

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of November 2023

Commission File Number: **001-40086**

Portage Biotech Inc.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

N/A

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British Virgin Islands

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

Clarence Thomas Building, P.O. Box 4649, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110

(Address of principal executive offices)

c/o Portage Development Services Inc., Ian Walters, 203.221.7378

61 Wilton Road, Westport, Connecticut 06880

(Name, telephone, e-mail and/or facsimile number and Address of Company Contact Person)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F: Form 20-F Form 40-F

Exhibits

The following Exhibit is filed with this report:

| Exhibit | Description |
|----------------------|--|
| 99.1 | Corporate Presentation |



SIGNATURE

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: November 13, 2023

Portage Biotech, Inc.

By: /s/ Allan Shaw

Name: Allan Shaw

Title: Chief Financial Officer



Corporate Presentation

Nasdaq: PRTG
November 2023





Legal Disclaimer

Forward-Looking Information

This presentation contains "forward-looking statements" that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements. The statements contained in this presentation that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the "Securities Act," and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. Forward-looking statements are often identified by the use of words such as, but not limited to, "anticipate," "believe," "can," "continue," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "project," "seek," "should," "strategy," "target," "will," "would" and similar expressions or variations intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements are based on the beliefs and assumptions of our management based on information currently available to management. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other important factors that could cause actual results and the timing of certain events to differ materially from future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to the Company's ability to obtain financing in the future to cover its operational costs and progress its plans for clinical development, its estimates regarding its capital requirements, and its ability to continue as a going concern; the Company's plans and ability to develop and commercialize product candidates and the timing of these development programs; the Company's clinical development of its product candidates, including the results of current and future clinical trials; the benefits and risks of the Company's product candidates as compared to others; the Company's maintenance and establishment of intellectual property rights in its product candidates; the Company's estimates of future revenues and profitability; the Company's estimates of the size of the potential markets for its product candidates; its selection and licensing of product candidates; and other factors set forth in "Item 3 - Key Information-Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended March 31, 2023, and those discussed in the Company's other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission from time to time. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of such statements.



Immuno-Oncology Company with Four First/Best in Class Compounds in the Clinic







Multiple Data Catalysts in 2023 and 2024

Experienced Leadership Team from Bristol Myers Squibb

Cost-Efficient Business Model

Proven Leadership with Oncology and Financing Expertise



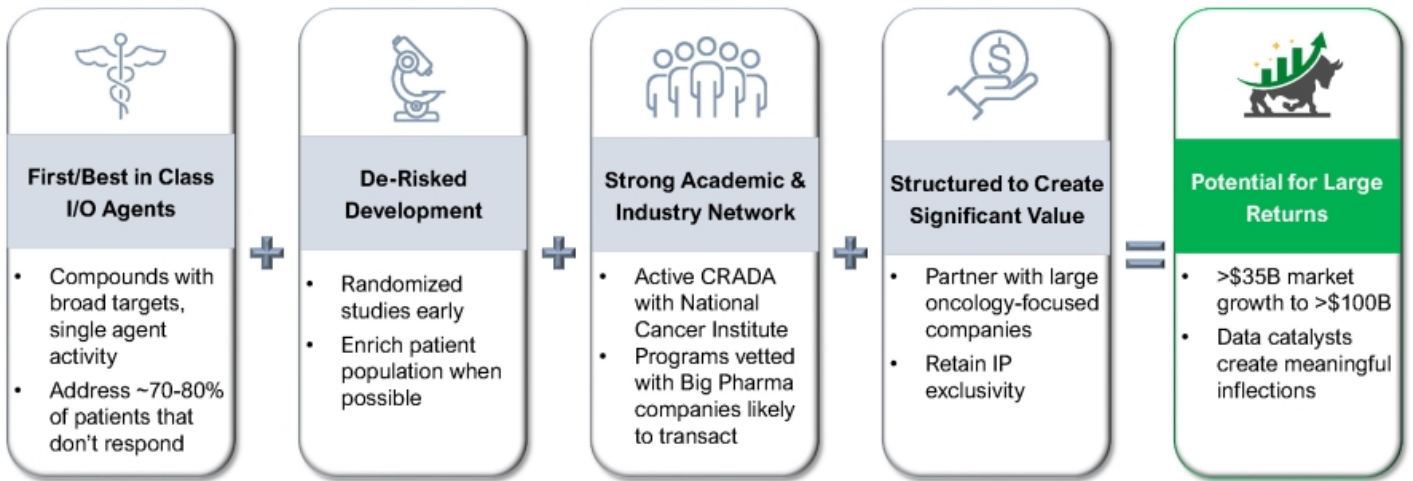
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|  <p>Ian Walters, MD CEO, Chairman</p> <p>Bristol Myers Squibb</p> <p>MILLENNIUM WATSON</p> <p>THE ROCKEFELLER UNIVERSITY</p> |  <p>Rob Kramer, PhD CSO</p> <p>Bristol Myers Squibb</p> <p>Johnson & Johnson HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL</p> |  <p>Steve Innaimo VP PM & Operations</p> <p>Bristol Myers Squibb</p> <p>COVANCE</p> |  <p>Justin Fairchild VP Clin Dev</p> <p>Bristol Myers Squibb</p> <p>PARKER INSTITUTE FOR CANCER THERAPY</p> |  <p>Brian Wiley CBO</p> <p>NewLink GENETICS Celastrol</p> <p>MILLENNIUM Gloucester PHARMACEUTICALS Aventis</p> |  <p>Allan Shaw CFO</p> <p>Syndax</p> <p>serono Inject & Support</p> |
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Board of Directors

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| <p>Gregory Bailey, MD</p> <p>MEDIVATION biohaven</p> | <p>Rob Glassman, MD</p> <p>CREDIT SUISSE OrbiMed</p> | <p>Linda M. Kozick</p> <p>Bristol Myers Squibb</p> | <p>Jim Mellon</p> <p>JUVENESCENCE AGRONOMICS</p> | <p>Steven Mintz</p> <p>St. Germain Capital Corp POUNDER VENTURE CAPITAL CORP.</p> | <p>Mark Simon</p> <p>TORREYA critigroup ROBERTSON STEPHENS</p> |
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Over 10 Oncology Approvals, Several Billion \$ Exits

Our Formula for Success



Nine Phase 1b/2 Data Catalysts Anticipated to Drive Value



| | ASSET | INDICATION | STAGE | # of PTS | Interim Data | Final Data | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|----------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| iNKT Engager Platform | PORT-2 | Melanoma + NSCLC | Phase 1 | 18 | ASCO 2023 | Q1 2024 | |
| | IST | Solid Tumors | Phase 1 [^] | 13 | | | |
| | 1 | PORT-2 | Refractory Melanoma | Phase 2* | 10 | SITC 2024 | ASCO 2025 |
| | 2 | PORT-2+ Keytruda [®] | Front line PD-L1 + NSCLC | Phase 2* | 30 | SITC 2024 | SITC 2025 |
| | 3 | PORT-2+ Keytruda [®] | PD-L1 – NSCLC 2 nd /3 rd line | Phase 2* | 10 | SITC 2024 | SITC 2025 |
| 4 | PORT-2+ Keytruda [®] | PD-L1 + NSCLC 2 nd line | Phase 2* | 15 | ASCO 2025 | SITC 2025 | |

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|--------------------|--------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| Adenosine Platform | PORT-6 (A2A) | A2A exp Solid Tumors | Phase 1a | 21-27 | ASCO 2024 | SITC 2024 | |
| | PORT-7 (A2B) | A2B exp Solid Tumors | Phase 1a* | 18 | SITC 2024 | ASCO 2025 | |
| | 5 | PORT-6 (A2A) | A2B exp Solid Tumors | Phase 1b* | 20 | SITC 2024 | SITC 2025 |
| | 6 | PORT-7 (A2B) | A2A exp Solid Tumors | Phase 1b* | 20 | SITC 2025 | ASCO 2026 |
| | 7 | PORT-6 (A2A) + CPI | A2A exp Solid Tumors | Phase 1b* | 20 | SITC 2024 | SITC 2025 |
| | 8 | PORT-7 (A2B) + CPI | A2B exp Solid Tumors | Phase 1b* | 20 | SITC 2025 | ASCO 2026 |
| | 9 | PORT 6/7 (A2A/2B) +CPI | BM enriched | Phase 1b* | 20 | SITC 2025 | ASCO 2026 |

[^] Investigator sponsored trial

* Planned based on data and available liquidity





iNKT Engagers

PORT-2, PORT-3

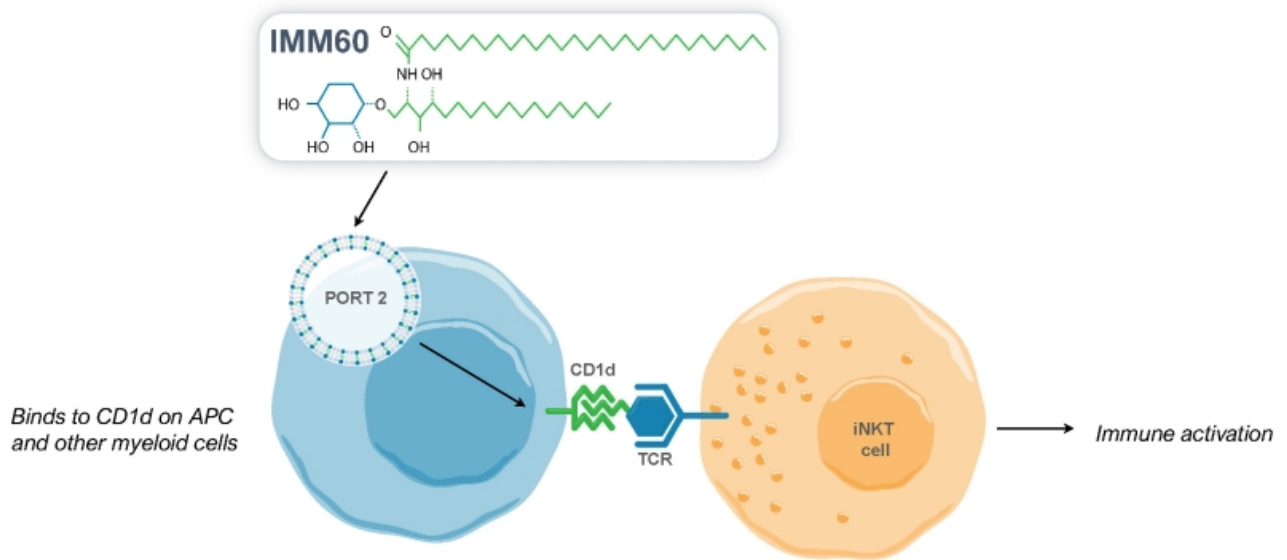
Activating the innate,
adaptive immune system
and correcting the tumor
microenvironment



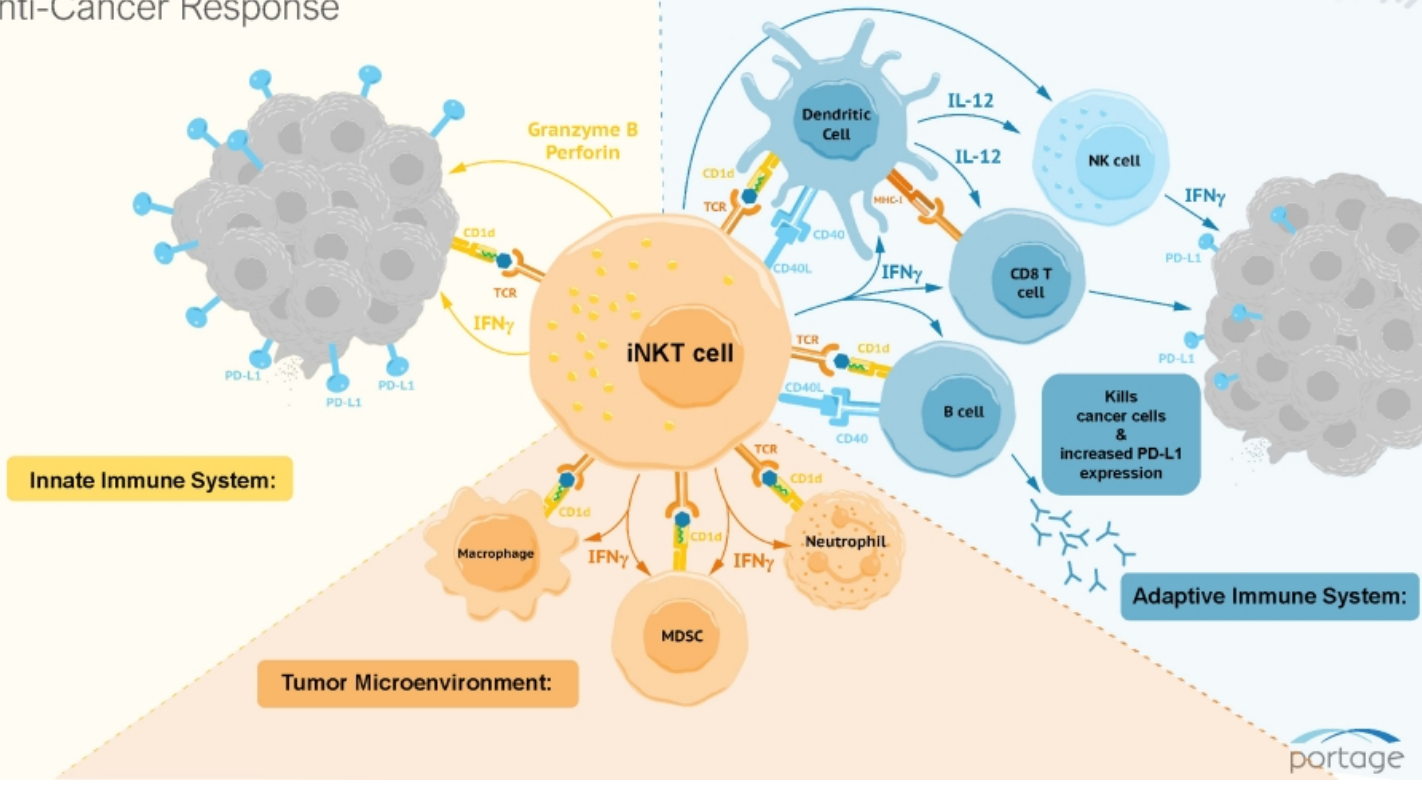
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Portage's iNKT Engager (PORT-2): Rationally Designed Liposomal Formulation of IMM60
iNKT in charged liposome to protect lipid chain, aggregate in tumor, and promote Type 1 cytokine release



PORT-2 Stimulates Multiple Arms of the Immune System to Produce a Robust Anti-Cancer Response



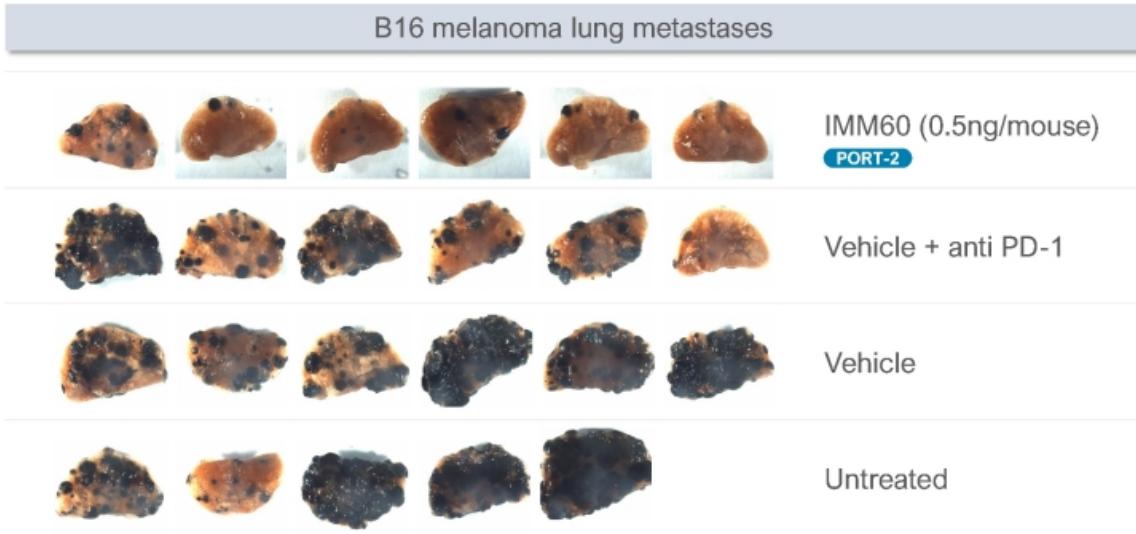


Multiple Cell Types Needed for Anti-Cancer Response

| | NK cell | Dendritic cell | B-cell | CD-8 T cell | MDSC & TAM | Antigen | PD-1 |
|------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| Target cells | | | | | | | |
| Companies in the space | Fcete THERAPEUTICS gamida Cell Kiadis pharma nkarta THERAPEUTICS | Apexigen Celldex Therapeutics FIGONTEC | IMUGENE INmuneBio INNATE IMMUNITY | BiTE THE ENGAGER JUNO THERAPEUTICS Kite | Syntrix Pharmaceuticals innate pharma SURFACE ONCOLOGY Forty Seven | celularity BIONTECH gritstone | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upregulates PD-L1 • Monotherapy activity in PD-1 resistant models • Combo restores sensitivity to PD-1 Ab + KEYTRUDA Enhanced activation |

PORT-2 compound impacts all these pathways, including changing the tumor directly

PORT-2 Demonstrates Robust Pre-Clinical Single Agent Activity



PORT-2 shows **better** response rates vs. anti-PD-1 in melanoma model

¹¹ Jukes et al Eur. J. Immunol. 2016. 00: 1-11



SITC 2023 Data Further Supports PORT-2 Favorable Safety & Tolerability Profile At All Doses Tested to Date



Table 1: Demographics and Baseline Characteristics (n=12)

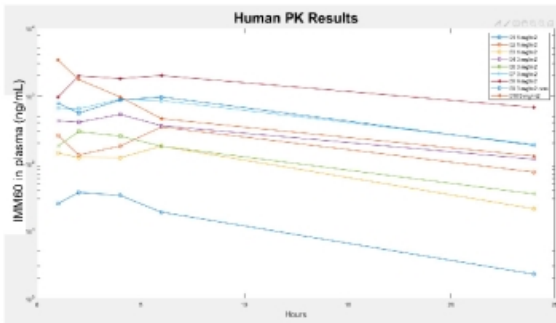
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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Tumor type (%) | Melanoma: 6 (43) NSCLC 8 (57) |
| Age (range) | 63 (41,79) |
| Median prior therapies (range)* | 4 (2,7) |
| Prior PD-1* (%) | 12 (100) |
| Performance status (%) | ECOG 0: 9 (64) ECOG 1: 5 (36) |

Table 2: Adverse Events related to IMM60 (n=14)

| Adverse Event | Grade 1 | Grade 2 | Grade 3-5 |
|--------------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Bullous pemphigoid | 1 (7%) | 0 | 0 |
| Cough | 1 (7%) | 0 | 0 |
| Diarrhea | 1 (7%) | 0 | 0 |
| Dizziness | 2 (14%) | 0 | 0 |
| Dry mouth | 1 (7%) | 0 | 0 |
| Dyspnea | 1 (7%) | 0 | 0 |
| Fatigue | 1 (7%) | 1 (7%) | 0 |
| Flu-like symptoms | 1 (7%) | 0 | 0 |
| Hair Loss | 1 (7%) | 0 | 0 |
| Headache | 1 (7%) | 0 | 0 |
| Hypertension | 0 | 1 (7%) | 0 |
| Hyponatremia | 1 (7%) | 0 | 0 |
| Fever | 1 (7%) | 0 | 0 |
| Nausea | 1 (7%) | 0 | 0 |
| Pruritus | 1 (7%) | 0 | 0 |
| AST/ALT elevation | 2 (14%) | 0 | 0 |
| Vomiting | 1 (7%) | 0 | 0 |

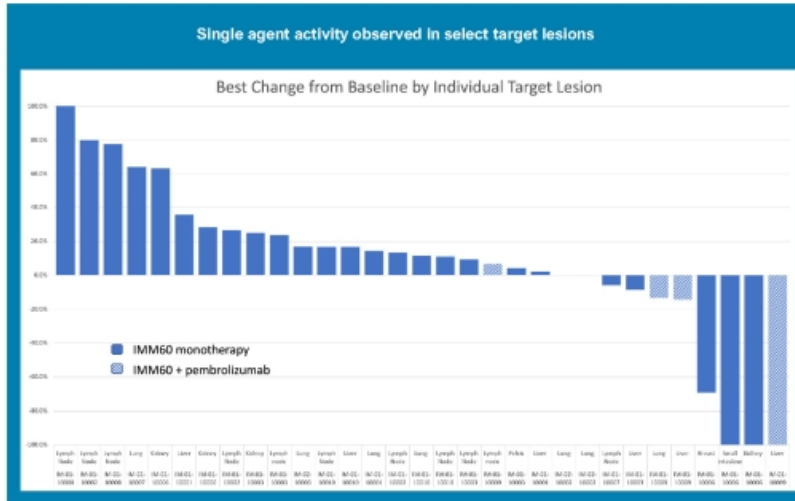
Exposure

- A total of 65 infusions given to 14 patients at doses up to 9 mg/m², with a median of 5 doses per patient
- Pk shows long plateau and limited volume of distribution

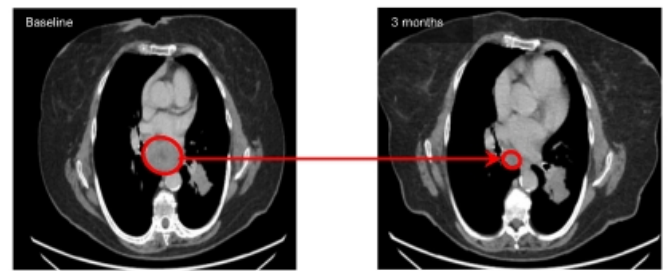


Safety

- No DLT's, related SAEs, or G3-5 related AEs
- Only G1 related AEs have been observed at the highest dose of PORT-2
- Patient treated with PORT-2 + pembrolizumab (n=2) experienced only low-grade AEs consistent with the safety profile of pembrolizumab



- Example patient treated at 3mg/m² had mixed response (melanoma patient failed anti-PD-1 and targeted therapy)



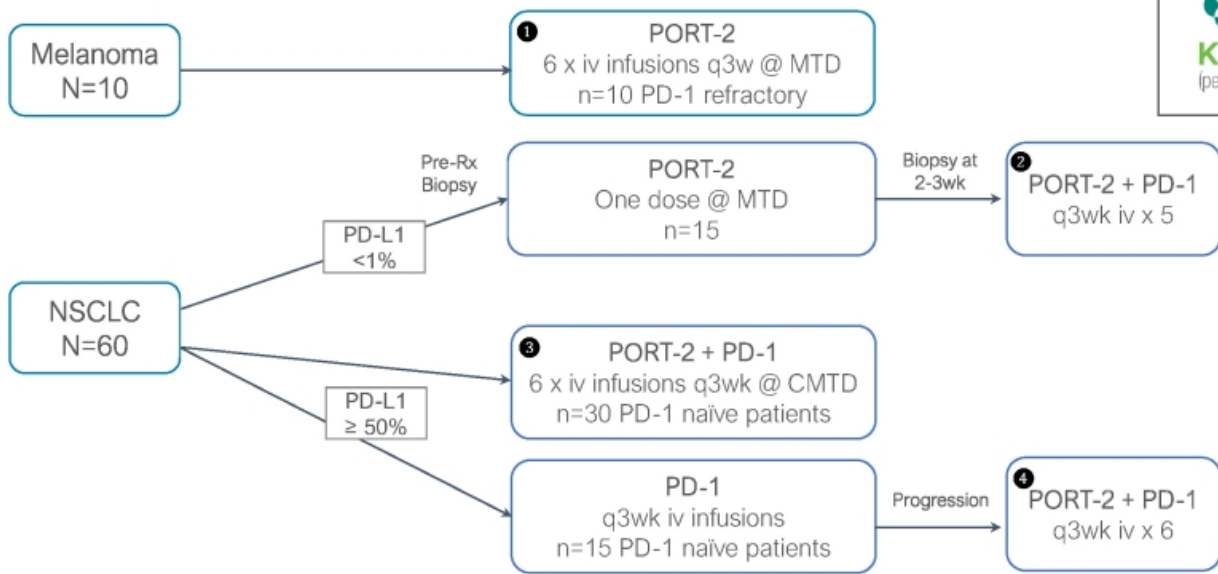
Mediastinal Lesion Decreased from 4cm to 1.9cm

- Based on the favorable safety and tolerability data at all doses tested to date, the Phase 1 portion of this trial is expanding to evaluate higher dose levels; Data anticipated by Q1 2024
- Phase 2 to commence upon completion of Phase 1 dose escalation

- Serum biomarker analyses provide evidence of iNKT, NK, DC activation, as well as increases in antigen-presenting CD86+ B cells following treatment with PORT-2
- Combination with an anti-PD1 antibody is ongoing, with encouraging preliminary reduction in liver lesions observed



IMPORT-201: Phase 2 Evaluates Front Line NSCLC and Refractory Melanoma*



Multi-arm study with four parallel development paths = multiple shots on goal

¹⁴ <https://www.isrctn.com/ISRCTN80472712>

* Planned depending data and available liquidity

Adenosine Portfolio

Validated mechanism impacting multiple immune cells

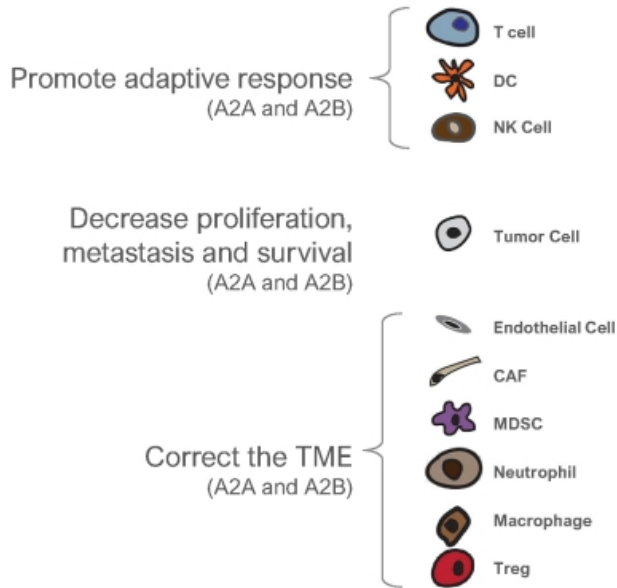
Opportunity to modulate adenosine in 4 different ways:

PORT-6 A2AR Antagonist

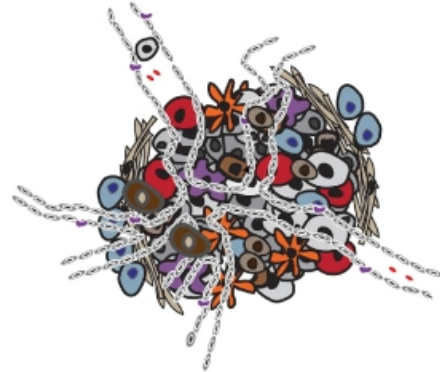
PORT-7 A2BR Antagonist

PORT-8 A2AR/A2BR Dual Antagonist

PORT-9 Gut-Restricted A2BR Antagonist



Tumor is complex system governed by numerous immune cells

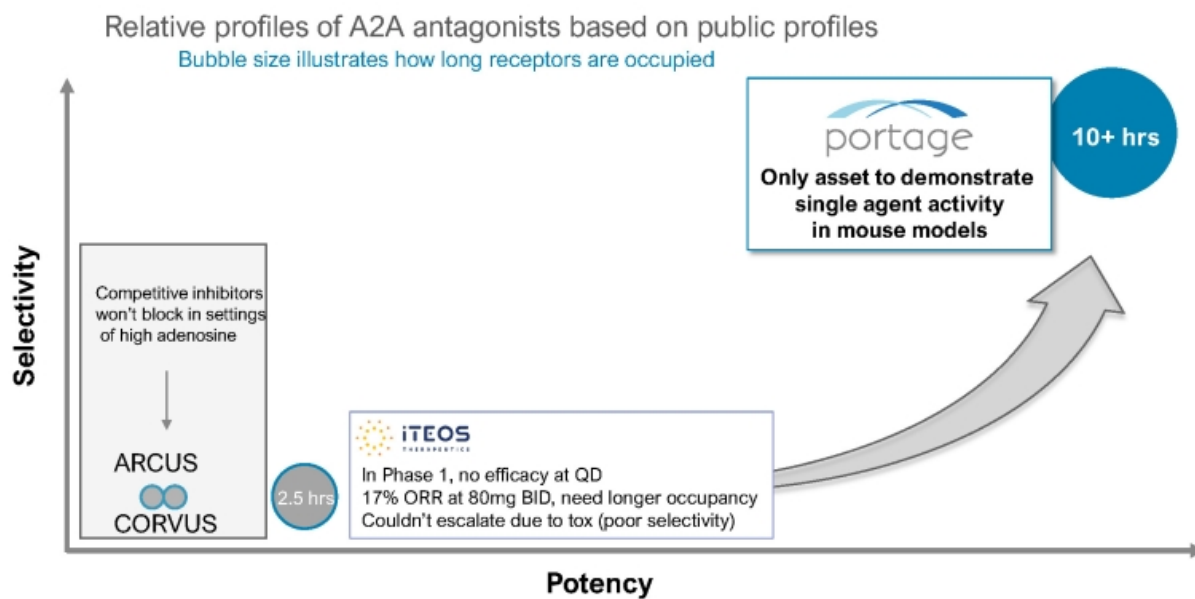


¹⁶ Targeting Adenosine in Cancer Immunotherapy to Enhance T-Cell Function; Virgano, et al; Frontiers in Immunology 2019 modified slightly and used under CC BY 4.0



Difference in A2A Small Molecules

Portage's PORT-6 is best in class for potency, selectivity and durability*





Fast Follower with Precedent for Biomarker Selection

Enrich patient population with biomarker/clinical data



Tumors with High Adenosine

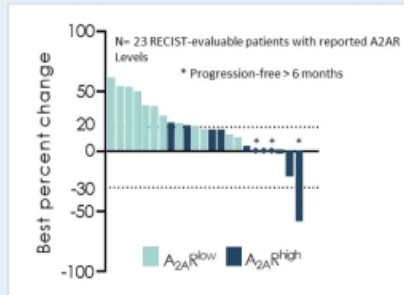
| Tumor type | % A2A high* |
|------------|-------------|
| RCC | 50 |
| BC | 38 |
| NSCLC | 34 |
| Gastric | 32 |
| Prostate | 26 |

iTEOS independent monotherapy activity in biomarker defined population

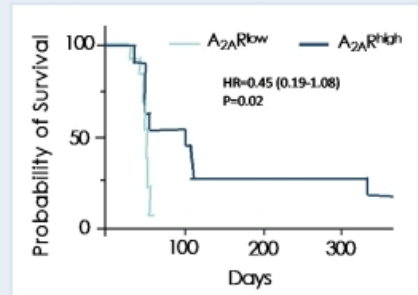
(data from retrospective analysis ASCO 2021)

Positive effect of adenosine antagonist in patients with high adenosine expression demonstrated

Best % Change in Tumor Lesion by High/Low A_{2A}R levels



Survival curve by High/Low A_{2A}R levels



PORT-7: Highly Selective and Potent A2B Adenosine Receptor Antagonist



High potency and selectivity may provide important safety and efficacy advantages

- Activity in 4T1, CT26, and other disease models (asthma, fibrosis, sickle cell)

Functional Receptor Antagonism

| Receptor | Ki (nm) | Selectivity |
|----------|---------|-------------|
| A2B | 9 | 1 |
| A1 | >30,000 | >3000x |
| A2A | >10,000 | >1000x |
| A3 | >30,000 | >3000x |

Binding Affinity

| Receptor | Ki (nm) | Selectivity |
|----------|---------|-------------|
| A2B | 13 | 1 |
| A1 | 300 | 23x |
| A2A | 1,800 | 138x |
| A3 | 60,000 | >4,000x |

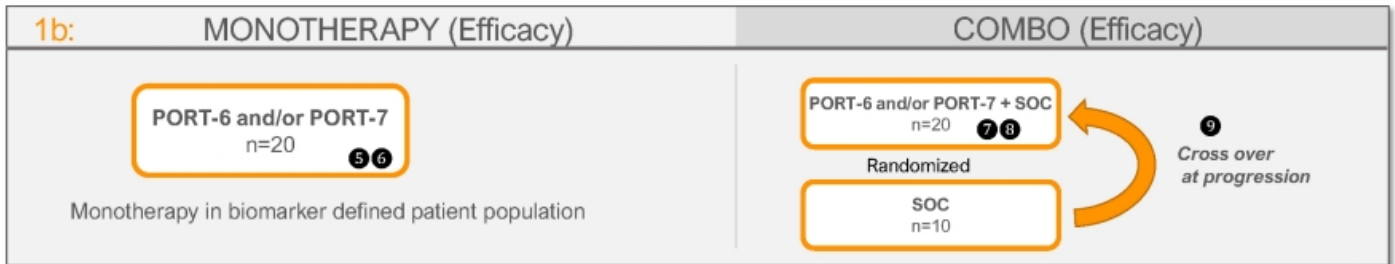
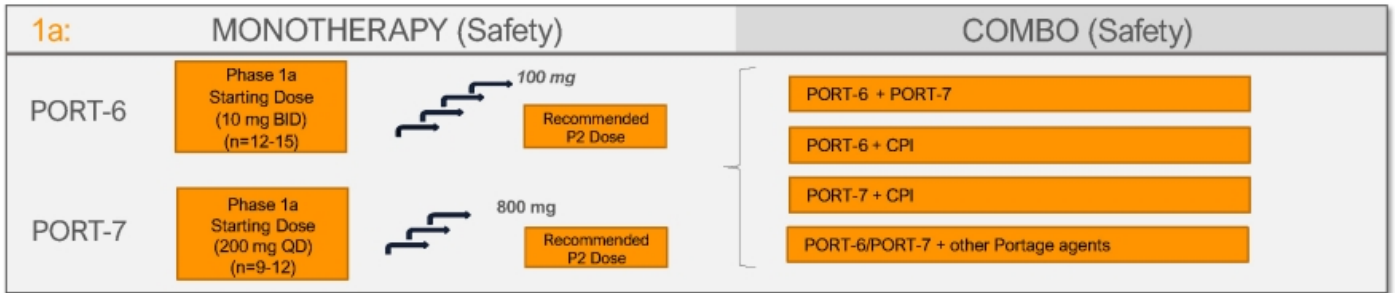
Portage only company believed to be developing potent/selective A2B inhibitor

ADPORT-601: Adaptive Phase 1a/1b Study *



A2AR (PORT-6) indications: Prostate Cancer, Non-small Cell Lung Cancer, Head & Neck Cancer, Renal Cell Cancer with high A2A expression

A2BR (PORT-7) indications: Colorectal Cancer, Non-small Cell Lung Cancer, Endometrial Cancer, Ovarian Cancer, Prostate Cancer with high A2B expression





Broad and deep intellectual property covering:

**iNKT
Engager**

- Composition, formulations with antigens, other I/O agents
- Liposomes/particles

**Adenosine
Antagonist**

- Composition of matter patents
- Use patents filed

**Nanolipogel &
DNA Aptamers**

- Optimized co-delivery platforms
- New IP for aptamers
- Composition patents for products

**VLP Delivery
Platform**

- First-in-class systemic STING agonist

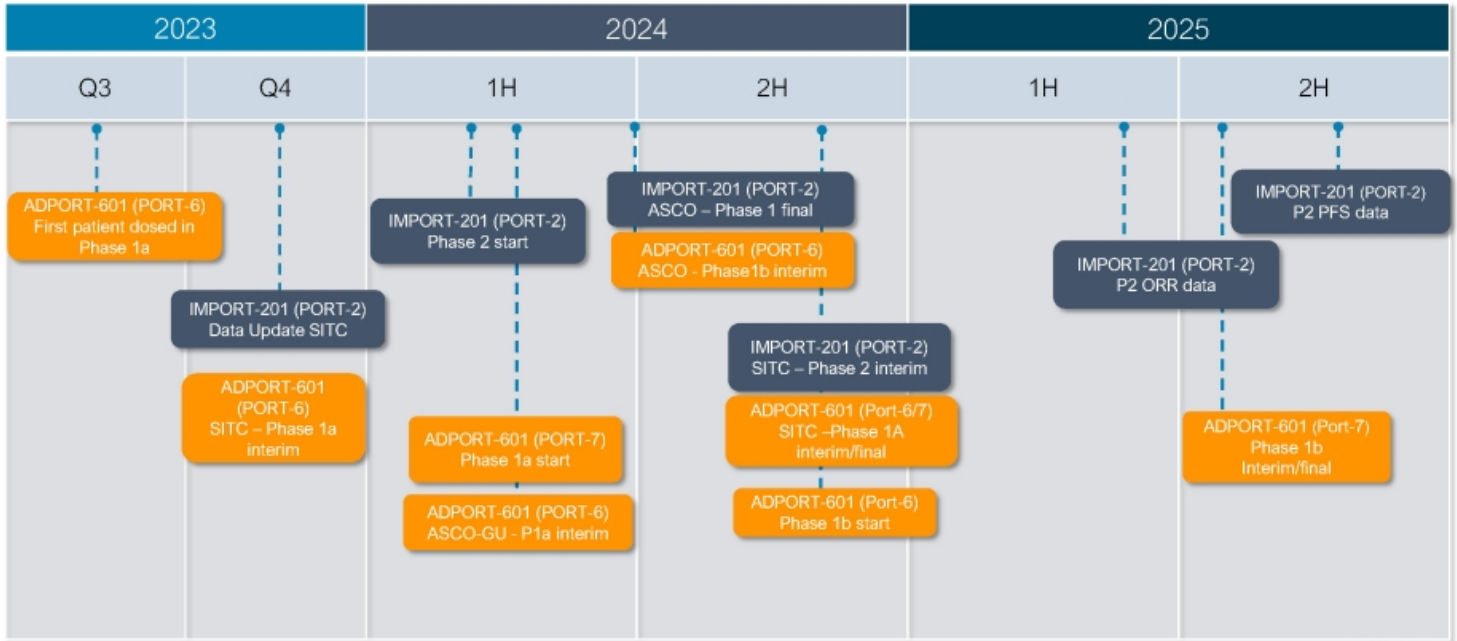
Many Applications
Pending Worldwide

>60
Issued Patents

2031-2041
Patent Exclusivity



Key Upcoming Clinical Development Milestones*



22 *At conferences we will present multiple arms & tumor types, 2024 and beyond are planned depending on data and available liquidity





Summary Financial Data

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Cash Balance (6/30/23) | ~\$7.7 million+ |
| Committed Purchase Lincoln Park Capital Available [^] | \$28.0 million |
| Debt | \$- |
| Shares Outstanding (08/29/23) | 17,801,391* |
| Insider Ownership | 42.61% |
| Public Float | 57.39% |
| Options & RSUs Outstanding (6/30/23) | 2,342,160 |
| Cash Burn During Quarter Ended 6/30/23 | \$(~2.8 million) |

+ Pro forma Cash Balance is approximately \$13 million, as adjusted, giving effect to \$6 million financing, net of expenses, closed on October 3, 2023 ("the Financing")

* Pro forma shares of 20,944,185, as adjusted, giving effect to Financing for 3,157,895 or common stock equivalents and issuance of Series A, B, C Warrants to purchase up to 9,473,685 ordinary shares

[^]Portage has right (sole discretion/no obligation), to sell up to \$30 million shares over agreement's 36-month term based on prevailing market prices at the time of each sale, subject to certain conditions. As of 8/29/23, approximately \$28.0 million are available proceeds under the Purchase Agreement, subject to Baby Shelf Rule limitations and contractual lock-up restrictions from Financing.



Novel, Clinical Stage I/O Portfolio with Small Molecule Focus

- Manufacturing simplicity, low capital investment
- Nine potential phase 1b/2 clinical data reads over next 2 years*



Engine for Efficient Drug Development & Commercialization

- Expert scientific oversight
- Lean structure with financial flexibility



Preferred Partner for Pharma in I/O

- Deep industry network facilitates engagement with big pharma and biotech
- Packaged for commercialization/acquisition



Expert Leadership with Track Record of Success

- Proven success, more than 10 oncology approvals
- Formation of Biohaven Pharmaceuticals, sale to Pfizer