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KB407 for Cystic Fibrosis Data as of November 2020

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Despite recent approvals, there remains significant unmet need in CF

Approximately 10% of CF patients have mutations that are not amenable to current small molecule approaches

Cystic fibrosis (CF) is the most common fatal inherited disease in the United States

- It is autosomal recessive, caused by mutations in the cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR), a transmembrane anion channel expressed on the surface of epithelial cell responsible for maintaining proper fluid transport
- Loss of CFTR function causes acidification and mucus accumulation in the lungs, provoking recurrent lung infections, uncontrolled inflammation, and bronchiectasis

Currently therapies are not completely corrective, and 10% of patients

are ineligible for any therapy at all

- Small molecule correctors work by improving trafficking and processing of the mutated CFTR, though only restore ~50% of protein function in patients with certain amenable mutations
- In the ~10% patients with mutations that do not produce any CFTR protein (null mutations) current therapies are ineffective
- Even in patients who are amenable to therapy, suboptimal efficacy or tolerability issues can limit benefit derived from treatment

Epidemiology of cystic fibrosis¹



CF Prevalence & Incidence²

>70,000 patients with CF worldwide

>30,000 patients in US CF registry²

~1,000 new cases of CF diagnosed each year in the US

World Health Organization (2004). "The molecular genetic epidemiology of cystic fibrosis".
 US Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.



Gene therapy is an attractive approach; our vector is uniquely positioned to overcome prior limitations

CF is a monogenic disease; replacing the missing or dysfunctional protein could fundamentally correct the defect

Various gene therapy approaches have been tried and ultimately failed in their attempts to replace CFTR protein

- Viral (adenovirus and AAV) and non-viral (DNA plasmids and stabilized mRNA) approaches have been tested in more than 25 clinical trials enrolling >470 patients
- Past approaches suffer from some combination of physical limitations for large cargo, low efficiency of gene transfer, toxicity, immune intolerance, product instability, and burdensome delivery

Our HSV-1 vector has potential to overcome prior limitations of

CF gene therapy

- ✓ Accommodates large genes and necessary regulatory elements
- Is amenable to rapid, non-invasive inhaled administration
- ✓ Natural tropism to epithelial cells, e.g., those lining the airways
- ✓ Non-cytotoxic
- ✓ Non-immune stimulating
- ✓ Well suited for repeated administration in highly inflammatory environments

	LV	AAV	HSV-1	LNP	
In Vivo Dosing?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Baseline antibody exclusion criteria?	No (ex-vivo)	Yes	No	No	
Repeat-dose capabilities?	Yes (ex vivo)	No	Yes	Yes	
Carrying Capacity?	8 kb1	<4 kb1	>30 kb	~12 kb ²	
Integrates payload into host cell DNA?	Yes	No	No	No	
Regulatory Precedent?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

1. Lundstrom, K. Viral Vectors in Gene Therapy. Diseases 2018, 6, 42.

2. Generation Bio (GBIO) Prospectus. (2020, June 11). Retrieved September 4, 202020, https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1733294/000119312520167812/d924849d424b4.htm LV = lentivirus AAV = adeno-associated virus LNP = lipid nanoparticle

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KB407 is an inhaled gene therapy for the treatment of CF

KB407 product characteristics:

- Replication incompetent HSV-1
- Delivers <u>two copies</u> of full length, human CFTR protein (mutation agnostic approach)
- Duration of nebulization expected to be under 30 minutes, using a commercially available nebulizer
- Episomal delivery of CFTR gene does not disrupt cell DNA
- <u>Ability to re-dose and/or adjust dose over time as lung</u>
 cells turnover







In vitro data shows KB407 can be nebulized, successfully transduce target lung cells and induce expression of fully functional and properly localized CFTR

KB407 is amenable to aerosolization without loss of titer

Our vector can be formulated and delivered via nebulizer with no significant change in activity



ns: not significant



Dose dependent expression observed in CF patient derived airway epithelial cells

KB407 infects primary CF cells in a dose-dependent manner, resulting in robust expression of human CFTR at the transcript and protein levels





Protein activity determined using a CFTR-dependent fluorescent dye uptake assay.

KB407-expressed human CFTR properly localized to the plasma membrane of transduced cells





CFTR DAPI

KB407-Expressed CFTR is Properly Glycosylated in Mammalian Cells

Proper glycosylation indicates the protein has been produced and processed correctly into mature CFTR

- CFTR protein is assembled on the endoplasmic reticulum-associated ribosome and is eventually trafficked to the cell membrane where it resides
- As the protein moves from one place to the other, various post-translational modifications are made which ultimately produce the complex glycosylated fully mature form of the protein
- Western blot analysis shows that CFTR produced from our backbone is fully glycosylated and would therefore be expected to be properly trafficked and fully functional



Preliminary in vitro data supports KB407 ability to penetrate CF mucus

Approximately 10% of CF patients have mutations that are not amenable to current small molecule approaches

The MucilAir[™] system provides an *in vitro* replication of the CF airway, including active mucus production



- After 7 days of mucus production, KB407 (in solution) was applied to the apical surface at increasing MOI and compared to control viruses as well as a high MOI
- applied to washed cells (no mucus).
- KB407 transduction and subsequent CFTR increased in a dose dependent manner in the setting of CFTR mucus; CFTR expression no different in the absence of mucus suggesting KB407 penetrates CF mucus









Efficacy in patient derived organoids correlates with clinical efficacy

Organoids have proven to be valuable disease models in CF

- They enable high-throughput screening and validation of medicines preclinically
- Patient derived organoids (PDOs) are 3D models that retain the specific genetic and phenotypic characteristics of diseased tissue

KB407 was evaluated in organoids derived from CF patients

with class I mutations

- PDOs sourced from Hubrecht Organoid Technology (HUB) provide mutation specific assays for preclinical efficacy assessment
- Cells derived from patients with class I mutations do not create any functional CFTR, thus currently approved CFTR correctors are ineffective

In vitro drug responses in rectal organoids¹ have been shown to correlate with clinical changes in FEV1 and Sweat Chloride Concentration²



- 1. Van Mourik et al. (2019). "Intestinal organoids to model cystic fibrosis".
- 2. Berkers et al. (2019). "Rectal Organoids Enable Personalized Treatment of Cystic Fibrosis".



Treatment with KB407 corrected PDO morphology within 24 hours



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In vivo studies (mice and nonhuman primate) demonstrate successful nebulization of KB407 with broad distribution throughout the lung; no toxicity or significant safety findings were observed

KB407 is effectively delivered to the lungs of healthy and CFTR-/- mice

- 3 groups of 4 mice were simultaneously dosed with a single, low dose of KB407
- Mice were observed and vitals were monitored for 2 days with no adverse findings
- After 2 days, whole blood and lung tissue were analyzed for presence of KB407 vector.
- All blood samples below the limit of detection suggesting no systemic exposure
- qPCR analysis shows vector transduction and CFTR expression evenly throughout the lung

Group No.	Mouse Strain	Test Article	Route of Administration	Termination
1	C57BL/6J	Vehicle	Nebulization	48h
2	C57BL/6J	KB407	Nebulization	48h
3	Cftr ^{tm1Unc} Tg(FABPCFT R)1 Jaw/J	KB407	Nebulization	48h





Human CFTR Transcripts

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Nebulized KB407 does not induce inflammation or cell infiltration

Qualitative (right) and quantitative (below) analysis shows no evidence of local immune activation

- Certified pathologist found no adverse safety findings (fibrosis, necrosis, immune cell infiltration or immune activation) in any examined lung tissues
- There were no significant changes in cell infiltration between placebo or KB407 exposed animals





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KB407 was safe and well tolerated a nonhuman primate

A single cynomolgus macaque received 2 doses of KB407

two weeks apart

- A single monkey received 3 serial doses of vehicle alone, KB407 low dose and KB407 high dose over 19 days
- At day 19 (2 days following high dose KB407) animals were sacrificed and fill body bioanalysis was conducted
- The left lung was used for microscopic analysis, the right lung was evaluated via qPCR and qRT-PCR



KB407 was safe and well tolerated

- No abnormal cage-side/clinical observations throughout study
- All blood samples below the limit of detection for KB407
- No gross findings noted at time of necropsy
- Hematology and clinical chemistry testing showed no significant changes before vs after any dose administered

KB407 and CFTR was detected throughout lung tissue



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KB407 Program Summary

- KB407 infects cells derived from CF patient airways in a dose-dependent manner, resulting in robust expression of human CFTR at the transcript and protein levels
- The vector efficiently produces functional, full-length CFTR protein that properly traffics to the cell membrane
- KB407 transduction leads to a striking alteration of organoid morphology, from a compact budding CF phenotype to a wild-type phenotype, irrespective of the underlying CFTR mutation, within 24 hours of infection at MOIs ranging from 1 to 40
- The corrected cystic morphology of multiple CF PDOs exposed to low doses of KB407 suggests that high levels of exogenous CFTR expressed in a minority of cells is sufficient to establish disease correction
- When delivered via nebulization, KB407 was distributed broadly throughout the lung of mice and a nonhuman primate, resulting in robust human CFTR expression
- Nebulized KB407 was safe and well tolerated, with no toxicity or significant adverse findings after the initial or repeat dose of vector



KB407 Next Steps

- Larger GLP toxicity study in 36 nonhuman primates ongoing
- Clinical trial initiation anticipated in the first half of 2021



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