

OSE Immunotherapeutics Presents First Preclinical Efficacy Data on Anti-IL-7 Receptor Antagonist OSE-127 in Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

At the 2021 American Society of Hematology (ASH) Annual Meeting

Nantes, France – December 13, 2021, 7:30 p.m. CET - OSE Immunotherapeutics SA (ISIN: FR0012127173; Mnemo: OSE) presented the first preclinical data on anti-leukemic efficacy of anti-IL-7 receptor antagonist OSE-127 in patient-derived xenograft (PDX) models of B-Cell Precursor Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (BCP-ALL) at [the American Society of Hematology \(ASH\) annual meeting](#) held in person (Atlanta) and virtually on December 11 – 14, 2021.

The results from a collaborative research program conducted by OSE Immunotherapeutics and the University Medical Center Schleswig-Holstein in Kiel, Germany, investigating the anti-leukemic efficacy of OSE-127 immunotherapy in PDX models of BCP-ALL, were presented in a poster, entitled: [“*IL7R targeting using OSE-127 Shows Robust Anti-Leukemic Activity in B-cell Precursor Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia Xenografts*”](#)*, by Dr. Lennart Lenk (Department of Pediatrics, ALL-BFM Study Group, Christian-Albrechts University Kiel and University Medical Center Schleswig-Holstein, Kiel, Germany).

Pr. Denis Schewe, Head of the Department of Pediatrics, Otto-von-Guericke-University, Magdeburg (formerly from the Department of Pediatrics, ALL-BFM Study Group, Christian-Albrechts University Kiel and University Medical Center Schleswig-Holstein, Kiel), comments: *“Our research is based on solid preclinical and clinical data as well as on a rationale supporting the development of a CD127 targeting immunotherapy in the treatment of B- and, potentially also T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Novel targeted immunotherapy options are urgently needed for relapsing patients, and we are happy to collaborate with the OSE’s R&D team to face this clinical challenge.”*

OSE-127 is a monoclonal immunomodulatory antibody targeting the CD127 receptor, the alpha chain of the interleukin-7 receptor (IL-7R) that induces a powerful antagonist effect on effector T lymphocytes. Targeting IL-7R CD127 is a promising novel strategy in BCP-ALL and T-ALL, since CD127 signalling is important for B- and T-cell development, and recent reports promote the view that CD127 is important for the development of BCP-ALL and T-ALL (T-cell lymphoblastic leukemia) **. Despite the favourable prognosis of BCP-ALL, relapse remains a clinical challenge and novel targeted immunotherapy options are urgently needed. T-ALL is an aggressive haematological cancer for which treatment options are limited at relapse.

OSE Immunotherapeutics and the University of Kiel’s research teams demonstrated that using OSE-127 to target IL-7R is an efficient approach for BCP-ALL immunotherapy and may be particularly beneficial for patients with high IL-7R-expression and/or relapsed/refractory disease after escape to CD19 antigen therapy.

OSE-127/S95011 is being developed in partnership with Servier as part of a collaboration agreement with license option upon completion of two independent Phase 2 clinical studies currently underway:

in ulcerative colitis (sponsor OSE Immunotherapeutics) and in the Sjögren's syndrome (sponsor Servier). The product had already demonstrated Phase 1 positive results with a good safety and tolerability profile showing no signs of lymphopenia, cytokine release syndrome, or T-cell compartment alterations.

* Presentation details:

["IL7R targeting using OSE-127 Shows Robust Anti-Leukemic Activity in B-cell Precursor Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia Xenografts"](#)

Program: Oral and Poster Abstracts

Session: 618. Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemias: Biomarkers, Molecular Markers and Minimal Residual Disease in Diagnosis and Prognosis: Poster I

Hematology Disease Topics & Pathways:

Biological, Antibody Therapy, Translational Research, Clinically Relevant, Therapies

Saturday, December 11, 2021, 5:30 PM-7:30 PM

** [Thomas et al. Leukemia 2021](#): "*Activated interleukin-7 receptor signaling drives B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia in mice*"

[Silva et al. 2021](#): "*Overexpression of wild-type IL-7R α promotes T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma*"

ABOUT OSE-127/S95011

OSE-127/S95011 is a monoclonal immunomodulatory antibody targeting the CD127 receptor, the alpha chain of the interleukin-7 receptor (IL-7R) that induces a powerful antagonist effect on effector T lymphocytes. Interleukin-7 is a cytokine which specifically regulates the tissue migration of human effector T lymphocytes, especially in the gut. The blockage of IL-7R prevents the migration of pathogenic T lymphocytes while preserving regulator T lymphocytes which have a positive impact in autoimmune diseases.

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 ARCADY-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. Clinical data (Nov. 2021) have shown good tolerance and promising efficacy signals. Results from 6-month memory T cell responses expected Q1 2022.

Immuno-oncology platform

- **BI 765063** (OSE-172, anti-SIRP α mAb on CD47/SIRP α 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 increases 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; 2nd 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.

For more information: <https://ose-immuno.com/en/>

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