

## OSE Immunotherapeutics Presented the First Positive Preclinical Efficacy Data on CLEC-1, a Novel Myeloid Immune Checkpoint Target For Cancer Immunotherapy

*Data presented at the 36th Annual Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer (SITC) Meeting*

Nantes, France – November 15, 2021, 7:30 a.m. CET - OSE Immunotherapeutics SA (ISIN: FR0012127173; Mnemo: OSE) presented the first positive preclinical efficacy data on its novel myeloid cell immune checkpoint target, CLEC-1 (a C-type lectin receptor), at the [Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer \(SITC\) 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting](#) in Washington D.C. held in-person and virtually on November 10 – 14, 2021.

In the poster entitled: ***“Preclinical efficacy of CLEC-1 antagonist as novel myeloid immune checkpoint therapy for oncology”***, OSE Immunotherapeutics and Dr Elise Chiffolleau’s research team\* reported results from their collaborative program, and for the first time highlighted significant preclinical efficacy of CLEC-1 antagonist antibodies *in vivo* and in monotherapy in an hepatocarcinoma tumor model in immunocompetent mice.

Nicolas Poirier, Chief Scientific Officer of OSE Immunotherapeutics, commented: *“The identification of CLEC-1 and its antagonists is an exciting innovation in cancer immunotherapy, as already presented in recent immuno-oncology events. The latest preclinical efficacy data generated from our teams’ collaboration opens the development pathway for monoclonal antagonist antibodies targeting CLEC-1 and for further translational clinical development in the coming years as a new myeloid immune checkpoint therapy releasing the breaks on macrophages and dendritic cells. CLEC-1 is a new myeloid checkpoint inhibitor identified and validated for cancer immunotherapy after the CD47-SIRPα pathway, which is now a competitive drug development focus.”*

CLEC-1 is a C-type lectin receptor with demonstrated potential to inhibit the functions of myeloid cells and to block anti-tumor responsiveness of T-lymphocytes. Myeloid cells have the ability to accumulate in the tumor microenvironment and deregulate the immune activation of T-lymphocytes.

Previous presentations (AACR 2020 and 2021, SITC 2020) \*\* featured CLEC-1 antagonist monoclonal antibodies identified as an innovative immunotherapy that releases the brakes on macrophage phagocytosis and dendritic cells and demonstrates synergistic anti-cancer effects, in particular when paired with chemotherapy.

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**ABOUT OSE Immunotherapeutics**

OSE Immunotherapeutics is an integrated biotechnology company focused on developing and partnering therapies to control the immune system for immuno-oncology and autoimmune diseases. The company's immunology research and development platform is focused on three areas: T-cell-based vaccination, Immuno-Oncology (focus on myeloid targets), Auto-immunity & Inflammation. Its balanced first-in-class clinical and preclinical portfolio has a diversified risk profile:

**Vaccine platform**

- **Tedopi®** (innovative combination of neoepitopes): the company's most advanced product; positive results for Phase 3 trial (Atalante 1) in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer patients after secondary resistance to checkpoint inhibitors.  
In Phase 2 in pancreatic cancer (TEDOPaM), sponsor GERCOR.  
In Phase 2 in ovary cancer, in combination with pembrolizumab (TEDOVA), sponsor ARCAGY-GINECO.  
In Phase 2 in non-small cell lung cancer in combination with nivolumab, sponsor Italian foundation FoRT.
- **CoVepiT**: a prophylactic second-generation vaccine against COVID-19, developed using SARS-CoV-2 optimized epitopes against multi variants. Positive preclinical and human ex vivo results. Voluntary and temporary Phase 1 enrollment suspension on-going (July 2021).

**Immuno-oncology platform**

- **BI 765063** (OSE-172, anti-SIRPα mAb on CD47/SIRPα pathway): developed in partnership with Boehringer Ingelheim in advanced solid tumors; positive Phase 1 dose escalation results of BI 765063 in monotherapy or in combination with ezabenlimab (PD-1 antagonist); Expansion Phase 1 open for screening.
- **CLEC-1** (novel myeloid checkpoint target): identification of mAb antagonists of CLEC-1 blocking the "Don't Eat Me" signal that increase both tumor cell phagocytosis by macrophages and antigen capture by dendritic cells.
- **BiCKI®**: bispecific fusion protein platform built on the key backbone component anti-PD-1 (OSE-279) combined with new immunotherapy targets; 2<sup>nd</sup> generation of PD-(L)1 inhibitors to increase antitumor efficacy.

**Auto-immunity and inflammation platform**

- **FR104** (anti-CD28 monoclonal antibody): Licensing partnership agreement with Veloxis in the organ transplant market; ongoing Phase 1/2 in renal transplant (sponsored by the Nantes University Hospital); Phase 2-ready asset in an autoimmune disease indication.

- **OSE-127/S95011** (humanized monoclonal antibody targeting IL-7 receptor): developed in partnership with Servier; positive Phase 1 results; in Phase 2 in ulcerative colitis (OSE sponsor) and an independent Phase 2a ongoing in Sjögren's syndrome (Servier sponsor).
- **OSE-230** (ChemR23 agonist mAb): first-in-class therapeutic agent with the potential to resolve chronic inflammation by driving affected tissues to tissue integrity.

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