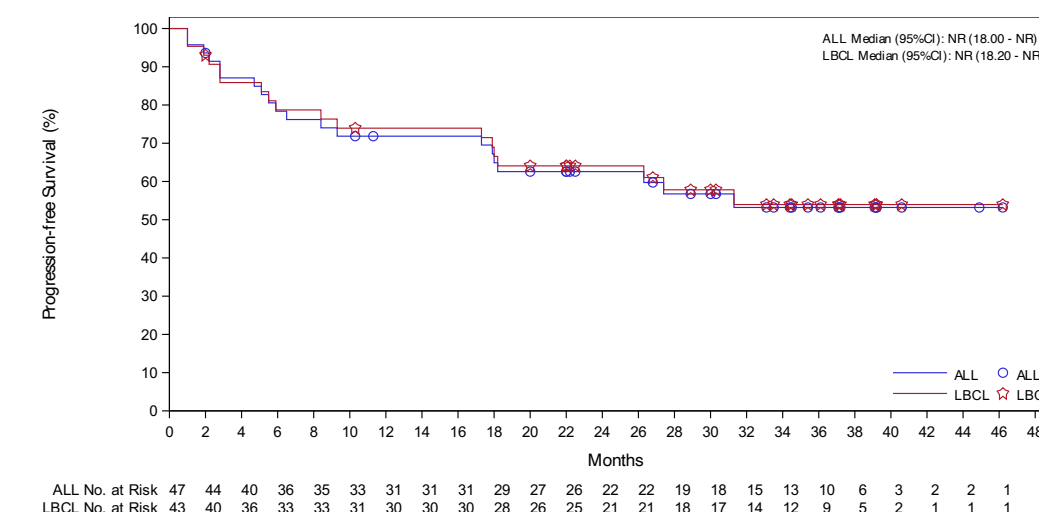
Characteristics	N=48
Median Age, year (range)	55 (25-71)
• Age≥65, n (%)	11 (22.9)
NHL Subtype, n (%)	
• DLBCL, NOS	37 (77.1)
• tFL	4 (8.3)
• PMBCL	3 (6.3)
• FL	3 (6.3)
• MCL	1 (2.1)
ECOG PS, n (%)	
• 0	31 (64.6)
• 1	17 (35.4)
IPI Score 3/4, n (%)	15 (31.3)
Ann Arbor Stage III/IV, n (%)	36 (75.0)
Double-expression Lymphoma, n (%)	15 (31.3)
Median Number of Prior Lines of Therapy, (range)	3 (1-7)
• ≥4, n (%)	16 (33.3)
Never Achieved CR of Prior Therapies, n (%)	22 (45.8)
Prior Therapy, n (%)	
• CD20	48 (100)
• ASCT	8 (16.7)
Received Bridging Therapy, n (%)	12 (25.0)

AESI, n (%)	N=48
CRS	45 (93.8)
• Grade≥3	1 (2.1)
• Median days to onset, d (range)	3 (1-12)
• Median days to resolution, d (range)	5 (2-78)
ICANS	3 (6.3)
• Grade≥3	0
• Median days to onset, d (range)	6 (5-29)
• Median days to resolution, d (range)	12 (3-53)
Prolonged Cytopenia	
• Neutropenia	26 (54.2)
• Thrombocytopenia	10 (20.8)
• Anemia	10 (20.8)
Infections	32 (66.7)
• Grade≥3	12 (25.0)
Secondary Primary Malignancy	3 (6.3)
• Acute myeloid leukemia	2 (4.2)
• EBV+ cytotoxic T-cell lymphoma	1 (2.1)

- ORR was 91.5% with 86.0% CR in r/r LBCL**



- The estimated 24-m PFS rates were 62.6% and 64.1% for all patients and LBCL patients**



# C-CAR066 Clinical Results

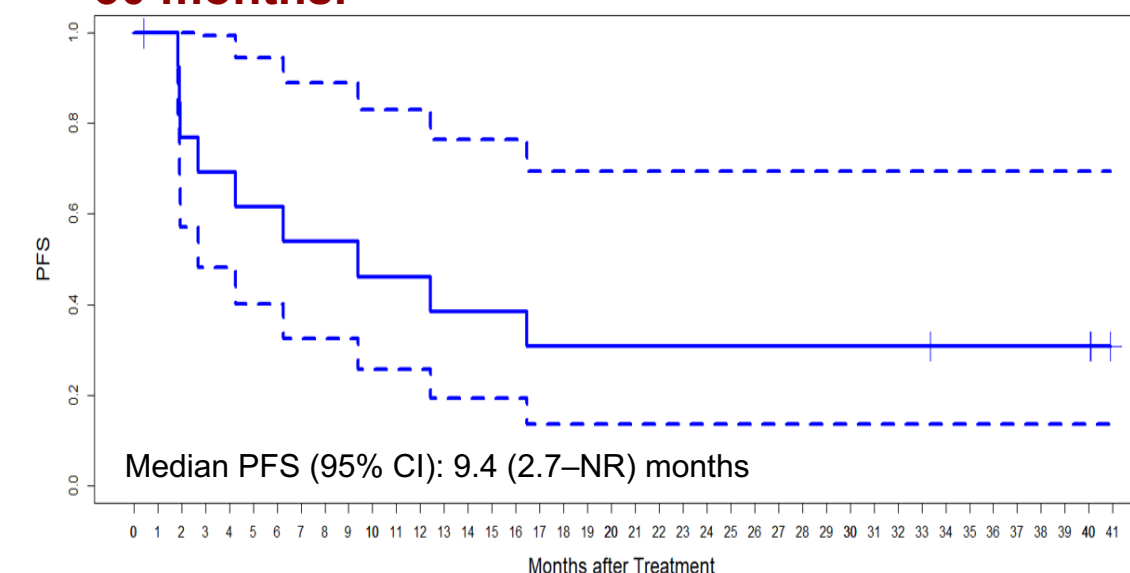
Characteristics	N=14
Median Age, year (range)	54.5 (37-67)
• Age≥65, n (%)	2 (14.3)
NHL Subtype, n (%)	
• DLBCL	10 (71.4)
• tFL	4 (28.6)
ECOG PS 0-1, n (%)	
• 0	5 (35.7)
• 1	9 (64.3)
IPI Score 3/4, n (%)	8 (57.1)
Ann Arbor Stage III/IV, n (%)	12 (85.7)
Double-expression Lymphoma, n (%)	7 (50.0)
SPD, n (%)	
• ≥ 4000 mm <sup>2</sup>	6 (42.9)
• < 4000 mm <sup>2</sup>	8 (57.1)
Median (range) number of Prior Lines of Therapy	5 (2-7)
• ≥4, n (%)	12 (85.7)
Prior ASCT, n (%)	2 (14.3)
Prior Therapy, n (%)	
• CD19	12 (85.7)
• CD19/CD79b or CD19/CD22	2 (14.3)
Best response of prior CAR-T Therapy, n (%)	
• CR	2 (14.3)
• PR	10 (71.4)
• SD/PD	2 (14.3)
Median (range) DOR of prior CAR-T therapy, months	1.9 (0.4–6.1)
Median (range) time from prior CAR-T to C-CAR066, months	5.5 (3.4–14.2)
Bridging therapy, n (%)	7 (50.0)

AESI, n (%)	N=14
CRS	12 (85.7)
• Grade≥3	1 (7.1)
• Median days to onset, d (range)	5.5 (2–15)
• Median days to resolution, d (range)	4.0 (1–15)
ICANS	0
Infections	8 (57.1)
• Grade≥3	2 (14.3)
Prolonged Cytopenias*	4 (28.6)
• Neutropenia	3 (21.4)
• Anemia	2 (14.3)
• Thrombocytopenia	2 (14.3)
SPM	0

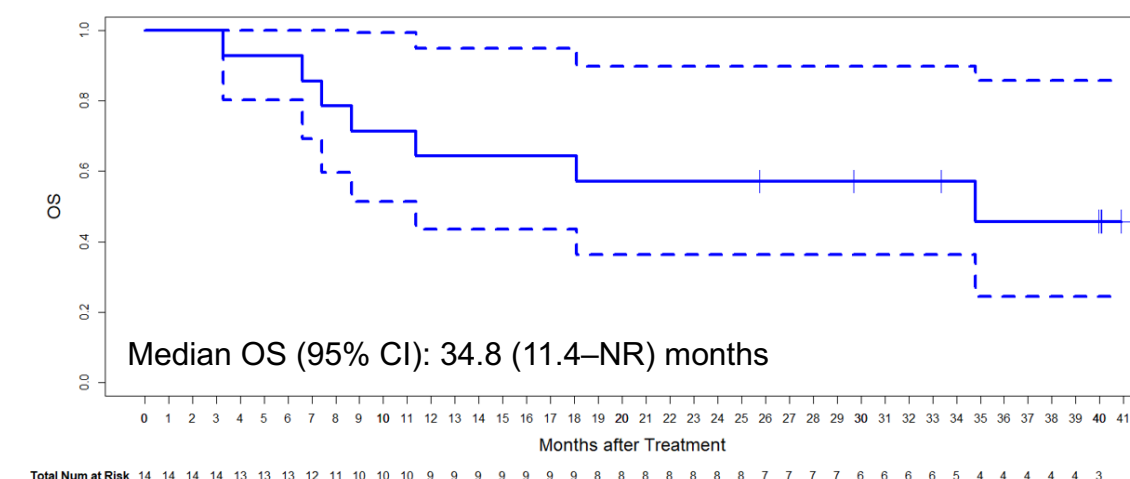
SAEs, n (%)	N=14	Onset Day
SAEs	4 (28.6)	
• C-CAR066-related	1 (7.1)	
CRS	1 (7.1)	Day 11
Myelosuppression	1 (7.1)	Day 32
• C-CAR066-unrelated	3 (21.4)	
Abdominal pain	1 (7.1)	Day 30
Platelet count decreased	1 (7.1)	Day 112
Pneumonia	1 (7.1)	Day 404

- **Most cases of CRS were grade 1/2;**
- **No ICANS and SPM;**
- Only 2 SAEs in 1 patient were related to C-CAR066, which were CRS and myelosuppression;

- **ORR was 92.9%, with a CR rate of 57.1%**
- Median DOR was 8.3 months (95% CI, 1.7–NA ).
- With the median follow-up of 27.7 months, median PFS was 9.4 months (2.7 – NA). **4 (28.6%) patients remained in CR for more than 30 months.**



- The Kaplan-Meier estimate of **median OS was 34.8 months** (11.4 – NA).



# Inflammation and Immunology (I&I) Assets

## Large addressable markets

- SLE: ~800 thousand new cases in 2022 globally
- ~40% of SLE will develop into Lupus Nephritis, with many having long-term kidney failures
- Major opportunities in orphan indications such as antisynthetase syndrome, IMNM (Immune Mediated Necrotizing Myopathies), Dermatomyositis, NMOSD, SSc, rMS, pemphigus

## Our preclinical data

- Constructs are optimized to ensure maximum target cell killing activity and target specificity
- CD20/BCMA (C-CAR168), BCMA/CD19(A-CAR198) bispecific CARs
- scFvs of  $\alpha$ CD20,  $\alpha$ CD19, and  $\alpha$ BCMA have all demonstrated robust efficacy and safety profiles in early clinical studies presented at ASCO and ASH<sup>1,2,3,4,5,6</sup>

## Exciting early clinical data emerging from CD19 CAR-T and BCMA CAR-T in multiple I&I diseases

- Academic studies have shown early promising efficacy of CD19 CAR-Ts in SLE, antisynthetase syndrome and SSc
- BCMA CAR-T has shown early positive clinical signal in r/r NMOSD

## Our strategy

- Simultaneously targeting both B cells and plasma cells to eradicate disease-causing pathogenic B-cells and autoimmune antibodies
- Approach has been endorsed by our SAB comprising of well-respected experts in the field

## Upcoming Clinical Milestones

- China IIT initiation Q1 2024
- US IND submission Q2 2024
- US Phase 1 trial initiation 2H 2024

## I&I Scientific Advisory Board



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# AstraZeneca Partnership in Solid Tumors

## 1 Unmet Medical Need

- HCC**  
(2022)
- More than 850 thousand new cases *occurred* in 2022 globally <sup>1</sup>
  - Approximately half of the total HCC patients in the world come from China <sup>2</sup>
- GC**  
(2020)
- 5<sup>th</sup> most common neoplasm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> deadliest cancer in the world <sup>3</sup>
  - 5.6% of global cancer cases and causing nearly 1 million deaths in 2020 <sup>3</sup>

## 3 Upcoming Milestones

- C-CAR036 China IIT on GC initiated in Q4 2023
- China C-CAR031 IND filling Q1 2024
- China C-CAR031 Phase 1 trial initiation for HCC in H2 2024

## 2 AstraZeneca Collaboration



- Co-development of novel innovative armoring CAR-T asset GPC3 armored CAR (C-CAR031) and collaboration for Claudin 18.2 armored CAR (C-CAR036)
- Received upfront payment from AstraZeneca for the co-development for GPC-3 (C-CAR031) in China and collaboration for CLDN18.2 (C-CAR036)
- For the collaboration on Claudin 18.2 CAR-T program in China (C-CAR036), AbelZeta is eligible to receive development, regulatory milestones and royalties. In addition, AbelZeta is eligible to receive milestone payments and royalties for the ex-China development of Claudin 18.2 CAR-T (AZD6422) and GPC-3 CAR-T (AZD5851), which are being solely developed, manufactured and commercialized by AstraZeneca outside of China

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HCC: Hepatocellular carcinoma, GC: Gastric cancer





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