



# SER-155 Phase 1b Cohort 1 Day 100 Data

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## SER-155 May Represent a Novel Solution to Reduce GI Pathogen Abundance and Infection & GvHD in Allogeneic HSCT

- SER-155 is an oral, cultivated consortium, designed to reduce abundance of pathogens linked to infections and GvHD in allogeneic HSCT recipients\*
- SER-155 Phase 1b study Cohort 1
  - SER-155 was well-tolerated through 100 Days post HSCT
  - SER-155 bacterial strain engraftment was as expected
  - GI pathogen domination was rare and transient in patients after SER-155 treatment compared to expected rates from prior cohort studies

Enrollment ongoing in SER-155 Phase 1b Cohort 2 a randomized, double-blind, placebocontrolled study

Expect to release topline results in mid-2024



## **Beneficial Bacteria Protect the GI Tract from Potential Microbial Pathogens**

A healthy, diverse microbiome is **essential to preventing colonization and infection with pathogens** 

Antibiotics and other insults can drive the loss of beneficial microbes, enabling pathogens and drug-resistant bacteria to rapidly expand and dominate in GI tract

Domination with pathogens and drug-resistant bacteria in patients can increase intestinal permeability and is associated with increased risk of blood stream infections and other medical complications





## Microbiome Therapeutics are a Potential Novel Approach to Address Infections, Antimicrobial Resistance, & Associated Complications

# Disrupted gastrointestinal microbiome has disease-relevant consequences



# Seres microbiome therapeutics MbTx Platform enables:

- Identification of microbial species and functional targets linked to **disease-specific outcomes**
- Identification of bacterial strains that engraft successfully and that modulate disease functional pathways
- Preclinical and SER-109 ECOSPOR III exploratory results demonstrate microbiome therapeutics may decolonize pathogens with the potential for clinical outcomes



## SER-155 Designed to Modulate Targets that Address Leading Causes of Mortality Following Allogeneic HSCT (allo-HSCT)

SER-155 is a 16 strain cultivated bacterial consortium optimized using MbTx Platform



- Consortium of unique, human commensal bacterial strains
- Cultivated and encapsulated for oral delivery
- Strain selection based on broad pre-clinical screening for defined functions and insights from microbiome clinical data
- Preclinical data show SER-155 leads to multi-log reductions of *Enterococcus* (including VRE) and *Enterobacteriaceae* (including CRE) linked to GvHD in allo-HSCT patients\*

SER-155 specifically designed to reduce infections and GvHD in allo-HSCT recipients



Allo-HSCT recipients are medically vulnerable; 50% 3 year mortality



# SER-155 Phase 1b: Two-Cohort Study to Evaluate SER-155 in Allogeneic HSCT Patients



Cohort 2 - randomized, double-blind, placebocontrolled

• Continue to evaluate safety, tolerability, PK/PD

~60

patients

 Explore clinical outcomes of infection & GvHD and candidate biomarkers associated with clinical impact and mechanism

Enrolling



### SER-155 Cohort 1 Enrollment Summary: Majority of Subjects Retained **Post Transplant**



disease progression/withdrawal of consent (not SER-155 related) due to disease progression/COVID (not SER-155 related)



## SER-155 Was Generally Well-Tolerated in Cohort 1 (Day 100 Data)

TEAEs observed as expected in this patient population

All subjects experienced at least 1 TEAE

- 1 TEAE resulted in study discontinuation (unrelated to SER-155 administration)
- GI disorders were most common, with diarrhea being the most common AE

No SAEs were considered related to SER-155

- No SUSARs observed
- Majority of SAEs and AESIs occurred during vulnerable time for patients (from HSCT to neutrophil recovery, start of SER-155 Course 2)

Data Safety Monitoring Board approved advancement to Cohort 2

- Data Safety Monitoring Board met at predefined points, including at Day 100 data cut for Cohort 1, to review all safety events
- No deaths prior to Day 100; 3 after Day 100, none considered related to drug



# GI Microbiome Pathogen Domination as a Driver of Infection & GvHD in Allo-HSCT has been Reported in Peer-Reviewed Literature

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

Seres ongoing 7-year partnership with Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) to elucidate role of microbiome in HSCT:

Gastrointestinal (GI) microbiome domination, a state in which a **single type of bacteria is unusually abundant**, is a common occurrence in HSCT patients.

Cumulative incidence of GI microbiome **domination was observed in majority of subjects by Day 30** after HSCT\*

- Similar rates were observed at 3 other centers
- Domination with ESKAPE pathogens was common

#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Microbiota as Predictor of Mortality in Allogeneic Hematopoietic-Cell Transplantation





#### GI Microbiome Pathogen Domination is Associated with Worse Clinical Outcomes in Allo-HSCT Recipients

Domination increases bloodstream infection risk with the dominating bacteria\*

#### Table 3. Association of Intestinal Domination With Bacteremia<sup>a</sup>

Dominating Taxon <sup>b</sup>	VRE Bacteremia		Gram-negative Bacteremia	
	HR (95% CI)	P	HR (95% CI)	Р
Enterococcus	9.35 (2.43–45.44)	.001	1.35 (.25–5.08)	.690
Streptococcus	0.21 (.00–1.75)	.184	0.82 (.09–3.65)	.823
Proteobacteria	0.75 (.01–6.14)	.837	5.46 (1.03–19.91)	.047

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; VRE, Vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus.

<sup>a</sup> Bacteremia for each organism was defined as at least one positive blood culture within the study period.

<sup>b</sup> Intestinal domination was analyzed as a time-varying predictor.

Taur et al., Clin Inf Dis 2012

Enterococcus domination is a risk factor for acute GvHD and mortality\*\*





\* Taur et al, Clin Inf Dis 2012; extended in Tamburini et al Nat Med, 2018

\*\* Stein-Thoringer et al Science 2019; also supported by Jeng et al Bio BMT 2015

#### **ESKAPE** Pathogen Domination was Rare and Transient in Cohort 1

#### ESKAPE pathogen domination\* in SER-155 administered subjects observed at rates substantially lower than reference cohort

#### SER-155 Cohort 1

- From HSCT Day 0-30, 11% of patients (1 subject, Fig.1 blue line)
- From HSCT day 0-100, 22% of patients (2 subjects, not shown)
- All instances of pathogen domination were transient

## Reference Patient Cohort (MSKCC; Peled et al. 2020)

• Day 0 through 30, 64% of patients (Fig.1 black line)

Pathogen domination has been shown to be associated with risk of blood stream infections (Taur, CID 2012) and GvHD (Jenq Bio BMT 2015; Stein-Thoeringer Science 2019)

\* i.e., the families: Enterococcaceae, Enterobacteriaceae, Streptococcaceae & Staphylococcaceae





#### **SER-155 Bacterial Strains Engrafted in Cohort 1 Patients**

#### Engraftment magnitude and kinetics were consistent with our expectations

Engraftment is the colonization of the GI tract by metabolically active drug product strains; assessed throughout the study period via proprietary genomic technologies.

Most of the strains engrafted in a majority of the individuals evaluated.

These engraftment data, as well as those that will come from Cohort 2, will be used to inform Phase 2 trial design.



#### SER-155 Phase 1b Cohort 2: What We Expect to Learn

# SER-155 safety, strain engraftment (PK) and pathogen abundance (PD) in the **context of placebo comparator arm**

Further elucidate mechanism of action of SER-155

Explore impact of **SER-155 on clinical outcomes**, including the incidence of enteric infections, BSI, BSI with enteric bacteria, and GvHD, with contemporaneous placebo rates

Broaden dosing experience in allo-HSCT patients to confirm optimal dosing strategy

Cohort 2 topline data expected in mid-2024



## SER-155 Could Become Core Part of Allogeneic HSCT Treatment Regimen

Unique potential clinical and economic value for allogeneic HSCT patients



**Substantial impact for patients:** almost 30,000 transplants / year across US and Europe



**Favorable safety profile** appropriate for use across HSCT population



**Double benefit** of reducing infections and GvHD, 2 of 3 leading causes of mortality at 1 year



**Avoids costs** of post-transplant complications: \$181K average additional costs for US patients with complications



Sources: CIBMTR 2020; Passweg et al Bone Marrow Transplantation 57 (2022) 742-752; Perales et al Biol Blood Marrow Transplant 23 (2017) 1788–1794; Broder, et al. "The Cost of Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplantation in the United States" Am Health and Drug Benefits 10 (2017) 366–374; <u>https://data.cms.gov/provider-summary-by-type-of-service/medicare-inpatient-hospitals/medicare-inpatient-hospitals-by-geography-and-service/data/2019</u>; Seres physician interviews