UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): April 22, 2024

CENTESSA PHARMACEUTICALS PLC

(Exact name of Registrant, as specified in its charter)

England and Wales	001-40445	98-1612294	
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)	
	Mailing address:		
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Emerging growth company 🗵

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \Box

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On April 22, 2024, Centessa Pharmaceuticals plc (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (the "FDA") has cleared the Investigational New Drug application (the "IND") to initiate a Phase 1 first-in-human, clinical trial of ORX750 for the treatment of narcolepsy. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

The Company from time to time presents and/or distributes slide presentations to the investment community at various industry and other conferences to provide updates and summaries of its business. The Company is posting a copy of its current corporate slide presentation to the "Investors" portion of its website at www.centessa.com/events-presentations. These slides are attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.2.

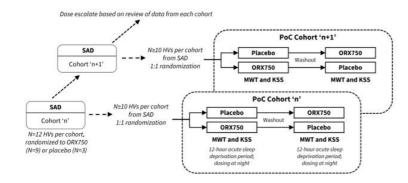
The information under this Item 7.01, including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing. The Company undertakes no obligation to update, supplement or amend the materials attached hereto as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On April 22, 2024, the Company announced that the FDA has cleared the IND to initiate a Phase 1 first-in-human, clinical trial of ORX750 for the treatment of narcolepsy.

The Phase 1 study of ORX750 will evaluate the safety, tolerability and pharmacokinetics of single-ascending ("SAD") and multiple-ascending doses of ORX750 in healthy adult subjects. In parallel to the SAD, a cross-over proof-of-concept pharmacodynamic assessment will be performed utilizing the Maintenance of Wakefulness Test (MWT) and Karolinska Sleepiness Scale (KSS) in acutely sleep-deprived healthy adult subjects which is intended to provide proof-of-concept data to enable dose selection for NT1, NT2 and IH indications. The study has a maximum exposure limit specified by the FDA which the Company believes significantly exceeds the predicted efficacious doses of ORX750 in indications associated with or without orexin loss; therefore, the Company does not expect this limit to affect any of the planned clinical development activities for ORX750. The Company expects to commence dosing of the Phase 1 study in healthy volunteers imminently, and proof-of-concept data are anticipated in the second half of 2024.

The Phase 1 study design of ORX750 includes SAD combined with PoC cohorts to assess PD effects of ORX750 by measuring sleep latency with the MWT and subjective sleepiness with the KSS in acutely sleep-deprived healthy subjects.



Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.

99.1 Press Release dated April 22, 2024

99.2 Corporate Presentation as of April 22, 2024

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Forward Looking Statements

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 22, 2024

By: /s/ Saurabh Saha
Name: Saurabh Saha, M.D., Ph.D.
Title: Chief Executive Officer



Exhibit 99.1

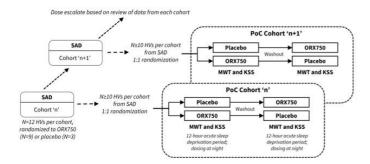
Centessa Pharmaceuticals Announces Open IND for ORX750; Proof-of-Concept Data in Sleep-Deprived Healthy Volunteers Planned for 2H 2024

BOSTON & LONDON, April 22, 2024 – Centessa Pharmaceuticals plc (Nasdaq: CNTA), a clinical-stage pharmaceutical company that aims to discover and develop medicines that are transformational for patients, today announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has cleared the Investigational New Drug application (IND) to initiate a Phase 1 first-in-human, clinical trial of ORX750 for the treatment of narcolepsy. ORX750 is an investigational, orally administered, highly potent and selective orexin receptor 2 (OX2R) agonist designed to directly target the underlying pathophysiology of orexin neuron loss in narcolepsy type 1 (NT1), with potential applicability to narcolepsy type 2 (NT2), idiopathic hypersomnia (IH), and other sleep-wake disorders with normal orexin levels.

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The Phase 1 study design of ORX750 includes SAD combined with PoC cohorts to assess PD effects of ORX750 by measuring sleep latency with the MWT and subjective sleepiness with the KSS in acutely sleep-deprived healthy subjects.



"This is a significant milestone for the development of our potential best-in-class OX2R agonist, ORX750, for the treatment of narcolepsy and other sleep-wake disorders," said Saurabh Saha MD PhD, Chief Executive Officer of Centessa. "We are excited to begin executing what we believe is an elegant, adaptive Phase 1 study aimed at generating early proof-of-concept data for ORX750 in acutely sleep-deprived healthy volunteers in the second half of this year. We expect this study to enable dose selection for planned studies evaluating ORX750 in patients with NT1 and in patient populations with normal orexin levels, including NT2 and IH."

About ORX750

ORX750 is an investigational, orally administered, highly potent and selective orexin receptor 2 (OX2R) agonist designed to directly target the underlying pathophysiology of orexin neuron loss in narcolepsy type 1 (NT1). ORX750 has been shown to potently activate the OX2R with an in vitro EC50 of 0.11 nM and 9,800-fold selectivity over the human orexin receptor (hOX1R). ORX750 is Centessa's first orexin product candidate being developed for the treatment of narcolepsy with potential expansion into narcolepsy type 2 (NT2), idiopathic hypersomnia (IH) and other sleep-wake disorders.



About Centessa Pharmaceuticals

Centessa Pharmaceuticals ple is a clinical-stage pharmaceutical company that aims to discover and develop transformational medicines for patients. Our most advanced programs include a hemophilia program, an orexin agonist program for the treatment of narcolepsy and other sleep-wake disorders and an immuno-oncology program focused on our LockBody® technology platform. We operate with the conviction that each of our programs has the potential to change the current treatment paradigm and establish a new standard of care. For more information, visit www.centessa.com, which does not form part of this release.

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could cause actual results to differ materially and adversely from those set forth in or implied by such forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, risks related to the safety and tolerability profile of our product candidates; our ability to protect and maintain our intellectual property position; business (including commercial viability), regulatory, economic and competitive risks, uncertainties, contingencies and assumptions about the Company; risks inherent in developing product candidates and technologies; future results from our ongoing and planned clinical trials; our ability to obtain adequate financing, including through our financing facility with Oberland, to fund our planned clinical trials and other expenses; trends in the industry; the legal and regulatory framework for the industry, including the receipt and maintenance of clearances to conduct or continue clinical testing; future expenditures risks related to our asset-centric corporate model; the risk that any one or more of our product candidates will not be successfully developed and/or commercialized; the risk that the results of preclinical studies or clinical studies will not be predictive of future results in connection with future studies; geopolitical risks such as the Russia-Ukraine war and conflicts in the Middle East. These and other risks concerning our programs and operations are described in additional detail in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and our other reports, which are on file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). We explicitly disclaim any obligation to update any forward-looking statements except to the extent required by law.

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Corporate Overview

APRIL 22, 2024

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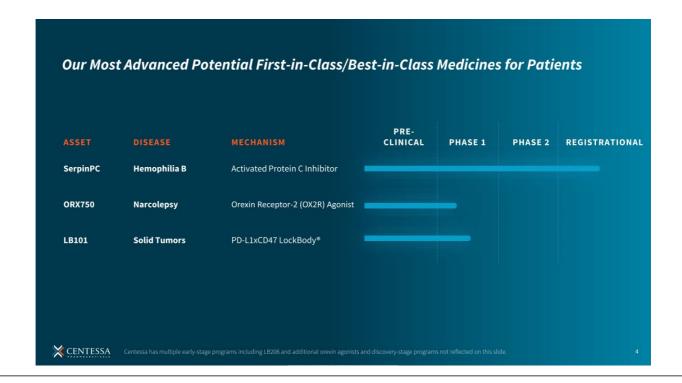
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Phase 1/2 study **ongoing**





Hemophilia B: Large Growing Market with Unmet Need



A safe, subcutaneous and effective treatment has the potential to transform care for hemophilia B

No subcutaneous treatment option currently available for hemophilia B in the US²

Limited options for hemophilia B with inhibitors²



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SerpinPC has the potential to be a first-in-class subcutaneous therapy with a differentiated safety profile for people with hemophilia B¹ Novel mechanism of action

Showed significant reduction in bleeding¹

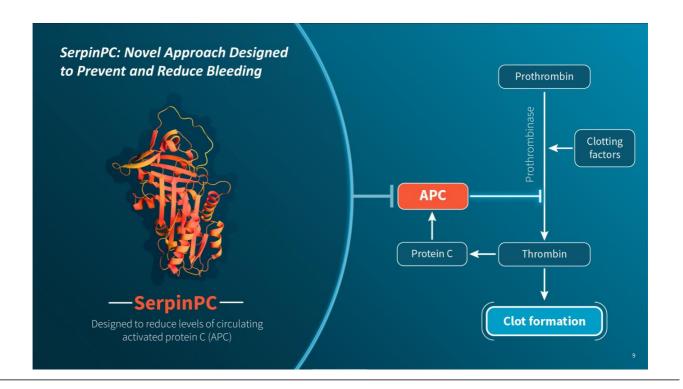
Shown to have a favorable safety and well tolerated profile to date; No thrombosis observed to date¹

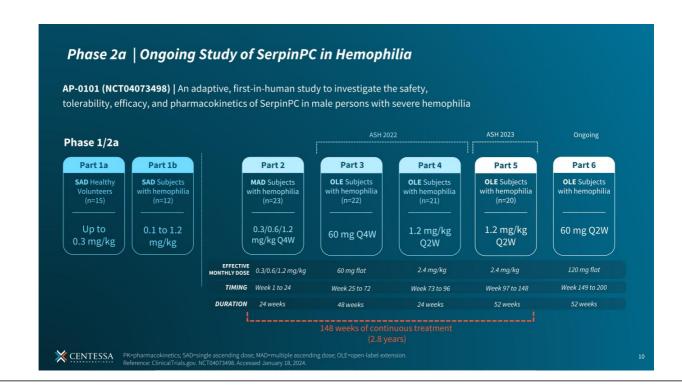


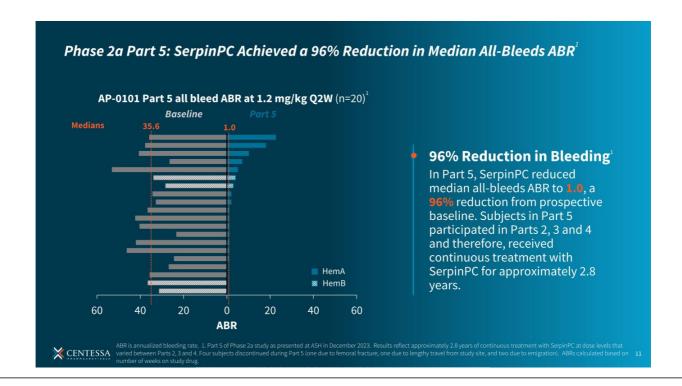
erpinPC is an investigational serine protease inhibitor (SERPIN) engineered to specifically inhibit activated protein C (APC), that has not been approved by the FDA or any other regulatory authority.

BR is annualized bleed rate. 1. Ongoing Phase 2a Study being conducted in Georgia and Moldova to evaluate safety, tolerability, pharmacokinetics and efficacy of SerpinPC in a population of
evere hemophilia A and B subjects not on previous prophylaxis and with a history of frequent bleeding. Parts Said (2023) 142 (Supplement 1): 4619. https://doi.org/10.1182/blood-2023-179969.

Part 3-4: Blood (2022) 140 (Supplement 1): 460-461. https://doi.org/10.1182/blood-2022-159631. Additional information on the trial can be accessed at www.clinicaltrials.gov (NCTD4073498).







SerpinPC Shown to Have Favorable Safety and Tolerability Profile to Date

No observations of treatment-related adverse events in Part 5

Treatment Emergent Adverse Events (TEAEs)	Number of subjects (%) n=20	
All TEAEs (total 41 events)	16 (80%)	
Related to SerpinPC	0	
Leading to discontinuation	1 (5%)	
Leading to death	0	
AEs of special interest	0	
Serious adverse events	2 (10%)*	
Thromboembolic events	0	
Injection site reactions	0	
Anti-drug antibodies	1#	
Neutralizing anti-drug antibodies	0#	



urce: Phase 2a study data of SerpinPC. Part 5: Blood (2023) 142 (Supplement 1): 2619.

NO SAES occurred and were considered unrelated to study drug: (1) traumatic fracture of femur (led to discontinuation) (2) traumatic epididymiti
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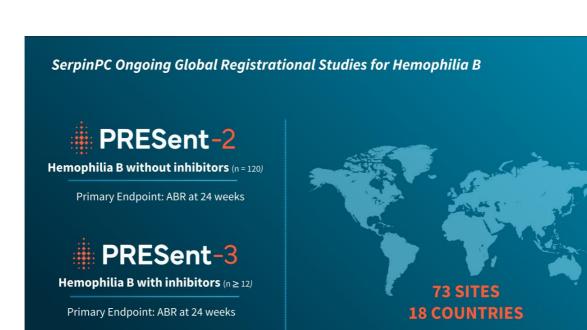
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SerpinPC's Potential for Differentiated Safety Profile -3-fold increase in dose intensity Parts 4 & 5 (1.2 mps QMMrv 21.08 No observation of thrombosis to date' No observations of treatment-related, non-transient elevations in D-dimer across study' For Part 5, 96% of D-dimer results were <500 ng/ml ' Time since start of Part 2 (weeks)



Error bars represent 95% confidence interval. Note: Values from three instances of trauma, cancer and infection determined to represent explained D-dimer elevation and omitted from calculation ubject 200-012 traumatic hip bleed, week 68 and 72, Subject 300-041 rectosigmoid cancer, Weeks 60-98, Subject 300-032 periodontitis, weeks 128 to 1301. Z. There were no thromboembolic events and no treatment-related sustained elevations of D-dimer observed across the Phase 24 study to date. D-dimer is a sensitive measure of excessive thrombin generation.

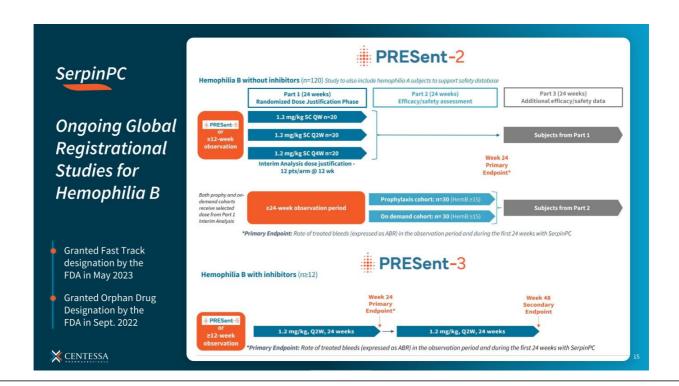
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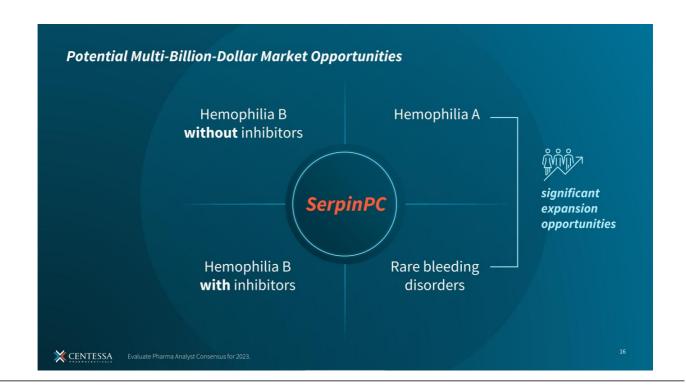




ABR is annualized bleeding rate. Primary endpoint is the rate of treated bleeds (expressed as ABR) during the first 24 weeks of treatment with SerpinPC (Part 2 of PRESent-2) compared to the observation period. Interim Analysis for Part 1 of PRESent-2 Study expected in 2024. Additional information on the registrational program can be accessed at www.clinicaltrials.gov

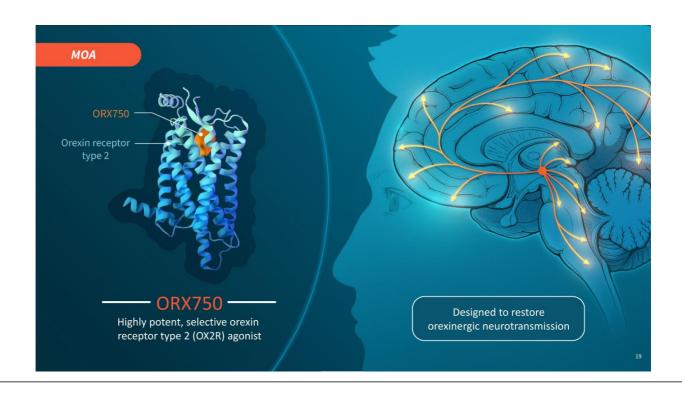
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ORX750 a Potential Best-in-Class Oral OX2R Agonist for the Treatment of Narcolepsy and Other Sleep-Wake Disorders



Highly potent, selective, novel OX2R agonist that closely mimics function of endogenous peptide¹



Achieved maximal wake times and cataplexy suppression in highly predictive, translational narcolepsy type 1 mouse



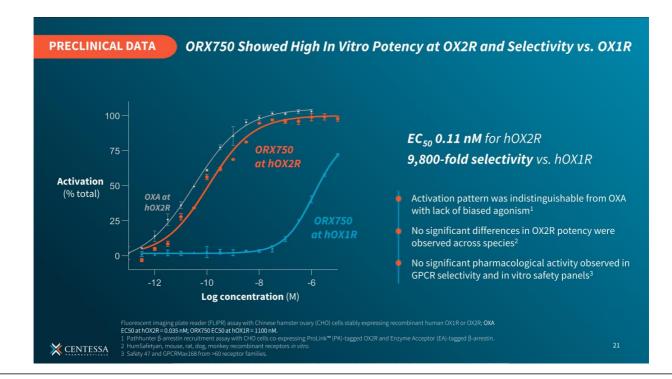
Preclinical data support potential **expansion** into **broader sleep-wake disorders**, including narcolepsy type 2 and idiopathic hypersomnia¹

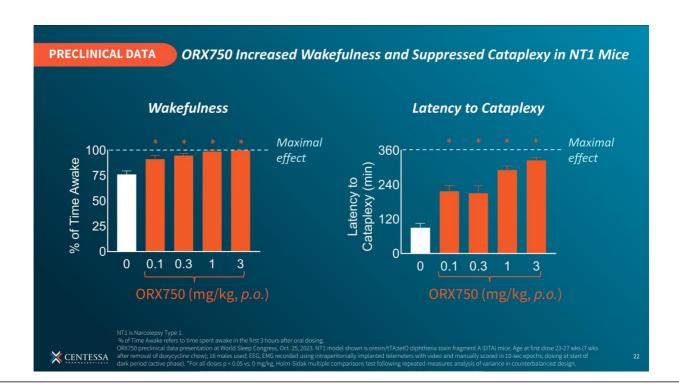


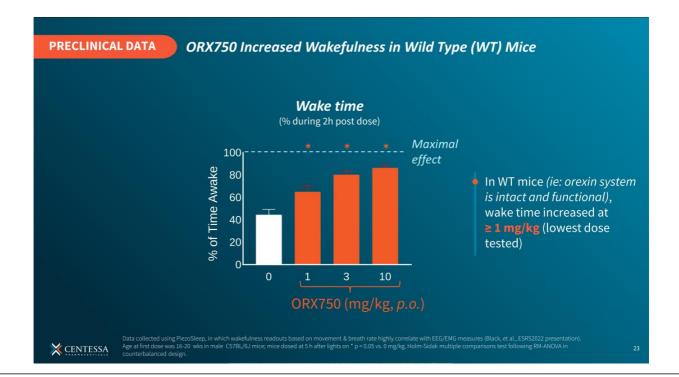
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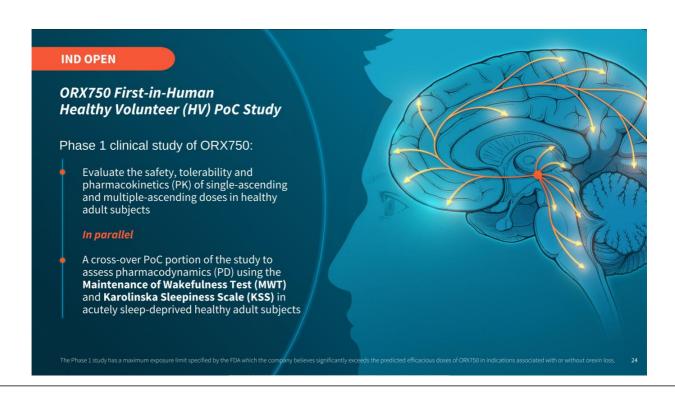
ORX750 preclinical data presentation at World Sleep Congress, Oct. 25, 2023, https://investors.centessa.com/static-files/7377defd-f7b4-49fe-8806-e86c31e8e5d

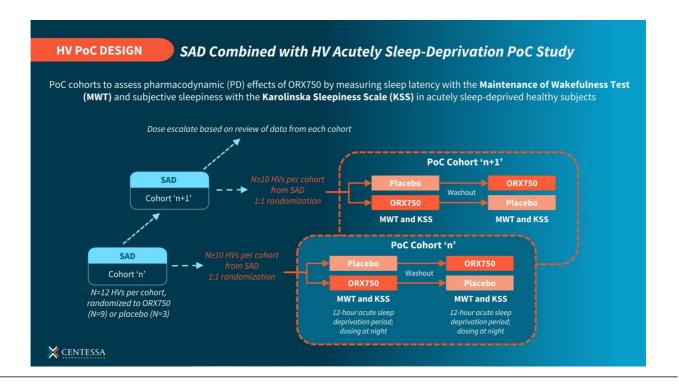
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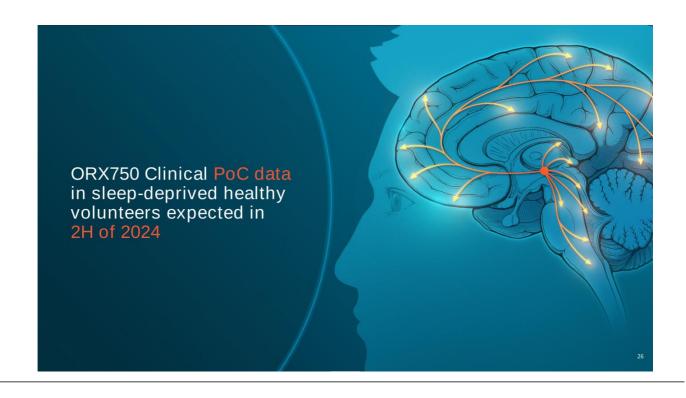
















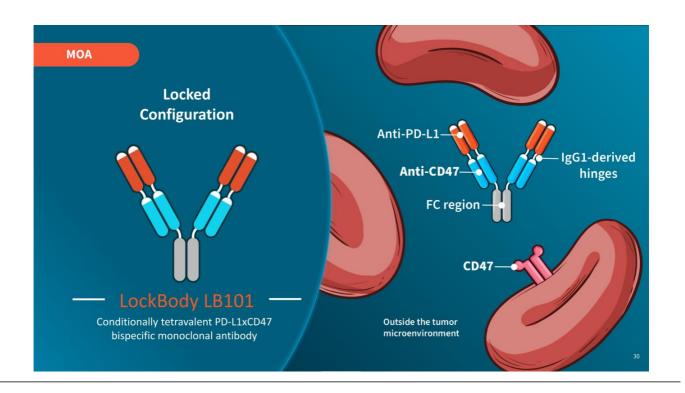
LockBody Technology Platform aims to redefine immuno-oncology treatment **Novel pharmacology** combining tumor enrichment with activation of effector function

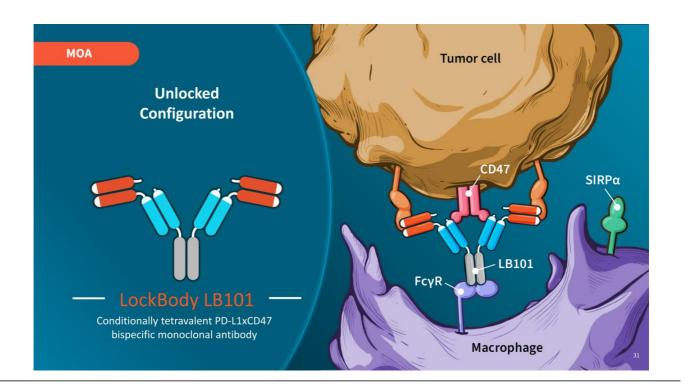
Designed as **single agent** systemic treatment

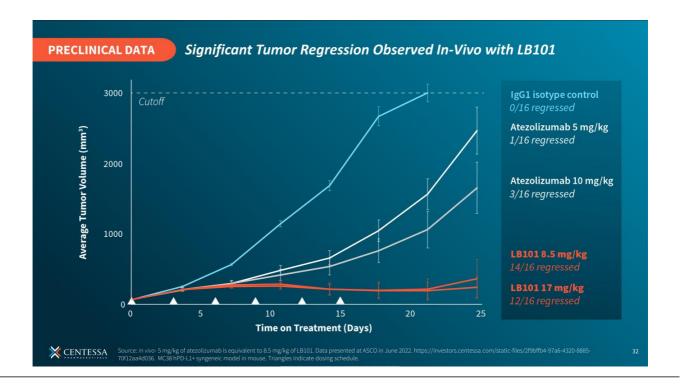
Potential wide therapeutic index¹



BIOI is an investigational agent that has not been approved by the FDA or any other regulatory authority, information on the Phase 1/2a trial of LB101 can be accessed at www.clinicaltrials.gov







PRECLINICAL DATA

Observed to be Well Tolerated in Non-Human Primates (NHPs) with LB101 Doses up to 50mg/kg



No anemia/ thrombocytopenia



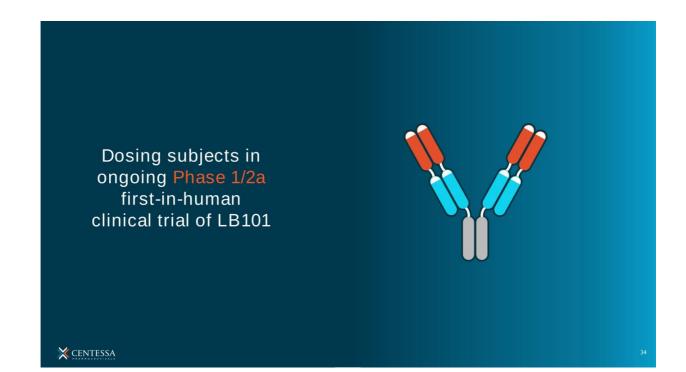
No weight loss



No change in red blood cell or hemoglobin



CENTESSA Source: In-vivo- LB101 delivered IV at 5, 20, 50mg/kg (q7d x 4) in non-human primates.



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