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*Targeted Therapeutics for the Treatment of Brain Cancer*

# Company Overview

- *Singularly focused on dramatically improving brain cancer survival in adults and children*
- Privately-held, preclinical-stage drug development company
- Founded in 2013; 5,000-square foot lab/office in Austin, TX
- Scientific co-founder is Santosh Kesari, MD, PhD, an internationally recognized leader in the brain cancer field
- First-in-class, small molecule therapeutic with novel mechanism of action
- Major market opportunities
  - Clinical candidate for glioblastoma in adults
  - Expansion in pediatrics and metastatic disease
- Recipient of \$7.6M award from CPRIT in 2014



CPRIT

# Lead Program Highlights

**Indication:** Malignant gliomas, including glioblastoma (GBM) in adults and pediatric high-grade glioma (pHGG) in children

**Target:** Olig2, a cancer stem cell (CSC)-associated transcription factor found in nearly all gliomas

**Clinical Candidate:** CT-179, a potent oral Olig2 inhibitor

- **Efficacy:** Most effective when used in combination with chemotherapy and radiation in preclinical animal models
- **Safety:** No significant toxicities identified at therapeutic doses
- **Mechanism:** Direct binding to Olig2 protein leading to apoptosis
- **Regulatory:** Granted orphan-drug designation by the FDA
- **Development:** Initiate two Phase 1b clinical trials in newly diagnosed GBM patients in combination with RT  $\pm$  TMZ in Q2 2018

**Preclinical research collaborations** with top brain cancer scientists

UT Southwestern  
Medical Center



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
MD Anderson  
~~Cancer Center~~



HUDSON  
INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL RESEARCH

Baylor  
College of  
Medicine



# A Diagnosis Of Glioblastoma Is A Death Sentence



People who have died from brain cancer.

- Estimated 12,390 new cases of glioblastoma (GBM) in the U.S. in 2017<sup>1</sup>
- Conventional therapy includes surgery, chemo-therapy with Temodar<sup>®</sup> and radiation therapy
- Median survival = 14.6 months<sup>2</sup>
- 5-year OS rate = 9.8%<sup>2</sup>

**\$1 billion worldwide market opportunity<sup>3</sup>**

1. <http://www.abta.org/about-us/news/brain-tumor-statistics/>

2. The lancet oncology 10.5 (2009): 459-466.

3. Therapeutic Categories Outlook, Cowen & Co. (2012): 902.

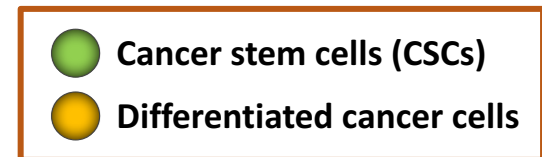
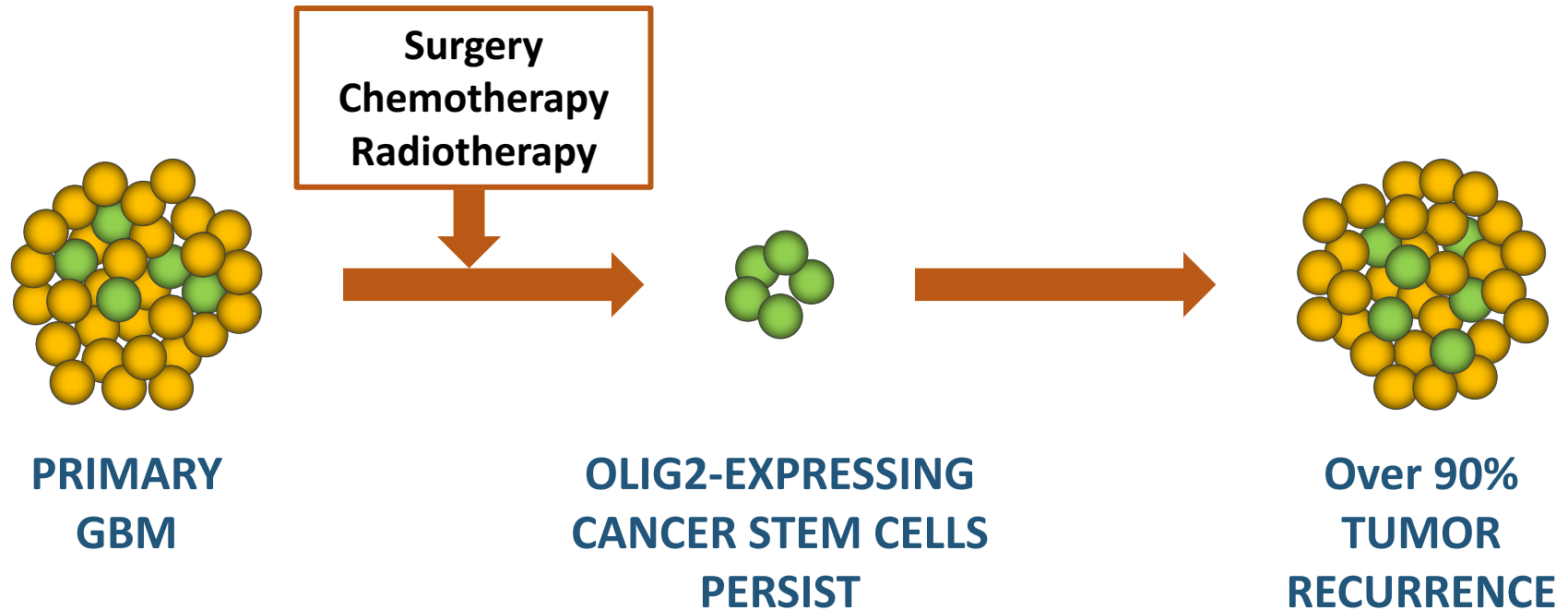
# In Children, Pediatric High-Grade Glioma<sup>1</sup> Has An Equally Dismal Prognosis

- ~700 cases per year in the US<sup>2</sup>
- Treatment includes surgery and radiation<sup>2</sup>
- 5-year survival less than 35%<sup>2</sup>
- Shorter time and lower cost to NDA vs. traditional clinical development
- Opportunity to receive a priority review voucher from the FDA worth >\$300M



1. Includes anaplastic astrocytoma, anaplastic oligodendroglioma, glioblastoma, mixed glioma, and malignant glioma  
2. Fangusaro, J. (2012). Pediatric High Grade Glioma: a Review and Update on Tumor Clinical Characteristics and Biology. Frontiers in Oncology, 2(August), 1–10.

# Problem: Conventional Therapies Are Ineffective Against Olig2-Expressing Cancer Stem Cells, Leading To Recurrence



# What Is Olig2 And Why Target It In Gliomas?

## Required For Normal Brain Development

- Transcription factor
- Critical to embryologic brain development
- Typically not active in normal adult brain tissue
- Not found in normal tissues outside the CNS



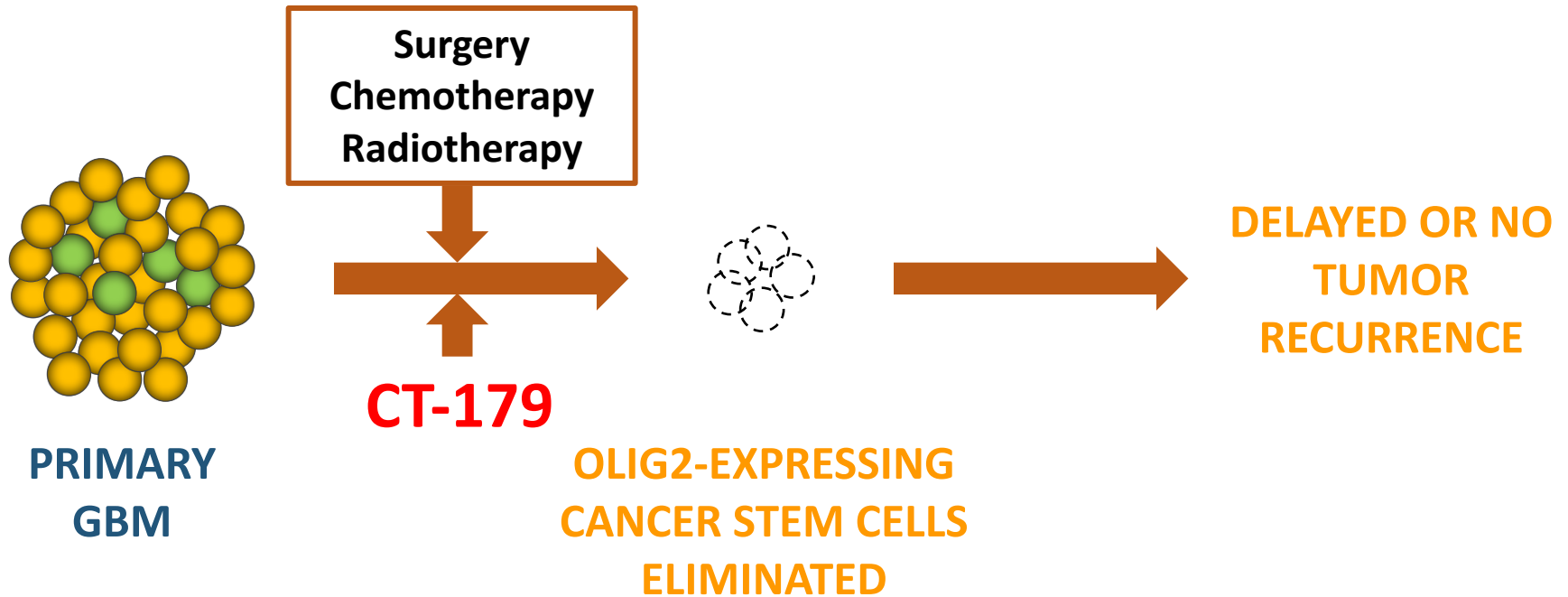
## Critical For Tumor Growth And Invasion

- Drives tumorigenesis
- Promotes resistance to radiation therapy
- Drives tumor invasion into healthy tissue
- CSCs are immunosuppressive
- Highly expressed in all gliomas



# Solution:

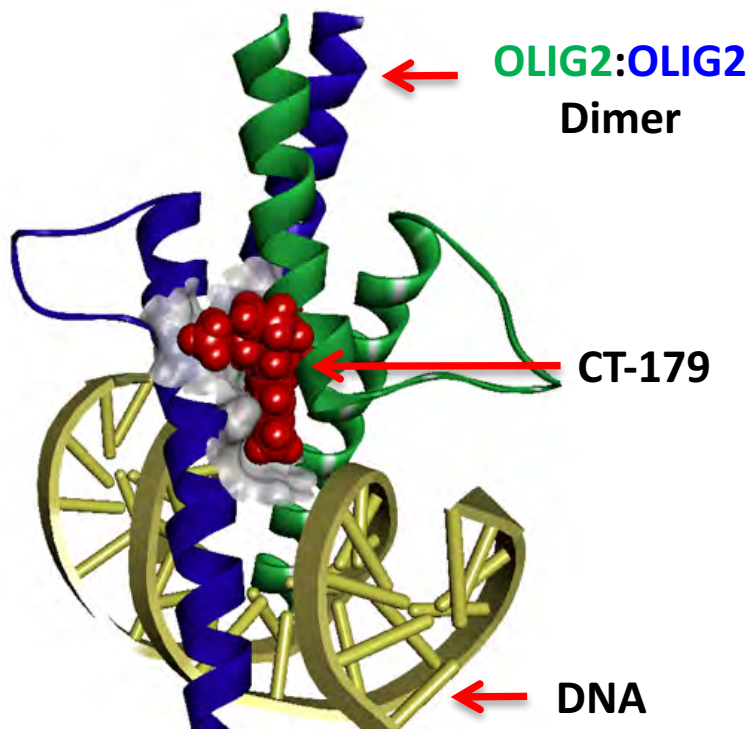
## Eliminate The Treatment-Resistant CSCs By Targeting Olig2



- CT-179 will be given as adjunctive therapy with SOC
- Treatment goal is to debulk the tumor AND eliminate the chemo- and radiation-resistant cancer stem cells (CSC)
- As with temozolomide, maintenance therapy is planned



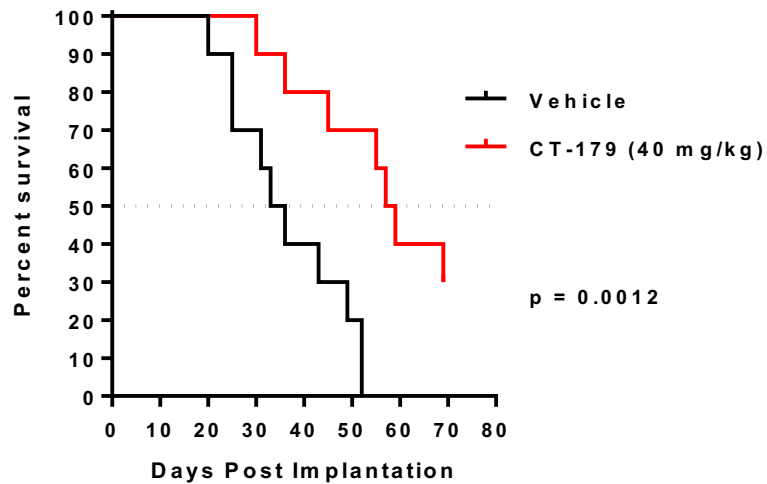
# CT-179 Has Excellent Pharmacologic Properties



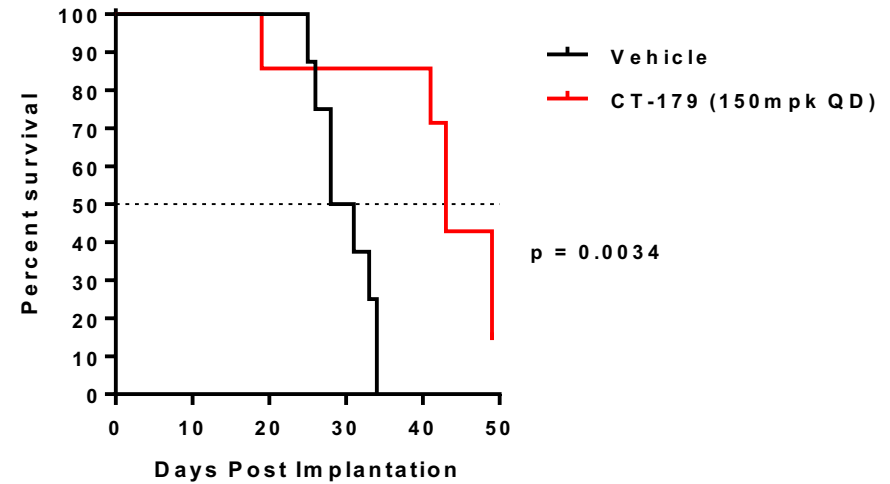
- ✓ ~60% orally bioavailable in monkeys
- ✓ Once daily dosing
- ✓ Crosses the blood-brain-barrier
- ✓ Therapeutic drug levels in brain tissue at steady-state
- ✓ Well-tolerated at therapeutic doses in preclinical studies
- ✓ Low COGS
- ✓ Straightforward manufacturing
- ✓ No major formulation issues
- ✓ Multiple patent applications

# CT-179: Significantly Improves Survival In Orthotopic GBM PDX Models

IP CT-179 in a Mouse GBM8 Orthotopic Model



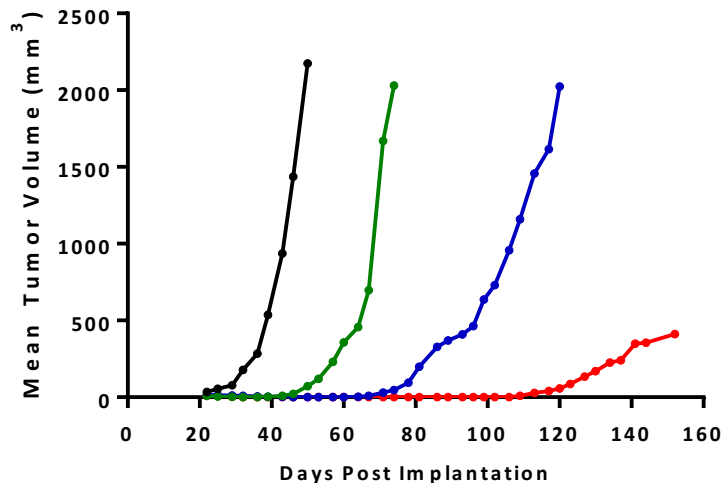
Oral CT-179 in a Mouse G06 Orthotopic Model



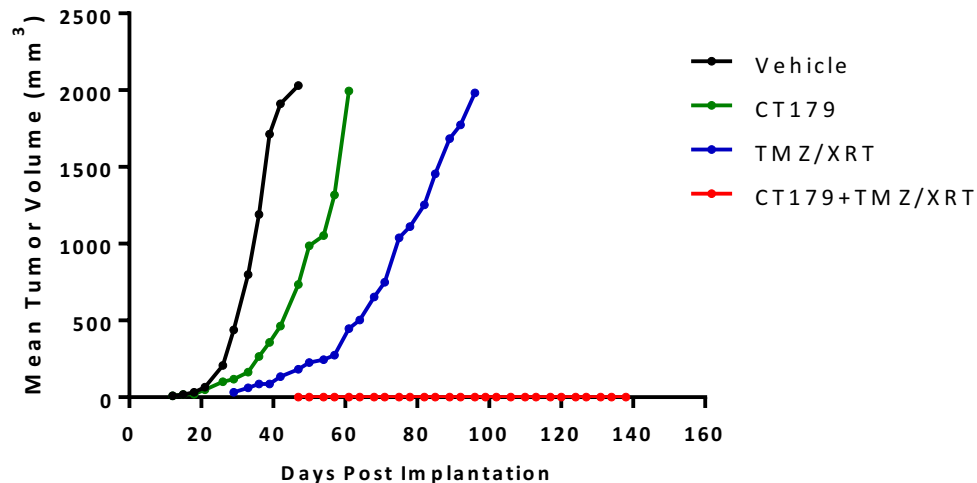
- Orthotopic implantation of human Olig2-expressing GBM8 and G06 cells ; cell lines selected for rapid growth rate of tumors and *in vitro* sensitivity
- IP administration in GBM8 model and PO administration in G06 model
- All treatment groups with significant survival benefit

# CT-179: Tumor Growth Inhibition And Treatment Combination Synergy In GBM4 & GBM8 Flank Models

CT-179 at 105 mg/kg  $\pm$  TMZ/RT  
In a Mouse GBM4 Flank Model



CT-179 at 105 mg/kg  $\pm$  TMZ/RT  
In a Mouse GBM8 Flank Model

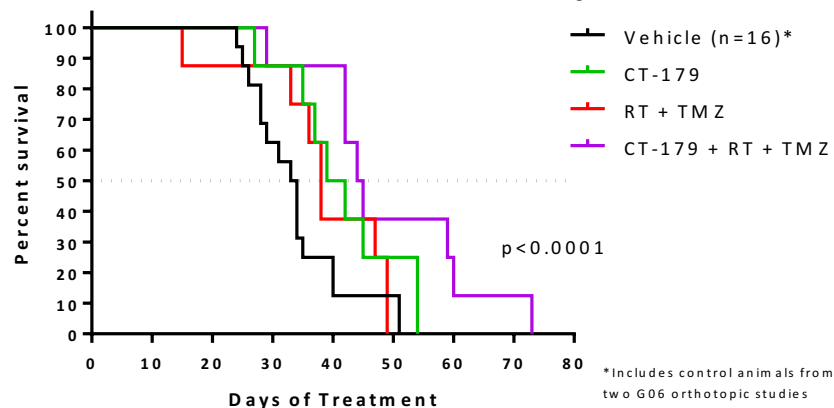


- SQ implantation of human Olig2-expressing GBM4 and GBM8 cells
- PO administration of CT-179 at 105 mg/kg  $\pm$  temozolomide/radiation (TMZ/RT)
- All treatment groups with significant tumor growth inhibition (TGI)
- **Combination significantly better TGI compared to either CT-179 or TMZ/RT alone**

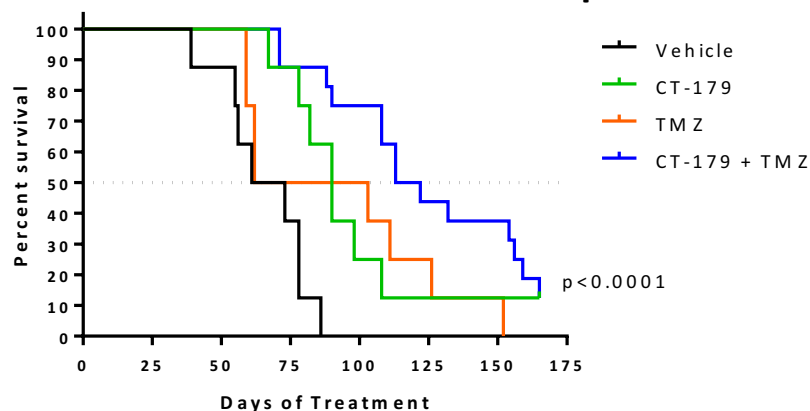
Note: Study numbers are GBM4e201 and GBM8e203

# CT-179: Survival Benefit In G06 & GBM8 Orthotopic Models

## CT-179 at 150 mg/kg ± TMZ/RT In a Mouse G06 Orthotopic Model



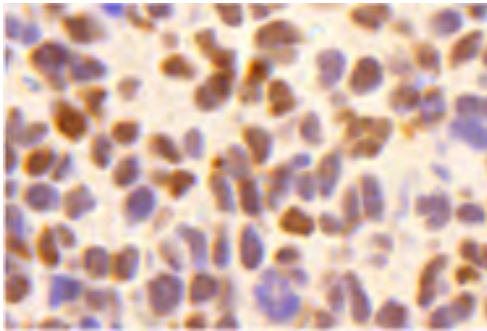
## CT-179 at 150 mg/kg ± TMZ In a Mouse GBM8 Orthotopic Model



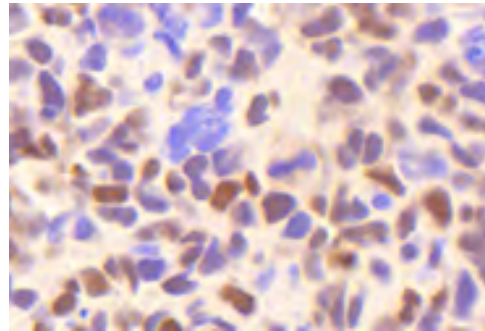
- SQ implantation of human G06 and GBM8 cells
- PO administration of CT-179 at 150 mg/kg ± temozolomide/radiation (TMZ/RT) or ± TMZ
- Survival benefit from monotherapy and combination with SOC therapies
- **Combination significantly better survival compared to monotherapy**
- GBM8 study still in-progress; final results expected in November

# CT-179: Olig2 Expression In GBM12 Tumors *In Vivo* Is Markedly Reduced

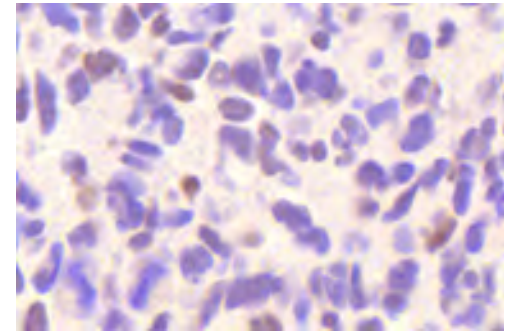
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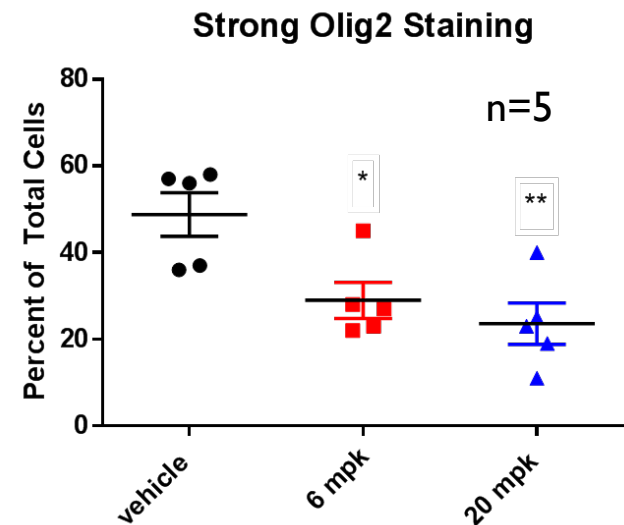
6 mpk CT-179



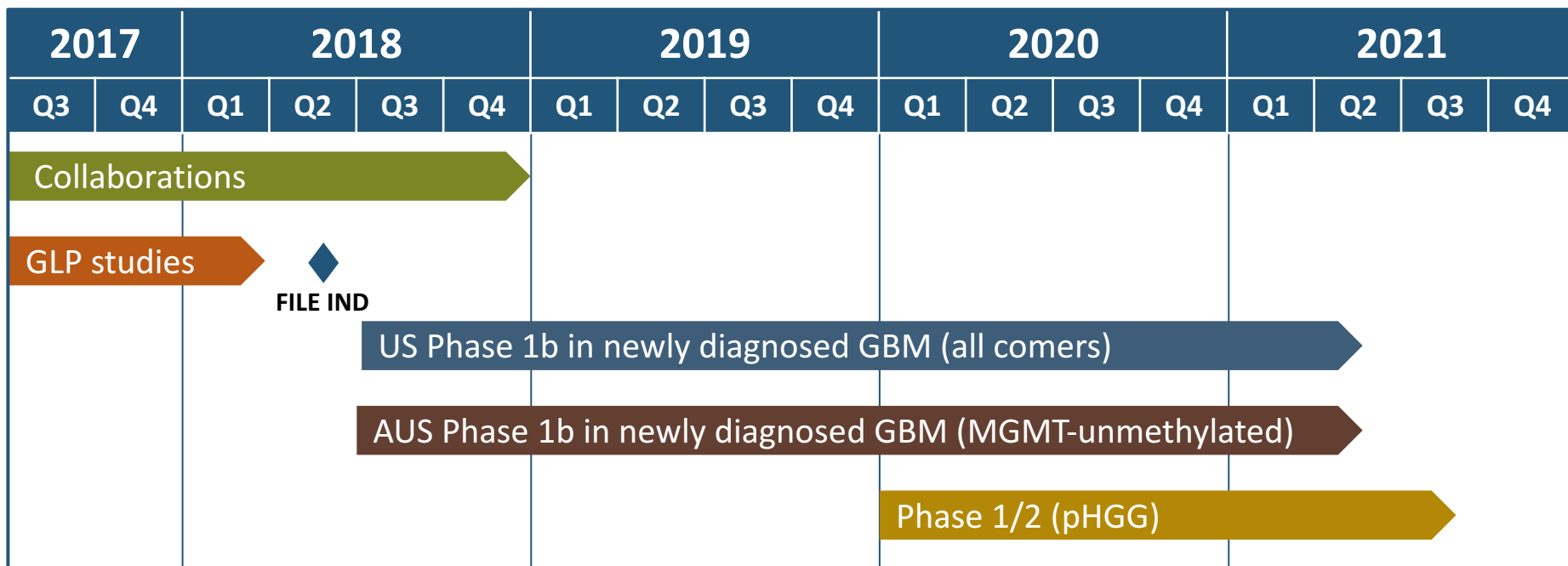
20 mpk CT-179



- Mice implanted orthotopically with GBM12 tumor cells
- Treated with CT-179 at 6 mg/kg and 20 mg/kg PO for 15 days
- Olig2 antibody stain is reddish brown
- CT-179 at 6 mg/kg and 20 mg/kg significantly reduces Olig2 staining



# 4-Year Drug Development Timeline To Human Safety and Early Efficacy Data



- IND submission in Q2 2018
- US Phase 1b clinical trial – CT-179 in combination with TMZ and RT in newly diagnosed glioblastoma (GBM) in adults (all comers)
- Australian Phase 1b clinical trial – CT-179 in combination with RT in newly diagnosed glioblastoma (GBM) in adults (MGMT-unmethylated only)
- 40-patient P1/2 study planned in pediatric high grade glioma (pHGG)

# Management Team Members With Decades Of Experience Developing New And Innovative Drugs



**Gregory Stein, M.D., M.B.A.**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

20+ years in clinical medicine and life science company formation and operations.



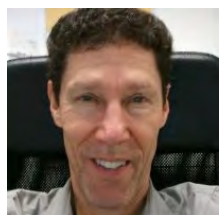
**Graham Beaton, Ph.D.**  
**VP, Medicinal Chemistry & Drug Discovery**

20+ years in industrial science and pharmaceutical drug development.



**Gordon Alton, Ph.D.**  
**VP, Research and Development**

20+ years of leading numerous drug discovery project teams.



**Daniel Pertschuk, M.D.**  
**VP, Clinical Development**

20+ years of leading numerous clinical development programs.



# Targeted Therapeutics For The Treatment Of Brain Cancer

## Unmet Medical Need

- Glioblastoma and pediatric high grade glioma are devastating tumors with high morbidity and mortality rates
- Current standard-of-care only extends median survival by a few months

## Significant Market Opportunity

- \$1B worldwide market for glioblastoma
- Pediatric market offers increased speed and lower cost to approval along with priority review voucher
- Expansion into other primary and metastatic brain cancers

## CT-179 Differentiation

- Novel, truly targeted mechanism of action
- Kills cancer stem cells, limits invasion, radiation sensitizer while sparing non-Olig2-expressing cells
- Excellent safety and tolerability profile