

## Prescient achieves key milestone by demonstrating OmniCAR's key components show minimal immunogenicity in silico

### Key Points:

- ***In silico* tests confirm non-immunogenic profile of OmniCAR's key components**
- **Lower immunogenicity than approved humanised antibodies and comparable with human antibodies**
- **Positive results substantially de-risk the entire OmniCAR platform and trigger next steps in development**

**MELBOURNE Australia 5 July 2021:** Prescient Therapeutics Limited (ASX: PTX), the clinical stage oncology company developing personalised medicine approaches to cancer, today announced excellent results from *in silico* immunogenicity testing of OmniCAR's key binding components, SpyTag and SpyCatcher. These results substantially de-risk the entire platform and are important for progressing Prescient's in-house programs and external collaborations with OmniCAR.

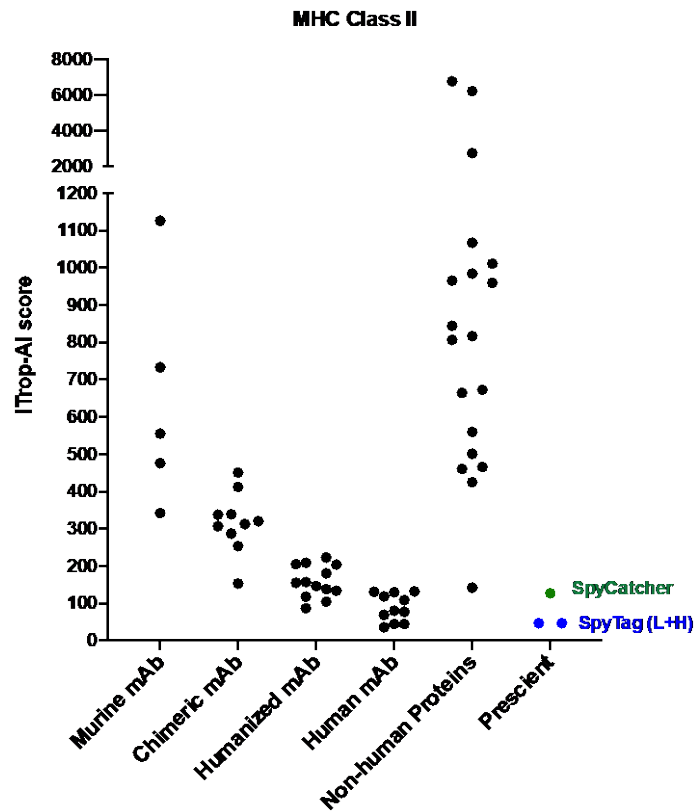
Immunogenicity testing evaluates the immune response against a new therapy, which can adversely affect safety and efficacy. In the case of CAR-T cell therapies, high levels of immunogenicity can adversely impact CAR-T cell expansion and persistence, which can impact the overall safety and clinical response of the treatment.<sup>1</sup>

The immunogenicity of OmniCAR's binding system components – SpyTag and SpyCatcher were tested *in silico* by an independent US research provider to determine if either component has the potential to elicit unfavourable immune responses that could compromise the therapy.

The results demonstrated that both SpyTag and SpyCatcher have very low immunogenicity - lower than a panel of humanised therapeutic antibodies already approved for human use and on par with circulating human antibodies. It is worth noting that *in silico* immunogenicity testing is widely recognised as being over-predictive as contemporary algorithms are unable to account for cellular antigen processing.

---

<sup>1</sup> Gorovits B, Koren E. Immunogenicity of Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-Cell Therapeutics. BioDrugs. 2019 Jun;33(3):275-284.



**Figure 1:** SpyCatcher and SpyTag linked to either a heavy (H) or light (L) chain human IgG, were of either lower or comparable immunogenicity when compared against human monoclonal antibodies approved for human use, and have comparable to immunogenicity to human antibodies.

**Prescient’s CEO and Managing Director, Steven Yatomi-Clarke said,** "This is another incremental but important milestone that significantly de-risks the entire OmniCAR platform. The immunogenicity results could not have been better. In short, it gives us confidence that if these therapies are ultimately delivered to patients, that their immune systems will not impair the therapy itself. This is essential not only for Prescient’s three in-house OmniCAR programs, but also for potential external collaborators, who consider immunogenicity very stringently."

"Prescient's development plan is on schedule to deliver a number of important milestones. Together with our talented research team at Peter Mac, we are excited to progress our in-house next generation cell therapies for cancer patients."

The development follows the successful completion of manufacturing and delivery of critical components of the OmniCAR platform including cell binders for several cancer targets and lentiviral vectors used to produce CAR-T cells.

Prescient is developing OmniCAR programs for acute myeloid leukemia; Her2+ solid tumours, including breast, ovarian and gastric cancers; and glioblastoma multiforme (the most common form of brain cancer). In addition, Prescient has developed OmniCAR as a



platform, allowing collaborations and partnerships under licence with third parties wishing to incorporate OmniCAR to enhance their respective cell therapies.

The OmniCAR platform is based on technologies developed at the University of Pennsylvania and University of Oxford. Prescient has a worldwide licence to commercialise the technologies.

– Ends –

To stay updated with the latest company news and announcements, please update your details on our investor centre: <https://prescienttherapeutics.investorportal.com.au/>

### About Prescient Therapeutics Limited (Prescient)

Prescient Therapeutics is a clinical stage oncology company developing personalised medicine approaches to cancer, including targeted and cellular therapies.

#### Cell Therapies

**OmniCAR:** is a universal immune receptor platform enabling controllable T-cell activity and multi-antigen targeting with a single cell product. OmniCAR's modular CAR system decouples antigen recognition from the T-cell signalling domain. It is the first universal immune receptor allowing post-translational covalent loading of binders to T-cells. OmniCAR is based on technology licensed from Penn; the SpyTag/SpyCatcher binding system licensed from Oxford University; and other assets.

The targeting ligand can be administered separately to CAR-T cells, creating on-demand T-cell activity post infusion and enables the CAR-T to be directed to an array of different tumour antigens.

OmniCAR provides a method for single-vector, single cell product targeting of multiple antigens simultaneous or sequentially, whilst allowing continual re-arming to generate, regulate and diversify a sustained T-cell response over time.

Prescient is developing OmniCAR programs for next-generation CAR-T therapies for Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML); Her2+ solid tumours, including breast, ovarian and gastric cancers; and glioblastoma multiforme (GBM).

**Cell Therapy Enhancements:** Prescient has several other initiatives underway to develop new cell therapy approaches.

#### Targeted Therapies

**PTX-100** is a first in class compound with the ability to block an important cancer growth enzyme known as geranylgeranyl transferase-1 (GGT-1). It disrupts oncogenic Ras pathways by inhibiting the activation of Rho, Rac and Ral circuits in cancer cells, leading to apoptosis (death) of cancer cells. PTX-100 is believed to be the only RhoA inhibitor in the world in clinical development. PTX-100 is currently in a PK/PD basket study of hematological and solid malignancies, focusing on cancers with Ras and RhoA mutations. In a previous Phase 1 trial in advanced solid tumours, PTX-100 was well tolerated and achieved stable disease.

**PTX-200** is a novel PH domain inhibitor that inhibits an important tumour survival pathway known as Akt, which plays a key role in the development of many cancers, including breast and ovarian cancer, as well as leukemia. Unlike other drug candidates that target Akt inhibition which are non-specific kinase inhibitors that have toxicity problems, PTX-200 has a novel mechanism of action that specifically inhibits Akt whilst being comparatively safer. This highly promising compound has previously generated encouraging Phase 2a data in HER2-negative breast cancer and Phase 1b in recurrent or persistent



platinum resistant ovarian cancer, with a Phase 1b/2 trial currently underway in relapsed and refractory AML.

The Board of Prescient Therapeutics Limited has approved the release of this announcement.

Find out more at [www.ptxtherapeutics.com](http://www.ptxtherapeutics.com), or connect with us via Twitter @PTX\_AUS and LinkedIn.

Steven Yatomi-Clarke  
CEO & Managing Director  
Prescient Therapeutics  
[steven@ptxtherapeutics.com](mailto:steven@ptxtherapeutics.com)

**Investor enquiries:**  
Warrick Lace – Reach Markets  
+61 404 656 408  
[warrick.lace@reachmarkets.com.au](mailto:warrick.lace@reachmarkets.com.au)

**Media enquiries:**  
Andrew Geddes – CityPR  
+61 2 9267 4511  
[ageddes@citypublicrelations.com.au](mailto:ageddes@citypublicrelations.com.au)

### Disclaimer and Safe Harbor Statement

Certain statements made in this document are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are not historical facts but rather are based on the current expectations of Prescient Therapeutics Limited (“Prescient” or the “Company”), their estimates, assumptions, and projections about the industry in which Prescient operates. Material referred to in this document that use the words ‘estimate’, ‘project’, ‘intend’, ‘expect’, ‘plan’, ‘believe’, ‘guidance’, and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements and should be considered an at-risk statement. These forward-looking statements are not a guarantee of future performance and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, some of which are beyond the control of Prescient or which are difficult to predict, which could cause the actual results, performance, or achievements of Prescient to be materially different from those which may be expressed or implied by these statements. These statements are based on our management’s current expectations and are subject to a number of uncertainties and risks that could change the results described in the forward-looking statements. Risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, general industry conditions and competition, general economic factors, global pandemics and related disruptions, the impact of pharmaceutical industry development and health care legislation in the United States and internationally, and challenges inherent in new product development. In particular, there are substantial risks in drug development including risks that studies fail to achieve an acceptable level of safety and/or efficacy. Investors should be aware that there are no assurances that results will not differ from those projected and Prescient cautions shareholders and prospective shareholders not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which reflect the view of Prescient only as of the date of this announcement. Prescient is not under a duty to update any forward-looking statement as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law or by any appropriate regulatory authority.

Certain statements contained in this document, including, without limitation, statements containing the words “believes,” “plans,” “expects,” “anticipates,” and words of similar import, constitute “forward-looking statements.” Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of Prescient to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others, the following: the risk that our clinical trials will be delayed and not completed on a timely basis; the risk that the results from the clinical trials are not as favourable as we anticipate; the risk that our clinical trials will be more costly than anticipated; and the risk that applicable regulatory authorities may ask for additional data, information or studies to be completed or provided prior to their approval of our products. Given these uncertainties, undue reliance should not be placed on such forward-looking statements. The Company disclaims any obligation to update any such factors or to publicly announce the results of any revisions to any of the forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect future events or developments except as required by law.



This document may not contain all the details and information necessary for you to make a decision or evaluation. Neither this document nor any of its contents may be used for any other purpose without the prior written consent of the Company.

### **Supplemental COVID-19 Risk Factors**

Please see our website : [Supplemental COVID-19 Risk Factors](#)