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Leading the Microbiome Revolution

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## Seres investor highlights

Opportunity	Phase 3 stage company developing microbiome-based therapeutics, a highly promising new area of medicine
Platform	Leader in microbiome drug development with differentiated capabilities, leading CMC and demonstrated GMP quality, and supportive clinical data
Pipeline	Focused R&D efforts in the areas of infectious diseases and inflammation & immunology, including immuno oncology
Team	Experienced, highly accomplished leadership team



## The microbiome is essential to human health

#### **Infectious Disease**

- A diverse microbiome resists colonization by exogenous pathogens
- Exposure to broad spectrum antibiotics, and resulting gut microbiome dysbiosis, increase risk for *C. difficile* infection and colonization / infection by multi-drug resistant organisms

#### Inflammation and Immunology

- Microbiome known to alter regulatory T cells and Th17 T cell activation
- Role in inflammatory bowel disease (Ulcerative Colitis and Crohn's disease) as well as allergy, rheumatoid arthritis and multiple sclerosis
- The composition of the microbiome has been demonstrated to impact the efficacy and safety of immuno-oncology checkpoint inhibitors

#### **Metabolic Disease**

- Effects on glucose utilization, digestion and bile acid metabolism
- Role of microbiome implicated in several metabolic diseases (e.g. diabetes, obesity, liver diseases)

Selected references: Infectious disease / C. difficile: Leffler and Lamont, NEJM, 2015; Ulcerative colitis: Paramsothy et al. Lancet, 2017; Moayyedi et al. Gastroenterology, 2015; Immuno-oncology: Vetizou M et al., Science 2015.; Slvan A. et al., Science 2015.; Dubin et al., Nature, 2016. NASH: Le Roy et al., Hepatology, 2012. Metabolic disease: Perry et al. Nature, 2016, Ridaura VK et al., Science 2013; Primary sclerosing cholangitis: Tabibian JH et al., Hepatology, 2016.



## **Business strategy**

## Focused R&D on clinical programs

 Prioritize serious diseases where dysbiosis of the gut microbiome has a causal role

> SER-287 for Ulcerative Colitis

SER-109 for recurrent C. difficile infection

Adjunctive microbiome therapy with immuno-oncology World class, differentiated, microbiome expertise

- Computational biology
- Basic microbiome research
- Microbiology
- Translational science
- Clinical development
- Advanced GMP
  manufacturing

Research in new therapeutic areas

 Collaborations with leading academic centers to efficiently advance research in promising new areas





## Robust microbiome therapeutics pipeline

				PRECLINICAL	PHASE 1b	PHASE 2	PHASE 3
efforts	+	SER-109	Recurrent <i>C. difficile</i>		Pivotal study		
Prioritized R&D efforts	+	SER-287	Ulcerative colitis				
Priorit	$\bigcirc$	SER-401	Immuno-oncology – in combination with anti- PD-(L)1 therapy				
	٥	SER-262	Primary C. difficile				
	٥	SER-301	Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)				
	٥	SER-155	Prevention of infection and GVHD following hematopoietic stem cell or solid organ transplant				
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## **Clostridium difficile Infection** Overview and R&D Programs



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## C. difficile infection overview

Infectious disease caused by toxinproducing anaerobic, spore-forming bacteria, resulting in diarrhea, abdominal pain, fever, and nausea

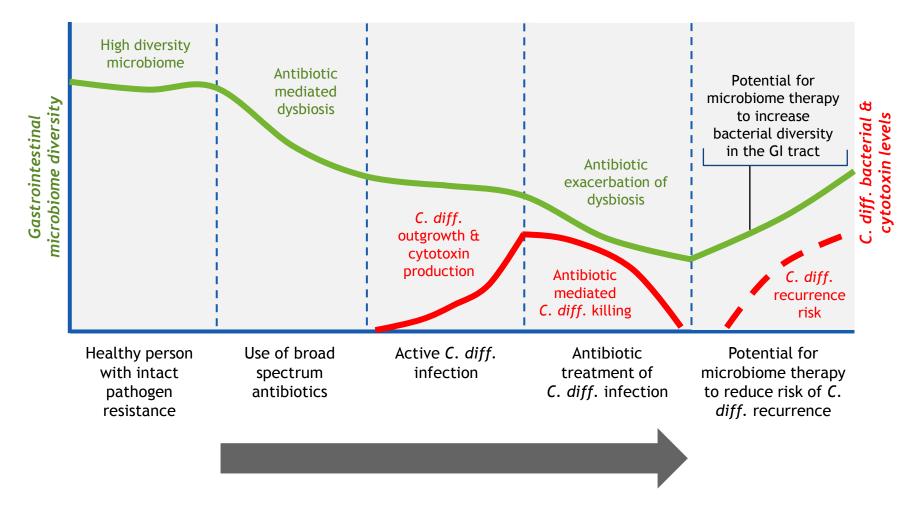
Leading cause of hospital-acquired infection in the US

- Approximately 29,000 deaths/year
- ~25% of patients with primary *C. difficile* recur
- Risk of relapse increases with each recurrence
- Multiply recurrent *C. difficile* infection incidence increased 188% between 2001-2010





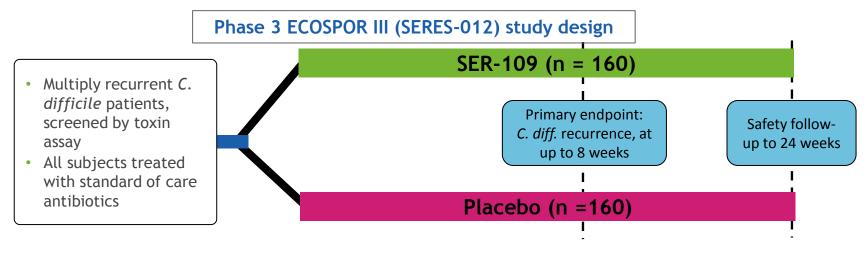
### Microbiome therapeutic intervention - Race to Repair Hypothetical patient course





## Phase 3 SER-109 ECOSPOR III study ongoing

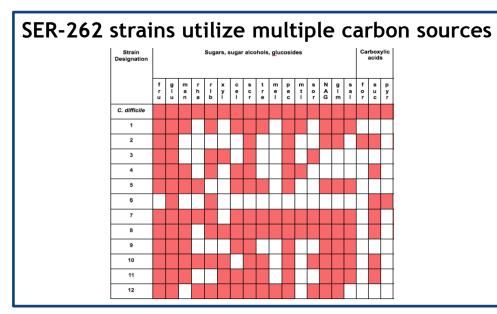
- FDA Breakthrough and Orphan Drug designation
- Based on FDA feedback, ECOSPOR III designated as a Phase 3 study
- Phase 3 study incorporates key learnings from prior clinical efforts:
- SER-109 dose is approximately 10-fold higher than dose used in Phase 2 study
- C. difficile toxin assay to be used at study entry and for primary endpoint





# SER-262: Synthetic, fermented Ecobiotic<sup>®</sup> therapeutic candidate for primary *C. difficile* infection

- Oral, microbiome therapeutic candidate comprising twelve strains of fermented, rationally-selected bacterial spores
- Bacterial species selected based on analysis of SER-109 Phase 1b microbiome data, biological and phylogenetic heterogeneity, and preclinical efficacy in *C. difficile* infection mouse model
- Data support a mechanism of action in which SER-262 strains compete for *C. difficile* preferred carbon sources



#### In vitro fermentation





### SER-262 Phase 1b dosing study in patients with primary C. difficile infection

Cohort 1: Tx with **10**<sup>4</sup> spores (n=10); placebo (n=2); single dose **Primary Objective** Cohort 2: Tx with 10<sup>5</sup> spores (n=10); placebo (n=2); single dose Relative risk of C. difficile Cohort 3: Tx with 10<sup>6</sup> spores (n=10); placebo (n=2); single dose up to 8 weeks Cohort 4: Tx with 10<sup>7</sup> spores 96 patients (n=10); placebo (n=2); single dose with primary C. difficile Cohort 5: Tx with 10<sup>8</sup> spores Microbiome engraftment infection (n=10); placebo (n=2); single dose Time to *C. difficile* recurrence Cohort 6: Tx with 10<sup>6</sup> spores (n=10); placebo (n=2); over 3 days

> <u>Cohort 7</u>: Tx with **10**<sup>7</sup> spores (n=10); placebo (n=2); over 3 days

Cohort 8: Tx with 10<sup>8</sup> spores (n=10); placebo (n=2); over 3 days Safety and tolerability at 24 weeks

recurrence compared to placebo at

#### Secondary Objectives

Relative risk of recurrence at up to 4, 12, and 24 weeks after treatment



### Summary of SER-262 Phase 1b preliminary study results

- · First rationally designed fermented microbiome drug ever tested in humans
- Preliminary unblinded clinical data available from seven of eight patient cohorts
- No drug related serious adverse events observed
- No relative differences were observed in the risk of recurrence rates in patients administered SER-262 as compared to placebo
  - Study was not powered to detect statistically significant difference in recurrence rates
  - A small group of placebo treated patients were included in the study and, in this group, no recurrences were observed
  - Low C. diff. recurrence rate observed in patients treated with vancomycin and SER-262, as compared to those treated with metronidazole and SER-262, 4% versus 31%, respectively (p value = 0.0049). Medical literature suggests a recurrence rate of about 25% in patients treated solely with Vancomycin for primary C. diff. infection. Data suggest that treatment with vancomycin, followed by SER-262, results in more robust and kinetically more rapid engraftment, and thus may lead to corresponding clinical efficacy
- First ever demonstration of engraftment of a rationally-designed, fermented microbiome therapeutic candidate based on available date from the first five, lowest dose cohorts
  - Detected a majority of SER-262 strains in patients receiving SER-262; detection of strains was variable across subjects. Of note not all bacterial species engraft with biologically sourced microbiome drugs or with FMT.
  - In subjects where SER-262 engraftment was observed, broader global changes to the microbiome were also observed
  - Vancomycin lead to more rapid and robust engraftment of SER-262 bacterial strains, as compared to metronidazole



## SER-287 and Ulcerative Colitis



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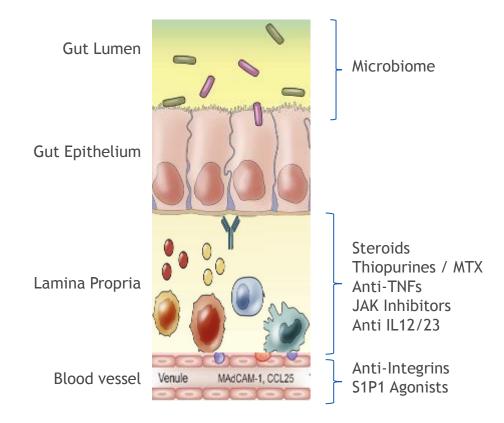
# Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) opportunity for new mechanistic approaches

Significant need for improved therapies

- Large US population: ~700K ulcerative colitis, ~700K Crohn's
- Fewer than ~1/3 of patients achieve remission with current therapies
- Many therapies are immunosuppressive, limiting widespread use



# Modulation of the microbiome is an attractive therapeutic target for Ulcerative Colitis



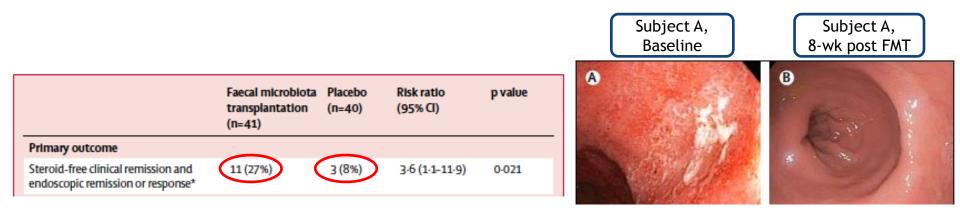
- May address drivers of inflammation, barrier integrity, innate immune activation, and adaptive immune education and cell trafficking
- Effector molecules may include short chain fatty acids, secondary bile acids, tryptophan metabolites, and TLR ligands
- Potentially synergistic effect with other UC products



# Microbiota transplantation provides clinical proof of concept

### THE LANCET Multidonor intensive faecal microbiota transplantation for active ulcerative colitis: a randomised placebo-controlled trial

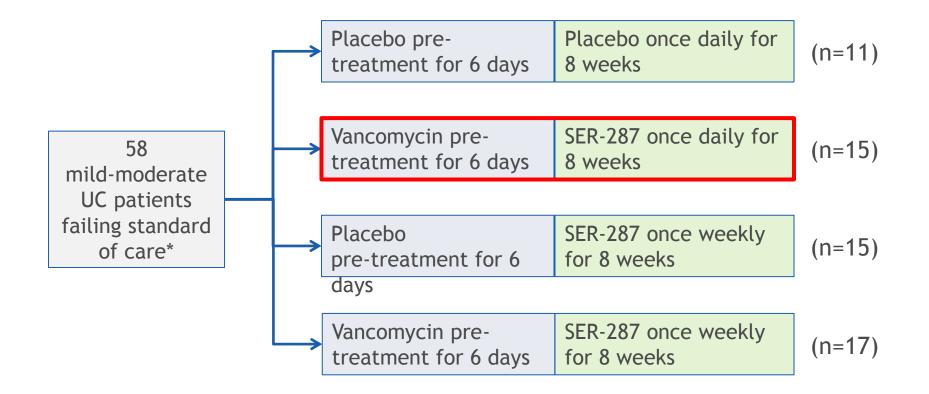
Sudarshan Paramsothy, Michael A Kamm, Nadeem O Kaakoush, Alissa J Walsh, Johan van den Bogaerde, Douglas Samuel, Rupert W L Leong, Susan Connor, Watson Ng, Ramesh Paramsothy, Wei Xuan, Enmoore Lin, Hazel M Mitchell, Thomas J Borody





Selected references: Paramsothy *et al*. Lancet, 2017; Moayyedi *et al*. Gastroenterology, 2015; Review article: Costello et al. Alimentary Pharmacology & Therapeutics, 2017.

## SER-287 Phase 1b Ulcerative Colitis study





## SER-287 Phase 1b study endpoints

#### **Primary Objectives**

- Safety and tolerability
- Change in composition of intestinal microbiome at 8 weeks

#### Secondary Objectives

- Remission, endoscopic improvement, and response through measure of the total modified Mayo Score
- Change in serum and fecal biomarkers
- Pathologic changes in mucosal biopsies (i.e., histology)



## **Clinical efficacy endpoints**

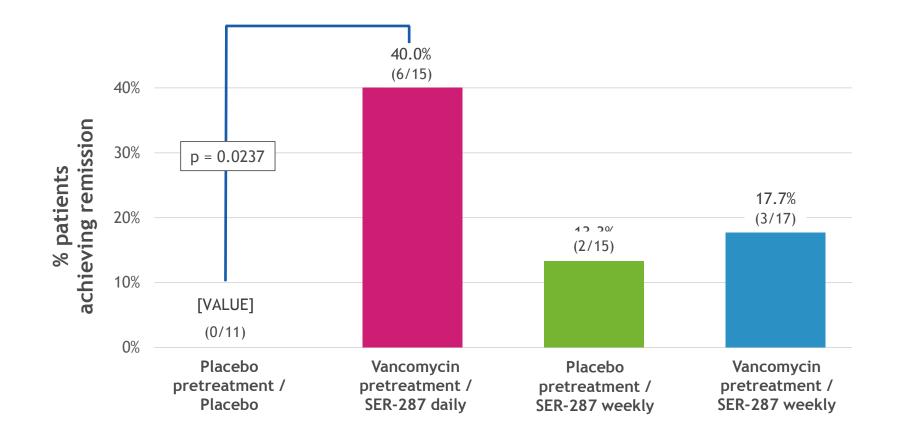
Modified	Mayo	score		
components				

- 1. Mucosal Appearance by endoscopy (Most objective)
- 2. Stool Frequency
- 3. Rectal Bleeding
- 4. Physician Rating of Disease Activity

Endpoint	Protocol Definition
Remission	Total Modified Mayo Score <=2 and an endoscopic subscore of 0 or 1
Endoscopic Improvement	Decrease in endoscopic subscore of >=1
Response	Decrease of >=3 points in Total Modified Mayo Score from baseline, along with either a decrease of >=1 point in rectal bleeding subscore or absolute rectal bleeding subscore of 0 or 1



### Significant and dose dependent impact on remission

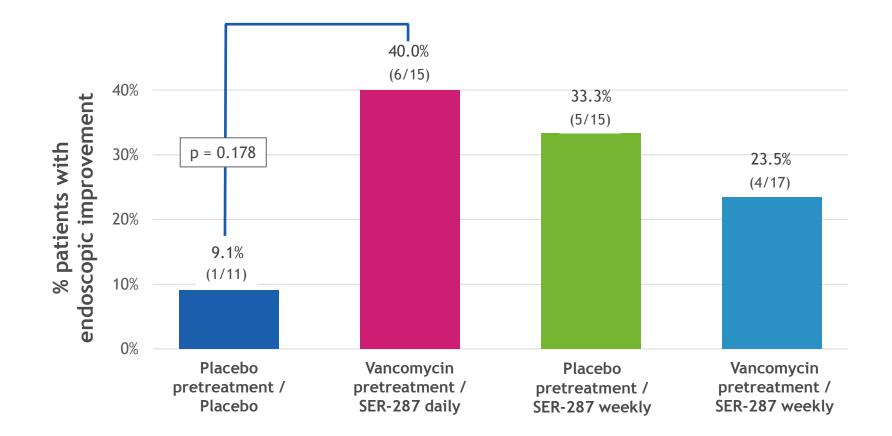


Endoscopy readings were centrally read by blinded readers.

Data based on an intent to treat missing data counted as a failure analyses. Under observed data analysis, 1/10 (10%) and 6/15 (40%) patients in the placebo pretreatment / placebo and vancomycin pretreatment / SER-287 daily treatment arms, respectively, achieved remission and endoscopic improvement (p=0.1794). The observed analysis includes a patient in the placebo study arm who experienced a disease flare and was treated with corticosteroids (a protocol violation) prior to the end of treatment endoscopy



### Dose dependent impact on endoscopic improvement



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## Illustrative endoscopy improvement findings from patient in SER-287 daily treatment arm

Pre-treatment endoscopy showing the sigmoid colon with spontaneous bleeding and ulceration

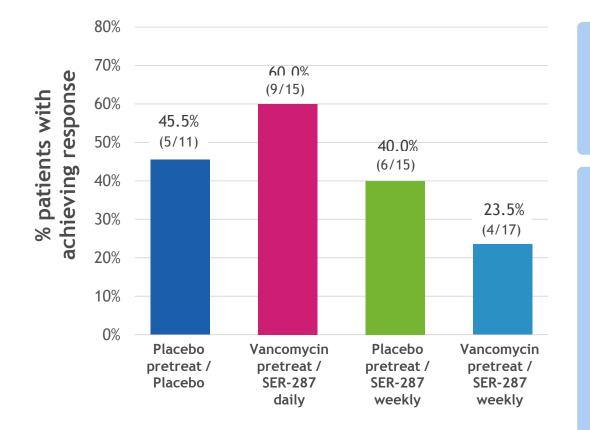


Post-treatment day 64 endoscopy





### Response rate is less reliable endpoint; Not recommend by FDA as a primary endpoint for UC



reported in other UC clinical studies using drugs with diverse mechanisms<sup>1</sup>

High placebo response rate

#### **Ulcerative Colitis: Clinical Trial Endpoints** Guidance for Industry<sup>2</sup>

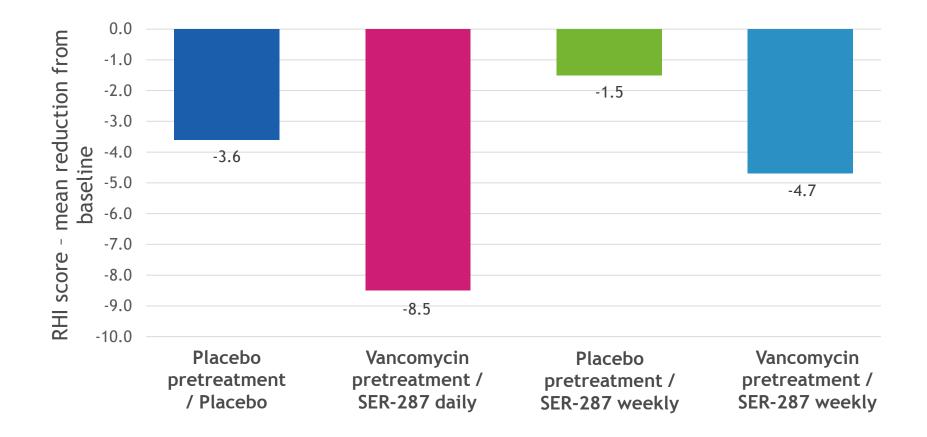
"We currently recommend a primary endpoint of clinical remission (responder definition based on Stool Frequency, Rectal Bleeding, and Endoscopy scores)."

- 1. Jairath V. et al., Journal of Crohn's and Colitis, 2016
- 2. August 2016 FDA draft guidance

Data based on an intent to treat missing data counted as a failure analyses. Under observed case analysis, 6/10 (60%) and 6/10 (60%) patients in the placebo pretreatment/placebo and vancomycin pretreatment/SER-287 daily treatment arms, respectively, achieved response (p=0.99). The observed analysis includes a patient in the placebo study arm who experienced a disease flare and was treated with corticosteroids (a protocol violation) prior to the end of treatment endoscopy



### Histological healing RHI score change 8 weeks post SER-287 administration



Note: Intent to treat population, missing data equal failure

Subjects with normal histology at Baseline were excluded. Seres also evaluated potential biomarkers serum CRP and fecal calprotectin and observed no statistically significant impact.



## Favorable SER-287 Phase 1b safety profile

- SER-287 daily arm demonstrated a similar safety profile to placebo
- No serious drug-related adverse events
- No subject discontinuations in the SER-287 daily treatment arm
- Reduced gastrointestinal adverse events provide an independent assessment of efficacy with decreased disease activity
  - SER-287 daily arm GI AEs: 2/15 (13.3%) vs. placebo arm: 5/11 (45.5%)



# Analyses of post SER-287 treatment impact on disease activity

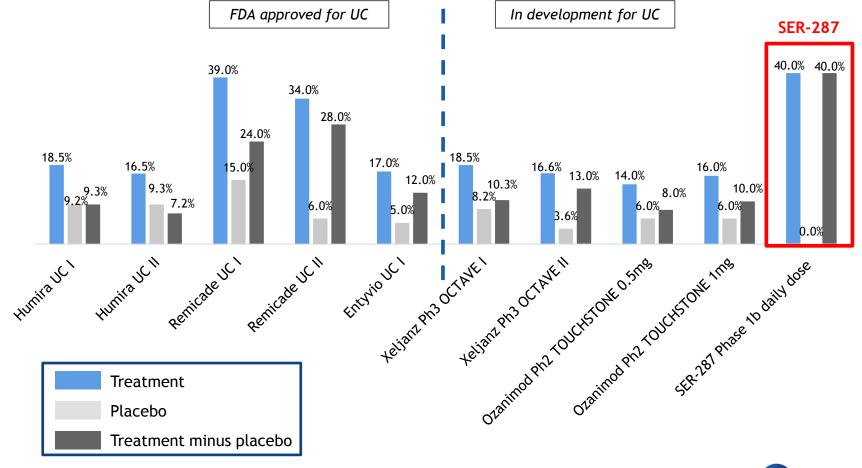
SER-287 Phase 1b patients were followed for up to 26 weeks post treatment:

• Of the 11 patients treated with SER-287 who achieved clinical remission, <u>no patients</u> experienced a disease flare in the 26 weeks following the end of treatment (0/11)



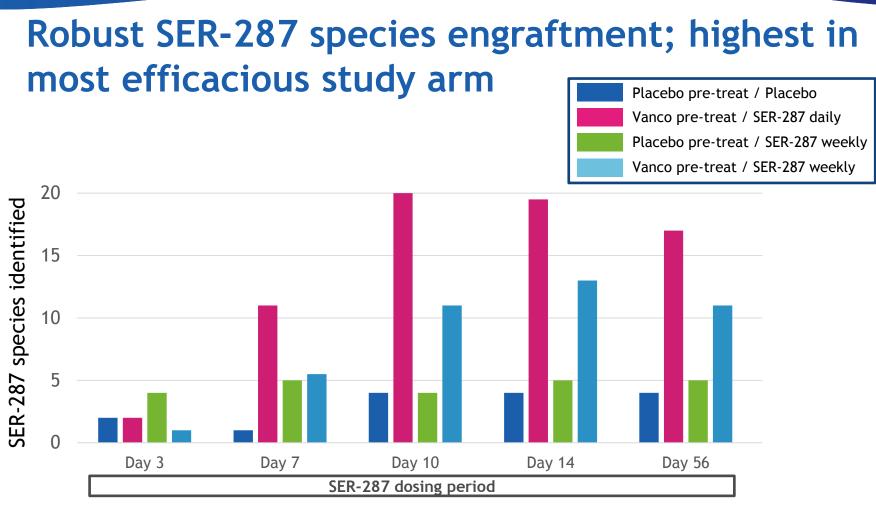
# Favorable SER-287 efficacy relative to selected approved and development stage UC drugs

**Remission Rates for Induction in Active UC** 



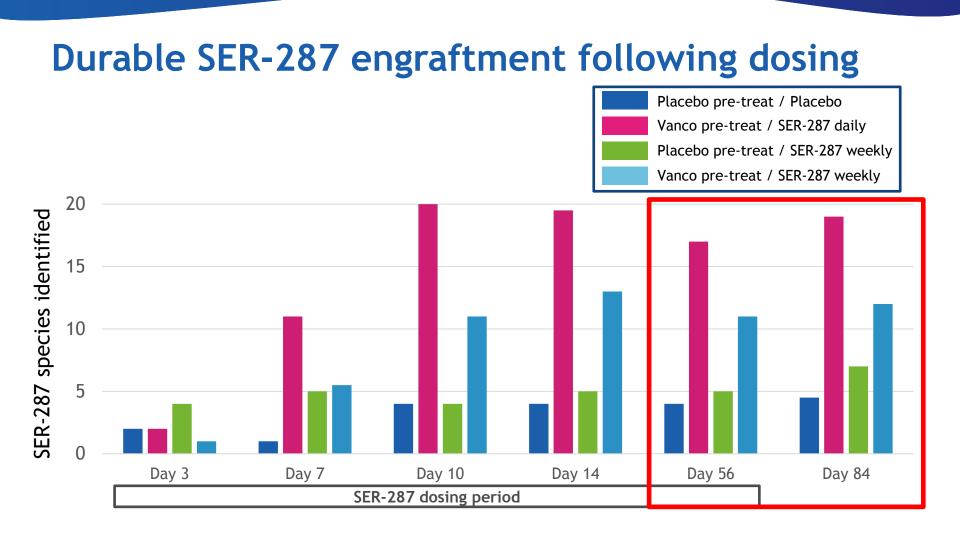
Adapted from Leerink Nov. 27 2017 report: Future of IBD: Category should double by 2023 despite GED-0301 disappointment; Note that study-to-study differences limit the ability to directly compare results.

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- Statistically significant engraftment in vanco pre-treat / SER-287 daily arm, versus placebo pre-treat / placebo arm, beginning at day 7 and maintained throughout the dosing period
- Statistically significant and dose-dependent engraftment in study arms with vanco pretreatment / SER-287 versus placebo pre-treat arms
- Data supportive of vancomycin opening ecological niches for SER-287 engraftment

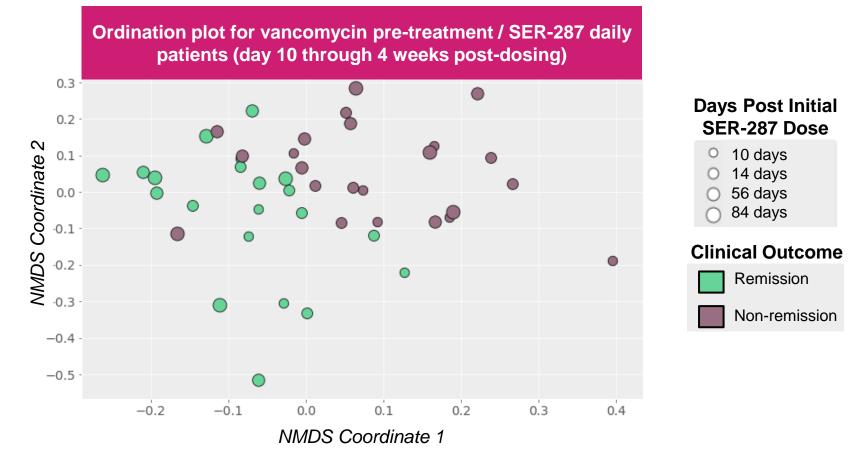




• Statistically significant engraftment maintained through at least 4 weeks following SER-287 dosing



# Microbiome composition is distinct in patients achieving remission

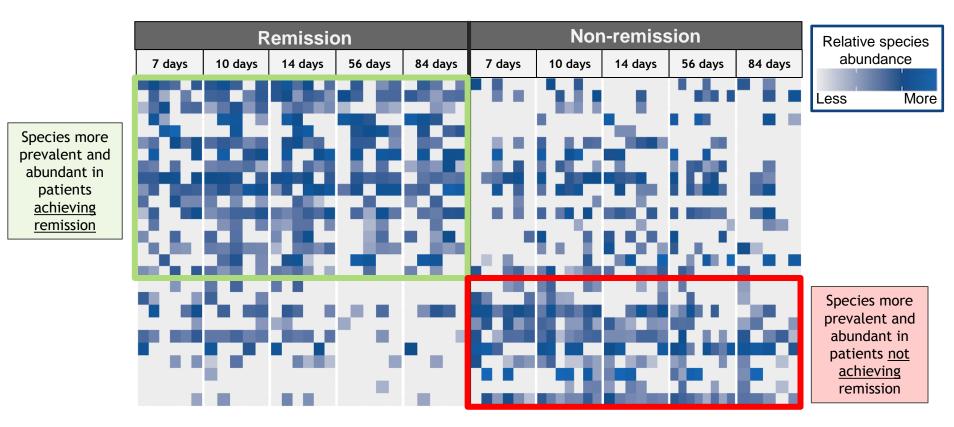


Non-metric multidimensional scaling plot shows ecological distance between microbiome compositions of 15 subjects (6 remission, 9 non-remission) at different timepoints; microbiome samples not available for all timepoints of each subject. Ecological distance is calculated using the Binary Jaccard metric which computes the similarity between any two samples based on the presence and absence of species.



## Specific bacterial species linked with remission

- Identified 27 species ecology statistically significantly correlated with remission
- Species include both SER-287 bacteria and others augmented by treatment



Relative abundance heatmap depiction of bacterial species prevalence from vanco pre-treat / SER-287 daily study arm patients. Each row represents a single bacterial species and each column represents a single patient. Shading of each square illustrates the relative abundance of each species.



## Advancing SER-287 clinical development

- Compelling Phase 1b results:
  - Beneficial impact on remission and endoscopic improvement
  - Favorable safety and tolerability profile
  - Microbiome data provide mechanistic support for clinical results and demonstrate species-level bacterial signatures associated with efficacy
- Obtained FDA Orphan Designation for Pediatric Ulcerative Colitis
- Rapidly advancing SER-287 clinical development:
  - Obtain FDA guidance
  - Expect to start next Ulcerative Colitis clinical study mid-2018
  - Evaluate other opportunities (e.g. Crohn's disease, UC combination therapy)

## SER-301: Synthetic fermented Ecobiotic<sup>®</sup> therapeutic candidate for inflammatory bowel disease

- Oral, mechanistically designed follow-on to SER-287
- Selection of SER-301 bacterial composition based on:
  - SER-287 study data (clinical and microbiome analysis)
  - Preclinical activity of microbiome compositions
- Rationally designed composition has shown activity in mouse model



## SER-401 and Immuno-oncology



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# Gut microbiome composition impacts efficacy of checkpoint inhibitors in oncology patients

#### Science ....

## Anticancer immunotherapy by CTLA-4 blockade relies on the gut microbiota

Marie Vétizou<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Jonathan M. Pitt<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Romain Daillère<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Patricia Lepage<sup>4</sup>, Nadine Waldschmit...

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Science 27 Nov 2015: Vol. 350, Issue 6264, pp. 1079-1084 DOI: 10.1126/science.aad1329

#### Science ....

## Gut microbiome influences efficacy of PD-1-based immunotherapy against epithelial tumors

Bertrand Routy<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Emmanuelle Le Chatelier<sup>4</sup>, Lisa Derosa<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Connie P. M. Duong<sup>1,2,5</sup>, Maryam Tidjani Alou<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Romain D... + See all authors and affiliations

Science 02 Nov 2017: eaan3706 DOI: 10.1126/science.aan3706

#### Science ....

#### Commensal *Bifidobacterium* promotes antitumor immunity and facilitates anti–PD-L1 efficacy

Ayelet Sivan<sup>1,\*</sup>, Leticia Corrales<sup>1,\*</sup>, Nathaniel Hubert<sup>2</sup>, Jason B. Williams<sup>1</sup>, Keston Aquino-Michaels<sup>3</sup>, Zachary...

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#### Science ....

## Gut microbiome modulates response to anti-PD-1 immunotherapy in melanoma patients

V. Gopalakrishnan<sup>1,2,\*</sup>, C. N. Spencer<sup>2,3,\*</sup>, L. Nezi<sup>3,\*</sup>, A. Reuben<sup>1</sup>, M. C. Andrews<sup>1</sup>, T. V. Karpinets<sup>3</sup>, P. A. Prieto<sup>1,†</sup>, D. Vicente<sup>1</sup>... + See all authors and affiliations

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#### November 2017 Collaboration

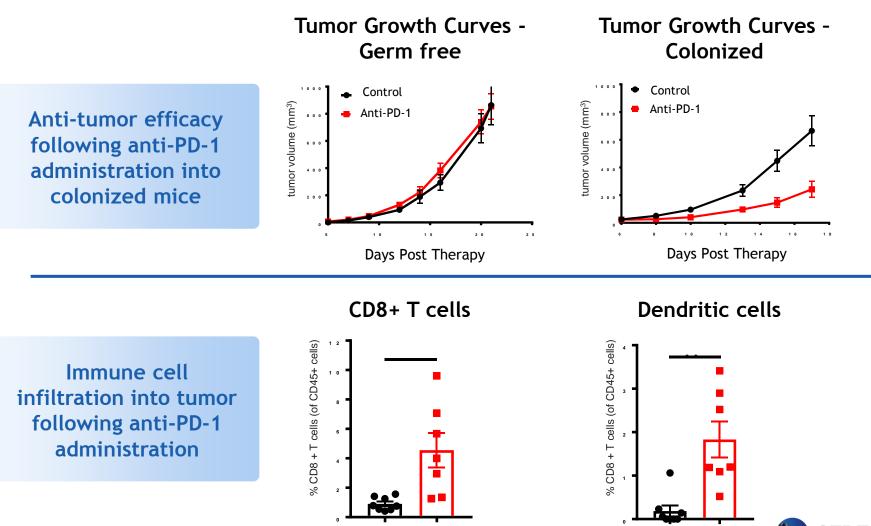








## Modulation of the microbiome restores anti tumor efficacy and immune infiltration to anti-PD-1 therapy



Control anti-PD-1

Control anti-PD-1

## Collaboration to advance microbiome therapeutic into immuno-oncology



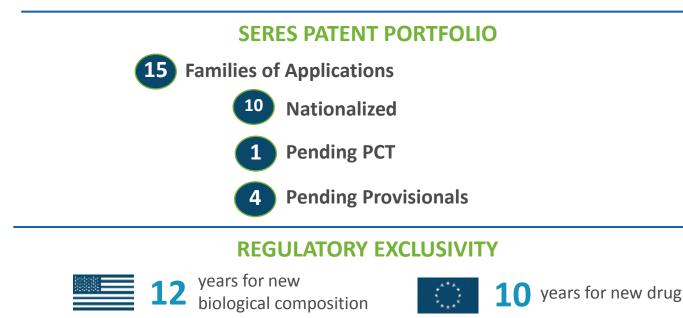
- Planned placebo-controlled 3 arm clinical study to evaluate impact of checkpoint inhibitors plus adjunctive microbiome therapeutics on clinical outcomes in patients with advanced metastatic melanoma
- Planned start study in 2018
- Seres option to license foundational intellectual property from MD Anderson related to the use of bacteria in combination with checkpoint inhibitors



## Broad IP portfolio and regulatory exclusivity

#### **8** ISSUED US PATENTS + LICENSED IP\*

- Demonstrates rationally designed ecologies of spores and microbes are patentable
- Composition of matter and method claims, including option to license foundational IP from MD Anderson related to the use of bacteria in combination with checkpoint inhibitors
- Claims related to SER-109/ C. difficile & colitis lead candidates through 2033



\* Includes additional IP rights including 1) a worldwide exclusive license to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center patent applications related to the use of bacterial compositions for treating HSCT patients and related areas, 2) exclusive option to license intellectual property rights from MD Anderson related to the use of bacteria in combination with checkpoint inhibitors.



## **Upcoming Milestones**

SER-109: Multiply recurrent C. difficile infection - Phase 3 ongoing

SER-287: Ulcerative colitis - Initiate new clinical study (mid-2018)

Immuno-oncology clinical study start (2018)

Focused R&D efforts to efficiently advance highest priority pipeline programs toward meaningful value inflection points

#### Resources to operate through Q1 2019

Balance Sheet	As of Dec. 31, 2017
Cash, cash equivalents and investments	\$150 M

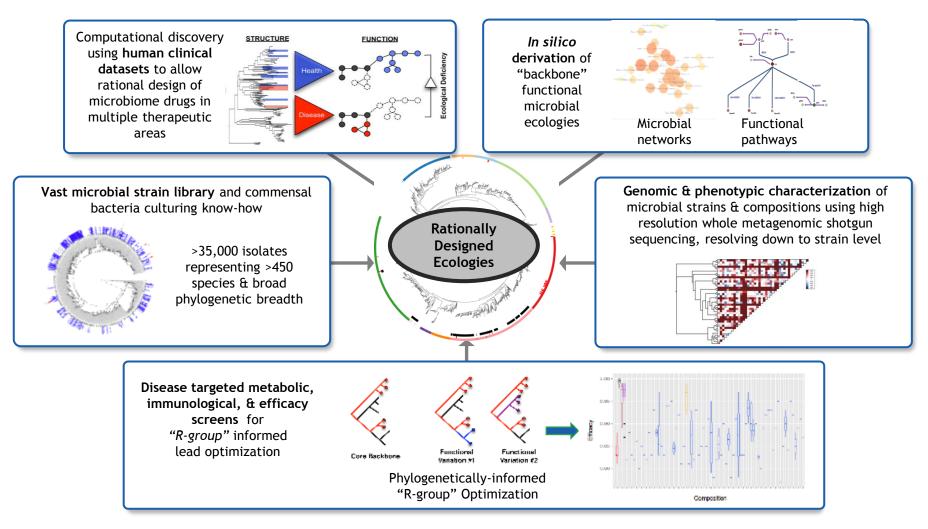






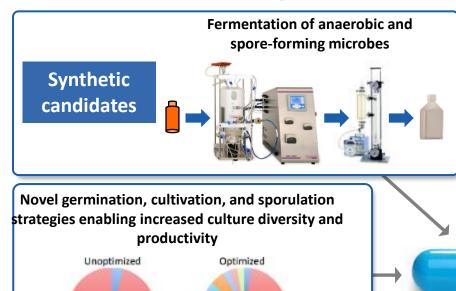
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### **Differentiated microbiome R&D platform**



Only company with clinical stage development programs giving insights into how to therapeutically alter the microbiome to treat multiple diseases

### CMC platform enables manufacture of cGMP-compliant, oral, microbiome therapeutic candidates





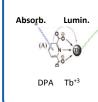
Biologically sourced

Formulation, filling, delivery & packaging enabling active product delivery





Novel QC assays for safety, identity, strength, purity, and quality including microbiome characterization



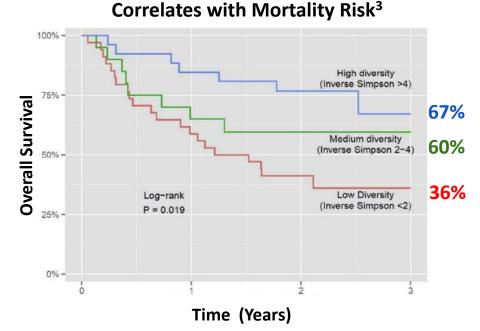




# SER-155: Ecobiotic<sup>®</sup> therapeutic candidate to improve transplantation outcomes

- Ecobiotic<sup>®</sup> therapeutic candidate to improve outcomes in patients receiving allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) or solid organ transplants
- Designed to reduce both infection risk, and Graft vs. Host Disease (GvHD)

CARB-X



**Patient Microbiome Diversity** 

Nov. 2017: CARB-X grant of up to \$5.6M obtained to support preclinical research and early development work for SER-155

