

## Transformative RNA Based Treatments for Pulmonary Diseases

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## SpliSense – Pulmonary Diseases Focused Company



- > Founded in 2017 by Prof. Batsheva Kerem (Hebrew University)
  - > Part of the global team that cloned the CFTR gene
- Leadership team and advisors with strong track record in pulmonary development of inhaled therapies and ASOs



R&D Status

- > Inhaled Antisense Oligonucleotides (ASOs)
  - > High unmet need, orphan indications –Cystic Fibrosis
  - Larger, non orphan pulmonary indications Muco- obstructive diseases
  - > ASOs clinically validated approach



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#### Antisense Oligonucleotides – Modulating RNA (MoA)



Proprietary computational Algorithms for Splicing modulation and ASOs optimization

Established combined **inhaled Delivery** system

## SpliSense's Platform Technology

Robust genetic understanding of **pulmonary** diseases

Antisense Oligonucleotides-Modulating RNA



## SpliSense's Strategy from Orphan to Large Pulmonary Indications



## SpliSense's Pulmonary Diverse Pipeline

Indication	Approach	Program	Discovery	IND Enabling Studies	Clinical Studies
Cystic Fibrosis	Restoration of Protein Function	<b>SPL84</b> (3849 Mut.)			H2 2022
		<b>SPL16</b> (2789 Mut.)			
	Production of Modified Protein	<b>SPL23</b> (W1282X Mut.)			H2 2023
		<b>SPL24</b> (N1303K Mut.)			
Muco- Obstructive Diseases	Decrease Production of Over-expressed Proteins	SPL5A			2024
COPD, Asthma, Pulmonary Fibrosis		SPL5B			

SpliSense Tackle Key Challenges of ASOs' Delivery to Lungs



#### SpliSense's ASOs Have Unique Properties for Lung Delivery

Natural	Durable	Precise	
No vectors or delivery vehicles are needed	<ul> <li>Lungs T<sub>1/2</sub> ≈ 2 weeks</li> <li>Proven stability and Mucus</li> </ul>	Highly specific to target sequence	
Enable direct, non-invasive delivery	<ul> <li>Proven stability in lysosomes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Minimal systemic exposure</li> <li>Lung specific</li> </ul>	
Lung cells uptake through endocytosis to:	extract and under acidic conditions	<ul> <li>Proper Distribution in conducting airways</li> </ul>	
<ul><li>Epithelia cells</li><li>Nucleus</li></ul>	<ul> <li>End products are expected to be given to patients once a week or less</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Clinically validated chemical modification patterns</li> </ul>	

# SpliSense's ASOs Properly Distribute & Retained in WT and "Mucus Obstructive" Mice (β-ENaC) Lungs

Staining for SPL ASO following IT administration - dark staining





# Comparable Distribution of SpliSense' ASOs in WT and "Mucus Obstructive" (β-ENaC) Mice Lungs



#### SpliSense's ASOs Can Be Detected in the Nucleus of Lung Epithelial Cells



Low and power (objective x10 and x100) microphotograph of lower-level bronchus and bronchiole section of beta ENaC mice lungs suggesting that SPL84-23 penetrates the target cells.

# Cystic Fibrosis Programs

## **Cystic Fibrosis – Need for Novel Drugs**

- > A progressive, autosomal recessive genetic disease
- Caused by dysfunction of the CFTR transmembrane protein (chloride channel)
- Affects ~100,000 people worldwide
- The median predicted survival of people with CF is about 48 years
- Existing drugs alleviate symptoms but do not cure the disease
  - > Suggesting that:
    - > 33% of Trikafta® treated patients are not responding
    - > 33% of Trikafta® treated patients have moderate response
- Lung transplantation is the only definitive treatment option for CF patients with end stage lung disease



## **Future of CF Treatments Modalities**

"A third of the people clearly have a big response... Another third have **an obvious response**, **but it may not be quite as dramatic**... **Another third**, **there isn't as big a response...**"

Peter Mogayz MD. ; Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

BofA Research, Feb 2022

"Trikafta is an excellent drug – indeed ....However, **it's a band-aid, not a cure**...... worries physicians, who predict that patients will be burdened by **declining lung function** .... eventually leading to substandard quality of life"

Josh Reshnik MD. RA Capital



# SPL84 (Anti 3849 Mutation ASO)



Retains protein structure and activity

#### 3849 Mutation – Unmet Need



### ASO Technology Produce Mature and Functioning WT CFTR



#### SPL84 Completely Restores CFTR Function in CF Patient Homozygote Derived Lung Cells (HBEs)

- Ussing Assay is a Gold Standard for CF drugs efficacy assessment (FDA)
- SPL84 completely restores CFTR function in 3849 patients derived Human Bronchial Epithelial Cells (HBEs)
- Symdeko® (tezacaftor/ivacaftor) has no effect on 3849 CF patient.
  - Strong correlation of Ussing analysis to clinical outcome



#### SPL84 Completely Restores CFTR Function in Heterozygous **Patients' Derived Cells**

- Ussing Assay is a Gold Standard for CF drug efficacy assessment (FDA)
- > SPL84 completely restores CFTR function in 3849 patient derived Human Nasal Epithelial Cells (HNEs) and **Bronchial Epithelial Cells** (HBEs)



HBEs from a patient (3849/F508del)

#### SPL84 & Trikafta® have comparable & Synergic Effect in Heterozygous CF Patient Derived Lung Cells (HBEs)

- 50% of WT activity is the maximal effect in heterozygous patients. Synergic effect of combo. is observed
- SPL84/ Trikafta® completely restores CFTR function in F508del/ 3849 patient derived Human Bronchial Epithelial Cells (HBEs)



#### Phase 1/2a Proposed Clinical Study Design To Be Initiated in H2 2022



\*Final doses will be selected based on tox. results

#### SPL84-23 Program (3849) Expedite Path To Approval



# SPL23 (Anti W1282X Mutation ASO)



Modulates RNA processing and production of modified proteins

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#### W1282X (Exon 23) Mutation – Unmet Need



TAM ~\$550M



~30yrs.



W1282X/non-F508del No approved drug



Patient # Annual Growth 3.5%



Potential Expedite Regulatory path

#### W1282X Exon 22 Intron 22 Exon 23 Intron 23 Exon 24 W1282X W1282X Non-Non-Exon 24 Intron 22 Intron 23 Exon 22 Intron 22 Intron 23 Exon 24 mature mature RNA RNA ASO Splicing mRNA **No CFTR Protein or** Exon 24 Lacking exon 23 Activity **Functional CFTR Protein** + CFTR + wт 250 Control ASO SPL22 α-CFTR (596) + + CFTR + + wт 250 130 α-CFTR (596) α-Calnexin 95 130 α-Calnexin 95

## W1282X Mutation - No CFTR Protein & No Activity

#### SPL23 Properly Restores CFTR Function in W1282X Patient Derived Nasal Cells



Restoration of CFTR Function by Ussing

Potentially Translated to Significant Lung Function Improvement (~40% of HVs)

#### SPL23-2 Program (W1282X) Clinical & Regulatory Road Map



# Expanding SpliSense Platform Technology from Orphan to Large Pulmonary Indications



# Mucin Lowering ASO (SPL5)



Decrease production of over – expressed proteins

#### Mucus Hypersecretion is a Clinical Feature of Severe Respiratory Diseases

- Mucus- The first line of innate defense against inhaled pathogens and particles in the respiratory tract is airway mucus
  - Mucus layer comprised of approximately 98% water, 2% solids (mostly mucins)
- MUC5AC, MUC5B are predominate mucins secreted in the lungs and polymerize to form gels
  - In muco-obstructive diseases mucins content increases to 5-9%
- > Mucus and mucins are generated by goblet cells
- > Excessive mucus drives:
  - > Respiratory infections
  - > Respiratory air blockage
  - Respiratory disease worsening



#### **Muco-Obstructive Lung Disease Progression**



#### SPL5 Lowers RNA and Protein Expression (MoA)



# PoC Mucin Lowering ASO: Lungs Goblets Cells Distribution & Mucin Lowering Activity



Hybridization signal at the of goblet cells (Beta ENaC/WT mice)



Black staining - SPL ASO Blue\Purple staining-Mucus in goblet cells



A549 Human Lung Cancer Cells

200

#### SpliSense ASOs Approach: Platform Technology for Precises Pulmonary Therapies



Mastering protein production & expression in a targeted manner.

#### Management & Leadership Team



#### Gili Hart PhD - CEO

Biotech executive with extensive experience in global drug development from pre-clinical through successful Phase 3 trials. Former CEO of Mitoconix Bio and OPKO Biologics.



#### Nissim Darvish, M.D., Ph.D. – Chairman

Managing General Partner at MeOhr Ventures Former Director at Orbimed Advisors LLC and Orbimed Israel Partners. Spent 8 years prior with Pitango Venture Capital



#### Batsheva Kerem PhD -Co-founder & CSO

Prof. Hebrew University of Jerusalem. 30 years of leading research in CF genetics starting with the discovery of the CFTR gene..



#### Prof. Eitan Kerem MD -CMO

Pediatric pulmonologist; Head of the Pediatric Pulmonology Unit of HMC Jerusalem, Chairman of the Israeli CF Foundation CAB.



#### Oren Gez, MBA- CBO

An experienced and appreciated financer with over 18 years of experience in the global capital market working at local and international investment banking.



#### Efrat Ozeri-Galai PhD - VP Research

Extensive experience in CF and pulmonary diseases genetics, discovery and pre-clinical development.



#### Asaf Cohen, B.Sc, MBA - VP CMC

Vast experience in CMC worlds, focusing on production , analytical and device development under GMP regulatory environments.

#### **Investment Opportunity - 2022 Financial Round**

> Splisense is seeking to raise \$40M to support 2023-24 expenses including:

- > Advancing additional pre- clinical programs into the clinic (IND)
  - SPL23 (Anti W1282X Mutation ASO)
  - > SPL16/SPL24
  - Advancing Mucins lowering ASOs to IND
    - > MUC5AC
    - > MUC5B

#### SpliSense Value Inflection Points 2022-2024



# Thank You!