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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 8, 2020

Protara Therapeutics, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	001-36694 (Commission File No.)	20-4580525 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
1 Little West 12th Street New York, NY (Address of principal executive offices)		10014 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (646) 844-0337

N/A
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	TARA	The Nasdaq Capital Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On September 8, 2020, Protara Therapeutics, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release entitled “Protara Therapeutics Provides Comparability and U.S. Regulatory Updates for TARA-002 Supporting Advancement in Oncology and Rare Disease Indications,” a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall the information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date hereof, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in any such filing.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On September 8, 2020, the Company made available a Corporate Presentation on the Investor Relations page of the Company’s website, which will be used at investor and other meetings. A copy of the Corporate Presentation is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference. The Company does not undertake to update this presentation.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**(d) Exhibits**

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
99.1	Press Release, dated September 8, 2020.
99.2	Protara Therapeutics, Inc. Corporate Presentation, September 2020.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: September 8, 2020

Protara Therapeutics, Inc.

By: /s/ Blaine Davis
Blaine Davis
Chief Financial Officer



Protara Therapeutics Provides Comparability and U.S. Regulatory Updates for TARA-002 Supporting Advancement in Oncology and Rare Disease Indications

- Company Demonstrates Initial Comparability Between TARA-002 and OK-432, Advancing to Final GMP Comparability Runs -

- Reaches Alignment with FDA on Development Path Forward for TARA-002 in Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer; Company Plans to Initiate Clinical Trials in 2021 -

- Company Expects to Request Meeting with FDA by Year End to Discuss Path to BLA for TARA-002 in Lymphatic Malformations -

NEW YORK, September 8, 2020 - Protara Therapeutics, Inc. (Nasdaq: TARA), a clinical-stage company developing transformative therapies for the treatment of cancer and rare diseases with significant unmet needs, today announced its development plans for TARA-002 in both non-muscle invasive bladder cancer (NMIBC) and Lymphatic Malformations (LMs) following recent interactions with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). TARA-002 is the Company's lead investigational cell therapy based on the broad immunopotentiator OK-432, which is approved in Japan and Taiwan for the treatment of LMs and multiple oncologic indications.

"The outcome of our recent interaction with the FDA represents a significant milestone for the TARA-002 program, confirming initial comparability between TARA-002 and OK-432 and expanding the potential market opportunity of TARA-002 beyond LMs to include a potentially significant oncology indication," said Jesse Shefferman, Chief Executive Officer of Protara Therapeutics. "Importantly, we believe that we have identified an efficient path forward that allows us to address the population of patients suffering from NMIBC who are lacking alternative therapeutic options. Patients suffering from NMIBC have limited approved treatment options, and with the current standard-of-care facing a historical long-term supply shortage, there is a dire need for novel and effective therapies for these patients."

Mr. Shefferman added, "In addition to the opportunity in NMIBC, as we near completion of our IND update and make progress toward finalizing GMP comparability of TARA-002 to OK-432, we continue to expect to request a meeting with the FDA by year end to discuss a potential near-term path to a BLA filing for TARA-002 in LMs. TARA-002 was recently granted a Rare Pediatric Disease Designation for LMs, a rare pediatric indication with an urgent need for new therapeutic approaches."

FDA Confirmed Initial Comparability Between TARA-002 and OK-432; Final GMP Comparability Expected to be Completed in Mid-2021

Following a recent pre-Investigational New Drug (IND) engagement with the Office of Tissues and Advanced Therapies division of the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER), the FDA agreed that Protara has successfully demonstrated initial manufacturing comparability between TARA-002 and OK-432 and that the Company was on track with its plans to conduct three large-scale batch runs to confirm comparability. Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) scale up is currently in process and the Company will initiate GMP comparability runs with an expected completion date in mid-2021.



Clinical Development Path in NMIBC

In addition, the Company reached alignment with the FDA on a proposed clinical development plan to evaluate TARA-002 in patients with NMIBC. Advancement into the clinic will be supported by existing and ongoing non-clinical studies as well as the historical safety and efficacy data for OK-432.

Subject to the successful completion of select non-clinical studies to characterize local toxicity of intravesical administration of TARA-002 as well as acceptance of an IND filing, the Company plans to commence a Phase 1 study in 2021 to assess the safety and tolerability of TARA-002 in patients with NMIBC, including patients with carcinoma in situ (CIS), with results expected in 2022.

The Phase 2 development program, which Protara plans to commence in 2022, is expected to include NMIBC patients with CIS +/- Ta and/or T1 papillary tumors and high-grade Ta and/or T1 papillary tumors without CIS.

Regulatory Path in LMs

Protara plans to request a meeting with the FDA Division of Vaccines and Related Products Applications by year end to discuss the regulatory path for TARA-002 in LMs. The Company plans to utilize the robust dataset for OK-432 in LMs to support a Biological License Application (BLA) filing for TARA-002 in LMs. In a randomized, Phase 2 clinical trial of OK-432 in LMs conducted in the U.S., 68% of patients treated with OK-432 (>90% pediatric) in the immediate treatment group experienced a complete or substantial response. Long-term control of LMs was favorable, with more than 90% of patients treated with OK-432 having no regrowth over a median follow-up period of approximately three years following treatment.

About TARA-002

TARA-002 is an investigational cell therapy in development for the treatment of lymphatic malformations (LMs) and non-muscle invasive bladder cancer (NMIBC). TARA-002 was developed from the same master cell bank of genetically distinct group A *Streptococcus pyogenes* as OK-432, a broad immunopotentiator marketed as Picibanil[®] in Japan and Taiwan by Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. Protara successfully demonstrated initial manufacturing comparability between TARA-002 and OK-432.

When TARA-002 is administered, it is hypothesized that innate and adaptive immune cells within the cyst or tumor are activated and produce a strong immune cascade. Neutrophils, monocytes and lymphocytes infiltrate the abnormal cells and various cytokines, including interleukins IL-6, IL-8, IL-12, interferon (IFN)-gamma, tumor necrosis factor (TNF)-alpha, and vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) are secreted by immune cells to induce a strong local inflammatory reaction and destroy the abnormal cells. TARA-002 has been granted Rare Pediatric Disease Designation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the LMs indication.



About Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer

Bladder cancer is the 6th most common cancer in the United States, with non-muscle invasive bladder cancer (NMIBC) representing approximately 80% of bladder cancer diagnoses. Approximately 65,000 patients are diagnosed with NMIBC in the United States each year. NMIBC is cancer found in the tissue that lines the inner surface of the bladder that has not spread into the bladder muscle. The current standard of care for high-grade NMIBC includes intravesical Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG), which has been the subject of multiple global supply shortages in the past decade.

About Lymphatic Malformations

Lymphatic malformations (LMs) are rare, congenital malformations of lymphatic vessels resulting in the failure of these structures to connect or drain into the venous system. Most LMs present in the head and neck region and are diagnosed in early childhood during the period of active lymphatic growth, with more than 50% detected at birth and 90% diagnosed before the age of 2 years. The most common morbidities and serious manifestations of the disease include compression of the upper aerodigestive tract, including airway obstruction requiring intubation and possible tracheostomy dependence; intralesional bleeding; impingement on critical structures, including nerves, vessels, lymphatics; recurrent infection, and cosmetic and other functional disabilities.

About Protara Therapeutics, Inc.

Protara is committed to identifying and advancing transformative therapies for people with cancer and rare diseases with limited treatment options. Protara's portfolio includes its lead program, TARA-002, an investigational cell-based therapy being developed for the treatment of non-muscle invasive bladder cancer and lymphatic malformations, and IV Choline Chloride, an investigational phospholipid substrate replacement therapy for the treatment of intestinal failure-associated liver disease. For more information, visit www.protaratx.com.



Forward-Looking Statements

Statements contained in this press release regarding matters that are not historical facts are "forward looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Protara may, in some cases, use terms such as "predicts," "believes," "potential," "proposed," "continue," "designed," "estimates," "anticipates," "expects," "plans," "intends," "may," "could," "might," "will," "should" or other words or expressions referencing future events, conditions or circumstances that convey uncertainty of future events or outcomes to identify these forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements include but are not limited to, statements regarding Protara's intentions, beliefs, projections, outlook, analyses or current expectations concerning, among other things: statements regarding Protara's business strategy, Protara's manufacturing and development plans for its product candidates and related interactions with the FDA. Because such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors that contribute to the uncertain nature of the forward-looking statements include risks and uncertainties associated with: Protara's development programs, including the initiation and completion of non-clinical studies and clinical trials and the timing of required filings with the FDA and other regulatory agencies; the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Protara's business, clinical supply chain, clinical trials and the global economy; general market conditions; changes in the competitive landscape; changes in Protara's strategic and commercial plans; Protara's ability to obtain sufficient financing to fund its strategic plans and commercialization efforts; the loss of key members of management; and the risks and uncertainties associated with Protara's business and financial condition in general, including the risks and uncertainties described more fully under the caption "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in Protara's filings and reports with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. All forward-looking statements contained in this press release speak only as of the date on which they were made and are based on management's assumptions and estimates as of such date. Protara undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of the receipt of new information, the occurrence of future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

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Corporate Presentation

September 2020



TARA-002 For Lymphatic Malformations - An investigational broad immunomodulatory cellular therapy for the treatment of Lymphatic Malformations.

IV Choline Chloride for IFALD - An investigational phospholipid substitute replacement therapy for intestinal Crohn's

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Investment Summary



Lead programs: TARA-002 in Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer (NMIBC) and Lymphatic Malformations (LMs)

- Cell-based immunopotentiator
- FDA confirmed initial comparability to Japanese predecessor OK-432
- NMIBC clinical development plan in place following Pre-Investigational New Drug (PIND) engagement with FDA
- TARA-002/OK-432 is standard of care in Japan for LMs; completed Phase 2 study in U.S. supports treatment effect with strong safety profile



Other mid-stage development programs provide diversification and additional growth potential

- IV Choline in intestinal failure associated liver disease (IFALD): Completed End Of Phase 2 dialogue with FDA and aligned on Phase 3 design



Entrepreneurial team with demonstrated history of uncovering and accelerating overlooked assets



Entrepreneurial Team with Demonstrated History of Uncovering and Accelerating Overlooked Assets

Jesse Shefferman
Co-founder, Chief Executive Officer

- >20 years of experience in the biopharma sector
- Led Protara since inception, with the addition of two late-stage assets and the establishment of late-stage pipeline
- Drove Protara's build-out of oncology capabilities



Blaine Davis
Chief Financial Officer

- 20 years of experience in the biopharma sector
- Experience in operations, finance, corporate strategy and IR
- Managed growing portfolio of rare disease products >\$350M of revenue at Endo



Jacqueline Zummo, PhD, MPH, MBA
Co-founder, Senior Vice President, R&D Operations

- >15 years of experience in the biopharma sector
- Strong track record of streamlining clinical development programs and driving successful regulatory outcomes
- Instrumental in multiple successful commercial launches



Jathin Bandari, MD
Executive Director, Clinical Development

- Practicing Urologic Oncologist with > 8 years of experience
- Extensive clinical experience in treating patients with NMIBC
- Actively engaged in the academic urologic community through nearly 50 publications, authorships, grants, and academic appointments



Deeply Experienced Board of Directors

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Pipeline Addresses Multiple Indications With High Unmet Need

	PRE-IND	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
IMMUNOLOGY, ONCOLOGY				
TARA-002 – Lyophilized, inactivated Group A <i>Streptococcus</i>				
Lymphatic Malformations (LMs)*	▶			
Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer (NMIBC)	▶			
HEPATOLOGY, GI, METABOLICS				
IV Choline Chloride for Injection – Phospholipid Substrate Replacement				
Intestinal Failure Associated Liver Disease (IFALD)**†	▶			
OTHER				
Vonapanitase – Recombinant Human Type 1 Elastase (phase 1 studies completed in fistula patency and PAD)	▶			



*TARA-002 Granted Rare Pediatric Disease Designation for the treatment of LMs. OK-432 Granted Orphan Drug Designation by the U.S. FDA for the treatment of LMs, which we believe is applicable under established comparability.
 **Granted Orphan Drug and Fast Track Designations by the U.S. FDA
 †Phase 1 PK study to be conducted prior to commencing Phase 3

TARA-002

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STREPTOCOCCUS PYOGENES



TARA-002: Cell-Based Immunopotentiator with Significant Potential

- TARA-002 is an investigational, genetically distinct strain of *Streptococcus pyogenes* that is inactivated while retaining its immune-stimulating properties
- TARA-002 is manufactured under GMP conditions from the same Master Cell Bank as OK-432⁽¹⁾, once one of the largest selling oncology products in Japan
- FDA has confirmed initial comparability between TARA-002 and OK-432 and path forward to completion of GMP comparability
- Having established initial comparability to OK-432, the extensive data generated by OK-432 will help support TARA-002



- Protara has worldwide rights ex-Japan & Taiwan for TARA-002/OK-432

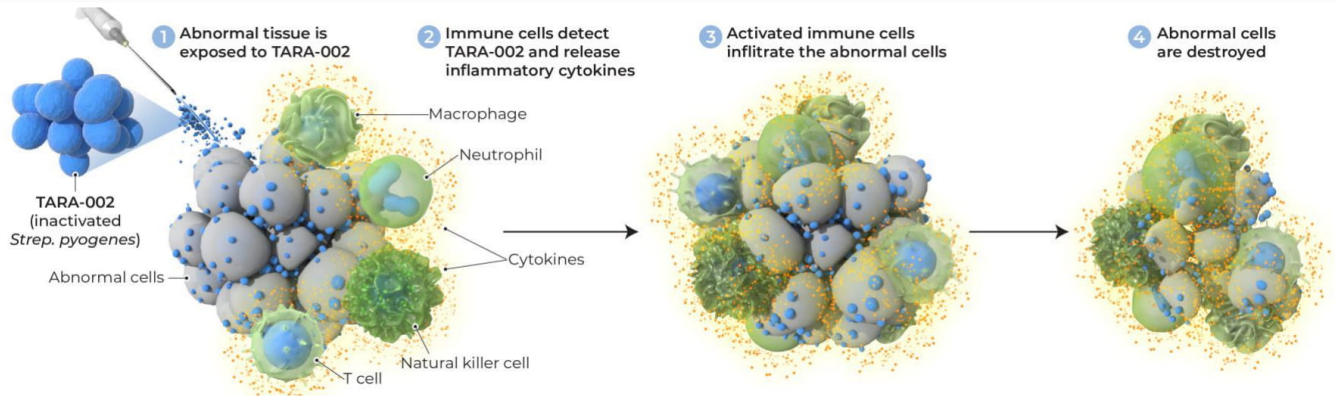
(1) Marketed in Japan and Taiwan as Picibanil®.
Note: Manufacturing modifications reflect manufacturing to U.S. cGMP standards

TARA-002: Mechanism of Anti-Tumor / Anti-Cystic Activity

Th1 Like Anti-Tumor Cytokine Response

Multi-Cytokine Inducer⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

IL-2 IL-6 IL-8 IL-10 IL-12 GM-CSF G-CSF TNF- α IFN- γ



OK-432: Human Efficacy Data in Multiple Indications

OK-432 has been approved (ex-US) or studied in multiple indications

APPROVED INDICATIONS IN JAPAN⁽¹⁾



- **Lymphangiomas (Lymphatic Malformations)**
- Gastric cancer combo with chemo (post-operative)
- Primary lung cancer combo with chemo
- Reduction of ascites in gastrointestinal cancer
- Reduction of pleural effusion in lung cancer
- Unresponsive head, neck & thyroid cancer



OK-432 CLINICAL RESEARCH CONDUCTED IN:

- **Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer**
- Ovarian cancer
- Malignant mesothelioma
- Pancreatic cancer
- Esophageal cancer
- Oral squamous cell cancer
- Hepatocellular cancer
- Ranula
- Thyroglossal cysts
- Pleurodesis
- Seroma
- Symptomatic lymphocele
- Auricular hematoma



(1) Full Prescribing Information. Chugai Pharmaceuticals. 2016

TARA-002: Protara's Planned Strategy

- 1 Reach agreement with FDA that TARA-002 is comparable to OK-432
- 2 Leverage OK-432's existing safety & efficacy data in NMIBC
- 3 Accelerate development in LMs
- 4 Explore additional indications / combinations

TARA-002

NON-MUSCLE INVASIVE BLADDER
CANCER (NMIBC)

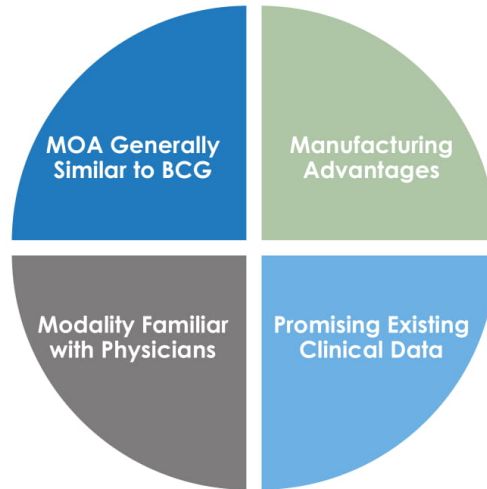


TARA-002 in NMIBC: Profile Supports Potential in NMIBC

Similar mechanism to BCG, notable patient experience in Asia and manufacturing advantages

- Prompts a predominantly Th1 type cytokine response
- Mechanistically similar to Bacille Calmette-Guérin (BCG)

- Urologists have been using an attenuated bacteria, BCG, as immunotherapy for decades
- Intravesical administration is preferred clinical approach among urologists⁽¹⁾



- State-of-the-art manufacturing facility
- TARA-002 manufacturing process supported by 40 years of production history of OK-432
- ~150 NMIBC patients tested with OK-432 demonstrated promising results⁽²⁾
- Treatment generally well tolerated



(1) Market Research Conducted by Protara Therapeutics
(2) Study references available by request
Note: OK-432 is not approved for NMIBC

Clinical Evidence with OK-432 Provides Strong Rationale for Development of TARA-002 in NMIBC

Data across multiple studies in ~150 NMIBC patients treated intravesically shows that OK-432:

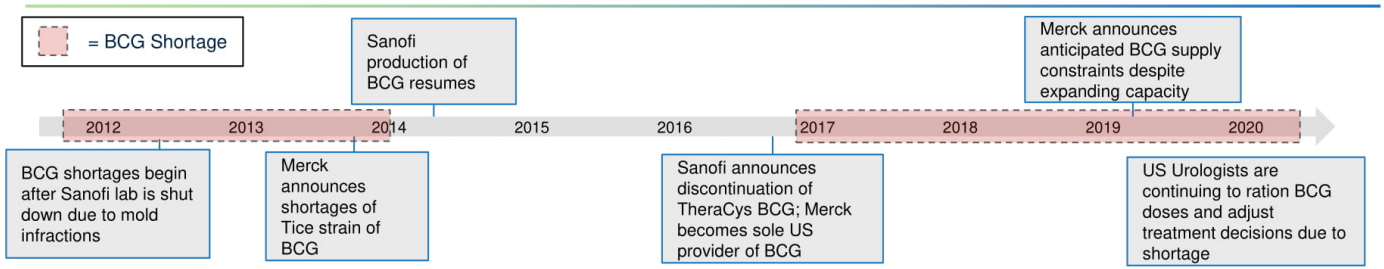
- Was generally well-tolerated, with safety and tolerability observed across a range of doses
- Demonstrated efficacy and lower rates of recurrence vs. control group, including in the randomized, controlled setting

Study	Dose Regimen	Total Pts/ OK-432 Pts	Efficacy Results
Fujita, 1987 Bladder Cancer	2 to 5 KE intratumoral, 5 KE intravesical instillation	78 / 37	In previously unresected tumors, 5 recurrences in OK-432 treated patients vs. 12 recurrences over in the control arm (p<0.05) at 36 months cut off. For patients with primary disease, OK-432 showed a benefit over control in multiple subgroups (multifocal, sessile, or high grade).
Fujita, 1988 Bladder Cancer	2 to 5 KE intratumoral, 5 KE intravesical instillation	36 / 17	OK-432 reduced recurrence rates of disease (35% recurrence in OK-432 group compared to ~73% recurrence in surgery alone group); OK-432 caused lymphocyte infiltration into carcinomas (as evidenced by histology after resection).
Sun and Qiu, 2004 Bladder Cancer	3 KE intravesical instillation weekly for 6 weeks then monthly for 6 months	30 / 30	At a mean follow-up of 14 months, tumor recurrence was observed in 16.6% of patients, with no recurrence in 83.4% of patients. OK-432 stimulated secretion of IL-2 and TNFα (p<0.05 for both).
Liu et al., 2017 NMIBC	3 KE (in 30 ml) intravesical instillation	55 / 55	Overall, patients treated in the study had a recurrence rate of 34.5% and progression rate of 10.9%. Treatment with OK-432 was more effective when patients were negative for PD-L1 (16.7% recurrence rate, 4.2% progression rate), regardless of disease stage/grade.
Fujioka et al., 1989 NMIBC	5 KE (intravesical), 10 KE (intratumoral)	38 / 38	Tumors were eliminated endoscopically in 6 of 28 (21.4%) patients in which OK-432 was intravesically instilled [Stage Ta = 5 patients, Stage T1 = 1 patient; all patients Grade 1], and 3 of 10 (30%) patients with intratumoral OK-432 injection.



Fujita K, et al. Cancer. 1987; 59: 2027-2030
 Fujita K, et al. Cancer Detection and Prevention. 1988; 11: 397-403
 Sun X, et al. China Journal of Medicine. 2004; 14: 49-54
 Liu, Z.H, et al. Oncology Letters. 2017;13:4818-4824.
 Fujioka et al. Acta Urol. Japan. 1989; 35: 253-257

BCG Shortage Causes Significant Impact on Care



Shortage has prompted major urological associations to issue guidance on patient management⁽¹⁾

“...remain extremely concerned about this shortage and its effects on the care of bladder cancer patients...”

-Joint Statement on BCG Shortage, Feb 2019

Dose rationing and resorting to less desirable treatment options are impacting patient care⁽²⁾

“I see patients **every week** whose **treatment decisions are affected by the BCG shortage**...sometimes I just recommend moving patients more quickly to cystectomy because **we don't have any better options available.**”

-Academic Hospital Urologist



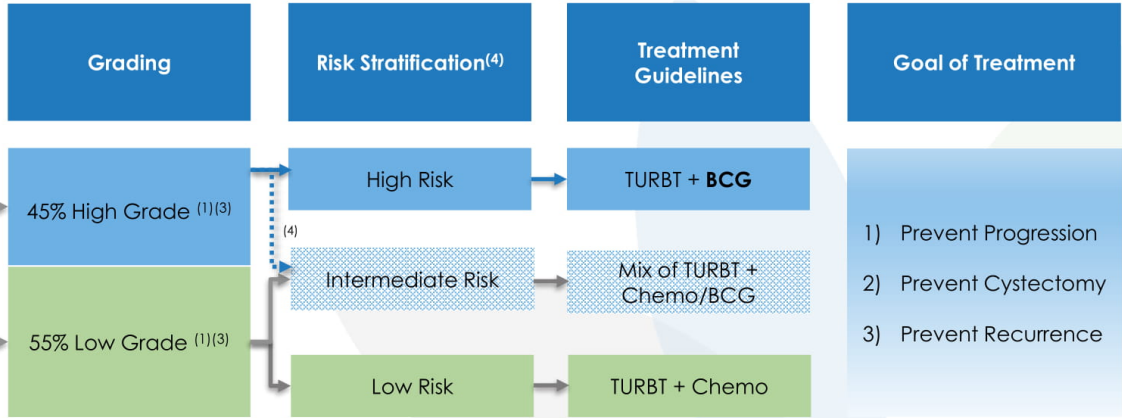
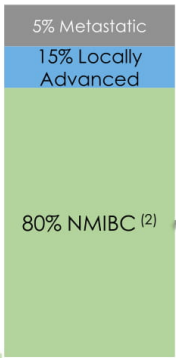
(1) AUA/SUO Joint Guideline: Published 2016; Amended 2020
 (2) Market Research Conducted by Protara Therapeutics

TARA-002 in NMIBC: Overview of U.S. NMIBC & Target Population

NMIBC is categorized and treated based on risk stratification, determined by combination of tumor grade, stage, size, recurrence history and focality

Initial Protara targeted patient population:
 ~30K ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ Patients with High Grade NMIBC who are candidates for immunotherapy

80K Patients Diagnosed with Bladder Cancer Annually⁽¹⁾
 65K Patients with NMIBC ⁽²⁾



(1) National Cancer Institute, SEER Cancer Stat Facts: Bladder Cancer, 2019
 (2) Anastasiadis et al. Therapeutic Advances in Urology, 2012
 (3) Market Research Conducted by Protara Therapeutics
 (4) American Urological Association risk stratification classifies some high-grade tumors as intermediate risk

TARA-002 in NMIBC: Highlights of PIND FDA Interaction

Supportive feedback on multiple facets of NMIBC program

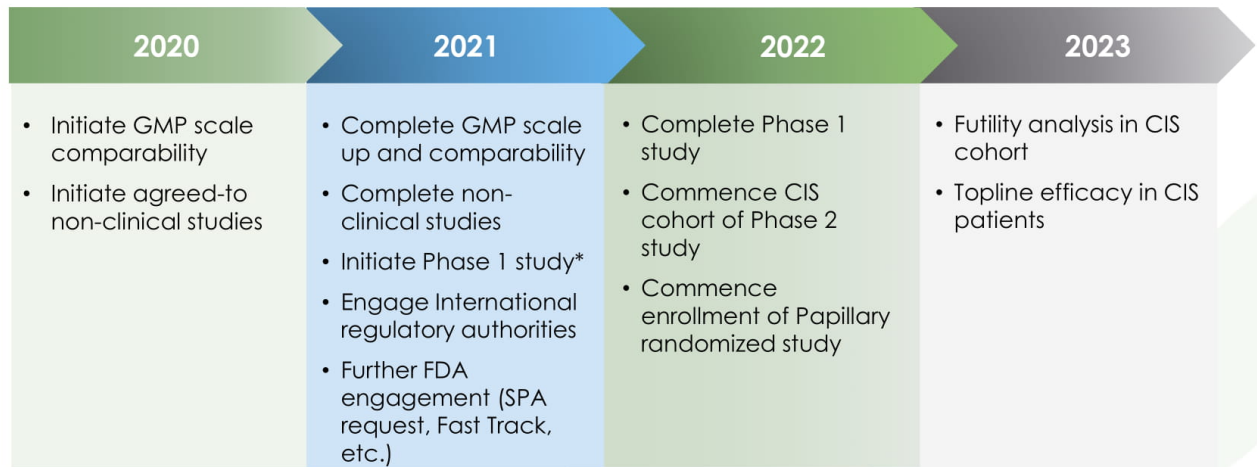
CMC:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Initial comparability established – GMP scale up in process to complete full comparability testing▪ Modernized release criteria for large scale (3 batch) comparability
Non-Clinical:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Aligned on 6-week local (intravesical instillation) toxicology design with recommendations for IND content preparation▪ Requested MOA characterization & immunogenicity studies
Phase 1:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Initial dose escalation in papillary patients▪ Clear to enroll CIS patients in Phase 1
Phase 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Support for study in CIS patients▪ Obtained alignment on clinically meaningful endpoints▪ Papillary patient study suggested comparator to be a chemotherapeutic agent

TARA-002: State of the Art and Scalable GMP Manufacturing



- ✓ Successful propagation of working cell bank (WCB) from Chugai OK-432 MCB
- ✓ TARA-002 WCB - Confirmation of no genetic drift
- ✓ Modernization of manufacturing and testing techniques (potency, purity, quality attributes)
- ✓ Proof of concept established with **>10 TARA-002 consecutive lots successfully manufactured to date**
- ✓ 3 million vial/year capacity with easy expansion of production

TARA-002 in NMIBC: Estimated Development Timeline



TARA-002

LYMPHATIC MALFORMATIONS (LMs)



TARA-002 in LMs



Lymphatic Malformations

Rare, non-malignant lesions consisting of dilated, lymphatic fluid-filled sacs caused by abnormal development of the lymphatic endothelial system⁽¹⁾



Epidemiology

Epidemiology: incidence of lymphatic malformations is \approx 1,400-1,800 LM cases per year⁽²⁾



Current Treatment Options

Current treatment options include surgical excision with high complication (33%) and recurrence (55%) rates⁽³⁾ as well as off-label use of sclerosants



FDA Granted Pediatric Rare Disease Designation

Majority of LMs present at birth (65-75%) or by age 3 (80-90%) during active lymphatic growth period⁽³⁾



OK-432 in LMs: Clear Evidence of Biologic Activity in Patients



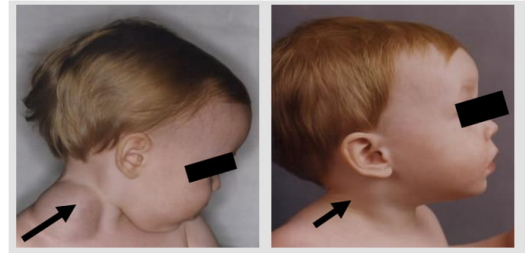
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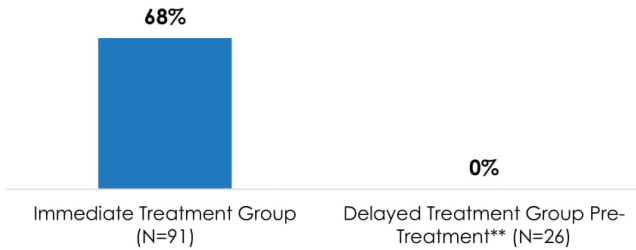
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OK-432 in LMs: Robust Results of Completed Phase 2 Study⁽¹⁾ in U.S.

68% CLINICAL SUCCESS[†] IN IMMEDIATE TREATMENT GROUP 6 MONTHS AFTER ENROLLMENT

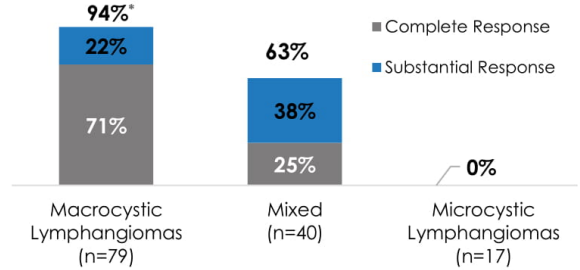
ITT: Observations 6 months after enrollment



- None of these patients required surgery
- During this same period, no patients in the delayed treatment group experienced spontaneous regression of LM (p<0.001)
- Treatment: 1-4 injections at 8-week intervals max of 0.2mg/session (2KE)

94%* CLINICAL SUCCESS[‡] IN PATIENTS WITH MACROCYSTIC LESION TYPES

Complete or Substantial Response by Radiographically Confirmed Lesion Type



- Patients with radiographically confirmed appropriate lesions had the greatest chance for clinical success
- In those patients with mixed lesions, clinical success was still achieved



[†]Clinical Success was defined as complete or substantial response

*Numbers do not sum due to rounding

**Reflects data prior to dosing with OK-432. After dosing, the clinical success rate was 58%, which was not statistically different from the Immediate Treatment Group

(1) Smith M, et al. Laryngoscope. 2009;119:107-115.

OK-432 in LMs: Compelling Safety Record

Long-term safety data in 99 patients with up to 8 years of follow up

Safety Profile

- Most common AEs with treatment were local injection site reactions, fever, fatigue, decreased appetite, with resolution within two weeks
- SAEs **related** to OK-432: re-hospitalization for infection (n=3) and severe edema (n=3), airway obstruction necessitating tracheostomy tube placement (n=4), and submental intra-cystic hemorrhage necessitating surgical excision (n=1)
- Minor AEs **related** to OK-432: temporary brachial plexus compression, myalgia, infections treated with oral antibiotics, intra-cystic hemorrhage, and dehydration
- Two SAEs **not related** to OK-432: death due to tracheotomy tube obstruction and vision loss following proptosis

TARA-002 in LMs: Planned Next Steps

If current data set sufficient for BLA/MAA submission

2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete IND update (Iowa Data, OTAT comparability, etc.) - Apply for Fast-track - Agree with FDA no study needed*
2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete GMP comparability - Engage European regulators - Submit BLA (mid-2021) - US Approval (Q4'2021)
2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launch in the US - File marketing applications in the EU
2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launch in the EU and other international geographies

If additional registrational study required

2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete IND update (Iowa Data, comparability, etc.) - Apply for Fast-track - Agree with FDA on design of any additional study*
2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete GMP comparability - Initiate enrollment of study (mid-2021) - Engage European regulators
2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete study - Submit BLA - US Approval Q3'2022
2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Launch in the US - File marketing applications in EU countries



*Company intends to request meeting with FDA by year end

IV CHOLINE CHLORIDE

INTESTINAL FAILURE ASSOCIATED LIVER
DISEASE (IFALD)

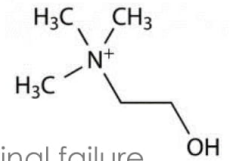


IV Choline in IFALD: Late-stage Opportunity for an Unmet Medical Need



An Essential Molecule in Several Metabolic Processes

Patients dependent on Parenteral Nutrition (PN) cannot absorb sufficient levels of choline. Data confirms that choline deficient diets results in steatosis and cholestasis⁽¹⁾



Clinical History Supporting Choline Substrate Replacement in IFALD (intestinal failure associated liver disease) Patients

A Phase 2 study demonstrated the clinical potential of choline substrate replacement therapy by reversing certain hallmark pathologies of IFALD⁽¹⁾



Strong Market Opportunity with Potential to Expand Addressable Patients

Prevalence of patients on PN 79/million⁽²⁾; recent Medicare diagnosis data suggests \approx 5,000 IFALD patients⁽³⁾



Clear Regulatory and Clinical Path Forward

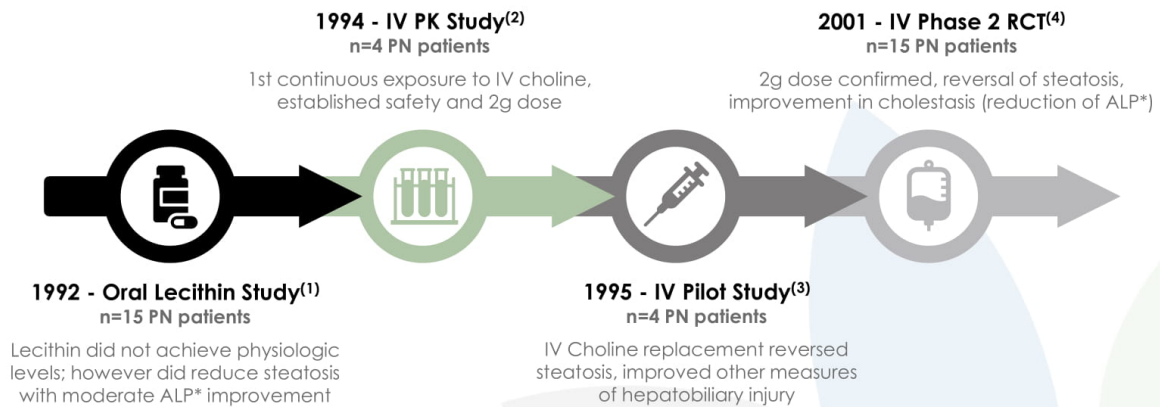
FDA designations (Orphan Drug Designation, Fast Track Designation) combined with encouraging feedback from End of Phase 2 meeting for Phase 1 PK study followed by Phase 3 trial



(1) Buchman A, et al. JPEN. 2001;5:260-268.
(2) Mundi M, et al. ASEPN. 2017;32:799-805.
(3) Internal Protara market research

IV Choline in IFALD: Informative Clinical History

A significant body of supportive evidence across 4 studies



- 1) Buchman A, et al. Gastroenterology. 1992;102:1363-1370.
- 2) Buchman A, et al. Clin Pharmacol Ther. 1994;55:277-283.
- 3) Buchman A, et al. Hepatol. 1995;22:1399-1403.
- 4) Buchman A, et al. JPEN. 2001;5:260-268.

* ALP=Alkaline phosphatase

IV Choline in IFALD: Multi-Center Phase 2a POC Study

Randomized, Controlled Study Design & Objective

IV CHOLINE REPLACEMENT PROOF OF CONCEPT STUDY ⁽¹⁾	
Study Design	Randomized Double-blind Phase 2 Trial
Subjects	15 (9 per protocol)
Age	>16 years old
PN Requirement	Greater than 80% of all nutrient requirements supplied by PN
Randomization	1:1 Usual PN or PN + 2g IV choline/Day
Duration of Treatment	24 Weeks
Visits	Weeks 2,4,6,12,16, 20, 24
Follow up	Week 34
Dose	2g Choline Chloride QD in PN solution

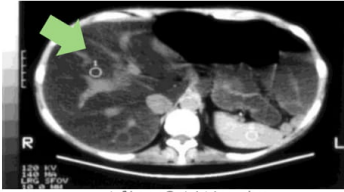
- The IV Choline Chloride replacement proof-of-concept, randomized study did not have pre-specified endpoints
- The primary objective of the study was to determine if IV Choline Chloride substrate replacement would reverse hepatic steatosis and improve liver function in patients receiving long-term parenteral nutrition (PN)

IV Choline in IFALD : Phase 2 Results

Improvement in Steatosis and Cholestasis

CLINICALLY MEANINGFUL
IMPROVEMENT IN STEATOSIS

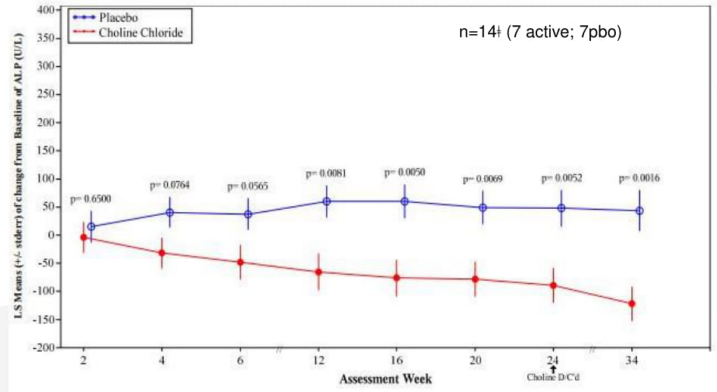
At Baseline



After 24 Weeks



CHOLESTASIS IMPROVEMENT: ALL PATIENTS*(1)



*Mixed model for repeated measurement (MMRM) method used
†A placebo subject was excluded from all analyses due to likely IV contrast-induced imaging abnormalities, confirmed by independent radiologist

IV Choline in IFALD: Prevalence Study

Prevalence study to be conducted to enhance understanding of the patient population

DESIGN

Retrospective, observational study of patients in both academic & community settings

POPULATION

Patients dependent on PN for 6 or more months

OBJECTIVE

Understand presence/incidence of liver disease in this population to enhance value of development potential

QUESTIONS

How many individuals currently on service have been dependent on PN for 6 or more months?
What percentage of these have elevated ALP levels ($> 1.5x$ ULN) as an indicator of liver disease?

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



Finance Overview

OPERATIONS



\$30M

Cash position as of June 30, 2020



9.7M Common Share
Equivalents

5.9M Common plus 3.8M Preferred
on as-converted basis (as of June
30, 2020)

FINANCING HISTORY

Date	Type	\$M	Investors
2017	Seed Round	\$3	Founders, friends & family
2017-18	Series A	\$5.5	Smaller dedicated life sciences funds
2020	PIPE/Reverse Merger	\$42.5	Global dedicated life sciences funds

Key Projected Milestones

TARA-002 General	2020	1H21	2H21	1H22
FDA Agreement on Initial Comparability with OK-432	✓			
Results of Characterization and Syngeneic Mouse Model Studies		●		
GMP-scale Comparability Results		●		
TARA-002—NMIBC	2020	1H21	2H21	1H22
Results of Non-clinical Studies		●		
Initiate Phase 1 Study*		●		
Initial Pharmacodynamic Data from Phase 1			●	
Phase 1 Study Completion				●
TARA-002—LMs	2020	1H21	2H21	1H22
Fast Track Granted	✓			
Request Meeting with FDA to Discuss Next Steps	●			
BLA Submission**			●	
US Commercial Launch**				●
Completion of Confirmatory Arm**				●



*Subject to acceptance of IND filing

**Assumes conditional approval granted following first five patients in LMs study if required

Investment Summary



Lead programs: TARA-002 in Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer (NMIBC) and Lymphatic Malformations (LMs)

- Cell-based immunopotentiator
- FDA confirmed initial comparability to Japanese predecessor OK-432
- NMIBC clinical development plan in place following Pre-Investigational New Drug (PIND) engagement with FDA
- TARA-002/OK-432 is standard of care in Japan for LMs; completed Phase 2 study in US supports treatment effect with strong safety profile



Other mid-stage development programs provide diversification and additional growth potential

- IV Choline in intestinal failure associated liver disease (IFALD): Completed End Of Phase 2 dialogue with FDA and aligned on Phase 3 design



Entrepreneurial team with demonstrated history of uncovering and accelerating overlooked assets



APPENDIX



OK-432 in LMs: Overview of Completed Phase 2 Study

Randomized, Controlled Study (N=117) ⁽¹⁾	
Age	6 months – 18 yrs
Inclusion Criteria	<p>LMs of the head and/or neck confirmed by MRI or CT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Radiographically confirmed macrocystic LM or mixed macrocystic-microcystic LM with >50% macrocystic component <p>At least 6 months since prior surgery for lymphangioma</p>
Exclusion Criteria	Penicillin allergy, pregnancy and/or nursing, personal or family history of rheumatic heart disease, post-streptococcal glomerulonephritis, PANDAS, history of significant cardiac, pulmonary, hepatic, renal, or hematologic disease
Treatment Groups	<p><u>Immediate Treatment Group (ITG)</u>: Received OK-432 shortly after enrollment</p> <p><u>Delayed Treatment Group (DTG)</u>: Observed for 6 months for spontaneous regression, then treated with OK-432</p> <p><u>Open Label Group (OLG)</u>: nonrandomized, included infants <6 months, adults >18 yrs, patients with LMs in sites other than the head/neck, and patients treated on an emergent basis</p>
Randomization	2:1 Randomization (per blocks of 6 enrollees) 2/3 in ITG and 1/3 in DTG (control group)
Duration of Treatment	1-4 injections 8 weeks apart
Dose	Max of 0.2mg/session (i.e. 2 Klinische Einheit)

Primary Endpoint: Response to treatment in the ITG compared to the spontaneous resolution rate observed in the DTG, 6 months after enrollment

Definition of Response

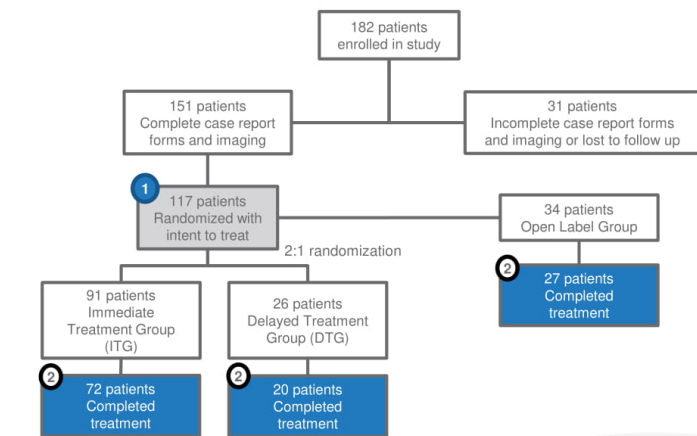
Response to therapy was measured radiographically (MRI or CT) by quantitating change in lesion size and graded as:

- Complete (90%–100%),
- Substantial (60%–89%),
- Intermediate (20%–59%),
- None (<20%)

Secondary Endpoints:

- 1) The proportion of ITG patients versus DTG patients who demonstrated a complete response (90%–100%) 6 months following enrollment
- 2) The proportion of randomized patients who demonstrated at least a substantial response (60%–100%) greater than 6 months following the last injection (i.e. persistence of response)
- 3) The proportion of patients in the OLG who demonstrated at least a substantial response (60%–100%) 6 months following enrollment and 6 months following the last injection (i.e. persistence of response)

OK-432 in LMs: Patient Disposition of Completed Phase 2 Study⁽¹⁾



- 1 Intent-to-Treat (N=117): Randomized, completed visits to first 6 months
- 2 Completers (N=119): Completed all protocol visits, received up to 4 injections and evaluated 14 days after last injection, includes non-randomized Open Label Group

Patient Demographics			
Group	Patients Enrolled (n=182)	Patients Randomized Completing Treatment (n=92)	Open Label Group Completing Treatment (n=27)
Sex (F:M)	92 : 90	42 : 50	15 : 12
Age Range (years)	0-73.1	0.5-15.5	0-73.1
Mean/median age (years)	5.8/1.7	3.5/2.1	13.4/1.1
Race Demographics			
Caucasian	133	74	20
African-American	15	8	2
Asian-Pacific Islander	14	4	4
Hispanic	10	6	1
Unknown	10		



Corporate Presentation

September 2020



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Chemical structures and diagrams for Choline Chloride and TARA-002 are also visible.