# Actively-targeted intracellular delivery of monoclonal antibodies to change the paradigm of cancer treatment

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## Libera Bio<sup>®</sup> at a Glance

Spin-off of the USC in Spain



+20







years of international research in cancer

continuous support from Regional, National and EU funds

















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US, Sep 2020



Spain, Oct 2020

## Leadership Team



**Prof. Maria J. Alonso Ph.D** | CSO







## Worldwide leader in drug delivery 30-year experience: formulation of biological drugs

- 300 research papers, >31,000 cites, H Index 93
- Member US National Academy of Medicine
- Past President of the Controlled Release Society
- Pharmacology Top 10
- Most Influential Researcher Power List
- Inventor of 22 patent families. 3 start-up ventures.

## Leadership Team



Olivier Jarry, MS, MBA | CEO







## Executive with Novartis, Bayer and Bristol-Myers Squibb

- CEO, President, CCO of small companies from preclinical stage to commercialization stage
- Experience in business development in large pharma
- Investment banking training. Contacts at approx. 1500 investors. Fundraising: up to 45m \$
- Launched products on 4 continents in oncology, and other areas



#### Desirée Teijeiro, Ph.D | COO









## >18 years scientific management experience in academic and private sectors

- Numerous translational and industry collaborative projects in Nanomedicine
- Inventor of several patents
- Experience in Technology Transfer , IP strategy and Regulatory issues

## **Advisory Board**

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## **Unmet Need**

The two well-established anticancer drug modalities, small molecules and biologics, have saved millions of lives, but they are not a universal solution:

#### **Small molecules:**

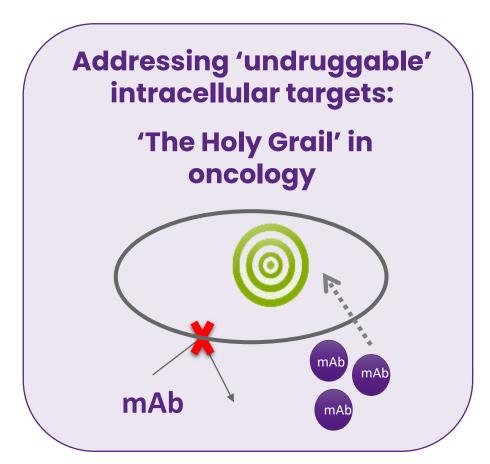
Minimal accumulation in tumor and metastatic cells; important side effects

Engage only about 10 percent of all targets

#### **Monoclonal antibodies:**

Strongly engage targets, but are too large (150 kDa) and polar to be internalized by the cells if no specific receptors are present at the cell membrane

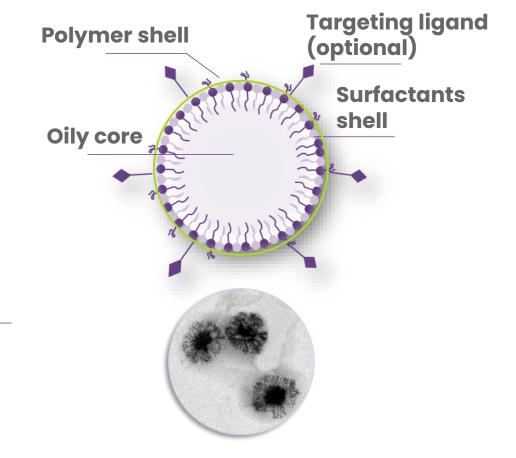
Many desirable targets, such as the widely known RAS cancer drivers, fall into the category of 'undruggable'



## Our solution: The MPN Technology®

Allows to encapsulate anticancer compounds (biologics such as mAbs and/or small molecules) and to selectively deliver them to and into the tumor and metastatic cells after IV administration ("targeting").

It is the first nanotechnology proven in vivo for the intracellular delivery of whole antibodies

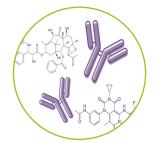




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## MPN Technology® Key Pharmaceutical Features

## Versatility



Validated for 6 mAbs and 10 small molecules

May combine mAb and small molecule

## Safety



FDA/EMA approved ingredients

Favorable safety record in preliminary toxicology studies

#### Manufacturability



Simple & Scalable manufacturing process

Lyophilisable

## **Lead Target: Mutated KRAS**

## KRAS is the Most Frequently Mutated Gene in Human Cancer:

Over 30% of cancers are driven by mutant RAS

#### **Medical Unmet Need:**

→ 3 decades of failures in the development of small anti-RAS molecules

	KRAS G12V	KRAS G12D	
Pancreatic	45155 <b>(22%)</b>	48870 <b>(24%)</b> 53805 <b>(12%)</b>	
Colorectal	36852 <b>(8%)</b>		
Lung	31327 <b>(5%)</b>	22994 <b>(3.6%)</b>	
Total addressable/ year (only US & EU)	113334	125669	

Libera Bio estimates based on epidemiology data reported in Globocan 2025 (accessed April 2020) and frequencies by mutation (mycancergenome.org)

Addressing KRAS G12V+/G12D: a Potential Blockbuster Drug Market Opportunity

#### MPN-anti-KRAS mAb: Precision Medicine in Cancer

#### **Patient Selection**

Tumors Expressing
Mutated KRAS



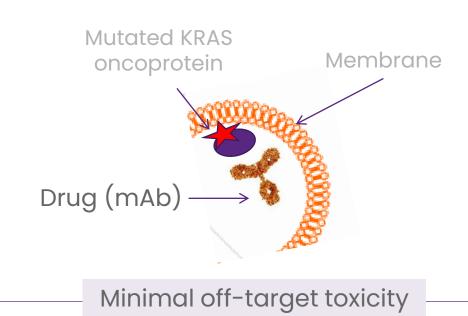
Already available routine tools for patient screening

#### **Smart Delivery**

MPN Technology® delivers the drug (mAb) into tumor/metastatic cancer cells

#### **Drug Specificity**

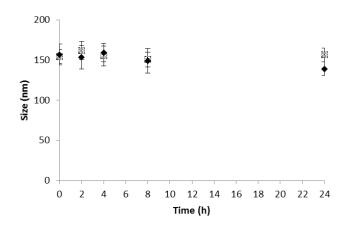
Anti-KRAS mAb only recognizes mutated KRAS oncoproteins



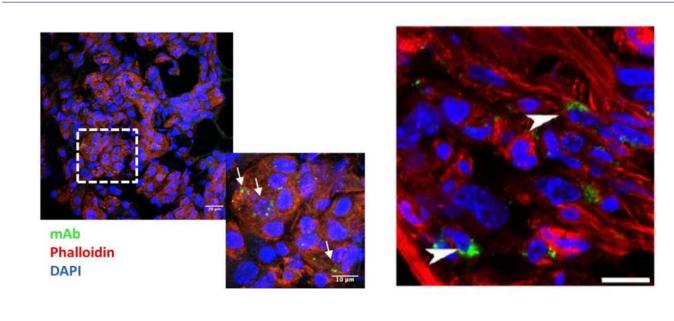
## Intracellular mAbs in vivo Biodistribution

MPN™ Technology remains stable in Plasma and Facilitates:

Accumulation of Antibodies in Tumor Tissue and Internalization of mAbs in Cancer Cells



**PLASMA STABILITY** 

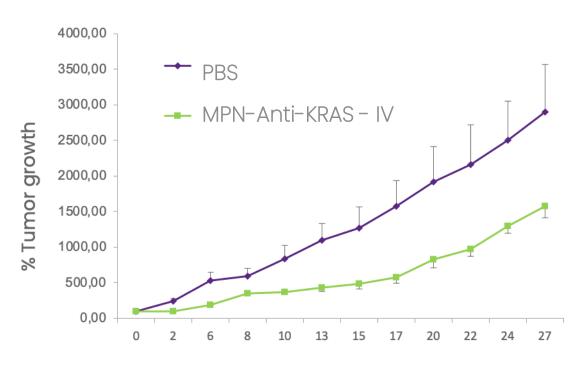


Immunofluorescence

FITC-labeled mAb

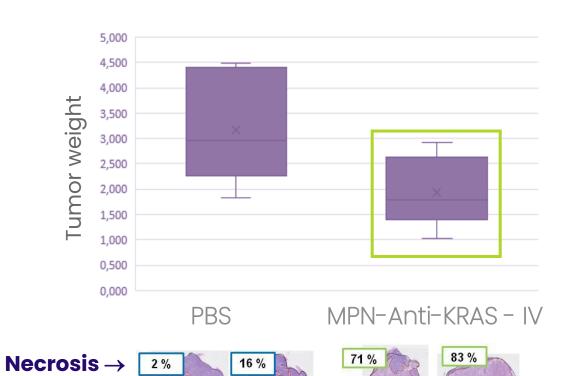
## Intracellular mAbs: efficacy POC studies (KRAS+)

#### **LUNG CANCER S.C ALLOGRAFT MODEL**



#### Days after treatment

#### COLORECTAL CANCER ORTHOTOPIC MODEL

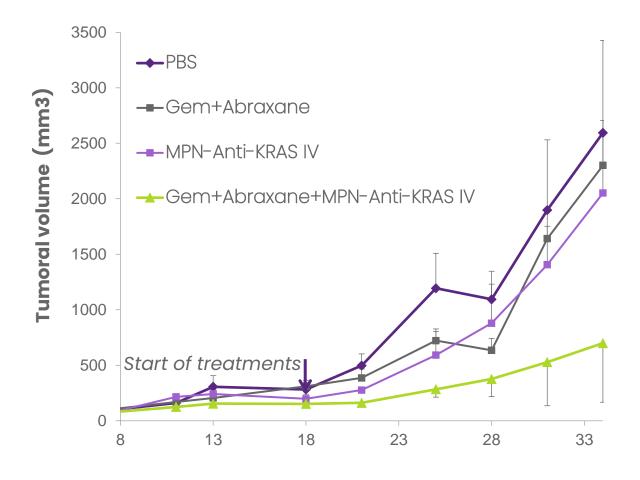


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#### PANCREATIC S.C. XENOGRAFT MODEL

#### **30%** ↓ ↓ p-ERK **9X Apoptosis** 9.00E-04 8.00E-04 7.00E-04 6.00E-04 5.00E-04 4.00E-04 3.00E-04 2.00E-04 1.00E-04 0.00E+00 16% 600 % Tumor growth 500 → Saline 400 → MPN-AntiKRAS mAb 300 200 100 8 16 18 Days after treatment

#### PATIENT DERIVED PANCREATIC XENOGRAFT MODEL (PDX)



### **Patent Portfolio**

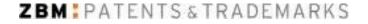
Libera Bio holds exclusive licenses to USC patents and intends to create new IP as it develops new therapeutic candidates

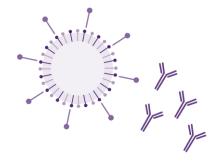
- 9 patents issued worldwide
- 7 pending applications worldwide
- PCT

#### Patent claims cover:

- MPN for drug delivery
- MPN for intracellular mAb delivery
- Pharmaceutical use of MPN to treat cancer
  - MPN-Anti-KRAS mAbs
- Combination therapies
- Methods for MPN manufacturing



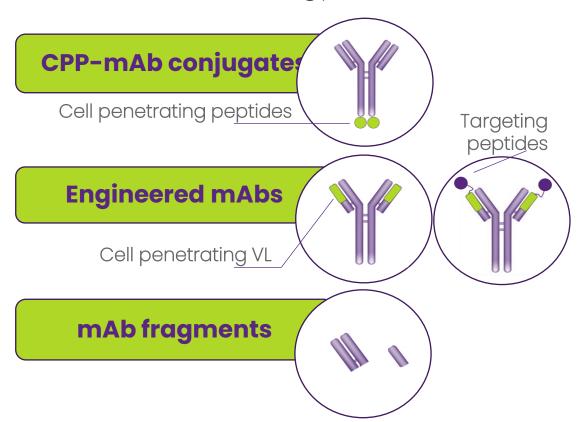




## **Competitive Advantages**

Other companies are aiming at intracellular targets, but they are lacking key features

that the MPN Technology® combines



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No mAb manipulation (e.g. conjugation)

Selective biodistribution to tumor and metastatic cells

Intravenous administration

mAbs protected in plasma

Low doses required for efficacy

Feasible co-encapsulation of actives

**CPP-mAbs:** Entrada Ther., Cellivery, Sorrento/City of Hope; **Engineered mAbs:** Orum Therap.; **mAb fragments:** Singh Biotech, Complix/MSD/Amgen/Feldan Therap. **Other:** Targovax/Oblique Therap. (mAb-adenovirus)

## **Business Approach**

Libera Bio is developing treatments based on the intracellular delivery of mAbs, known to be safe and highly specific toward their targets.

#### LICENSING STRATEGY

- Libera Bio aims at licensing its first MPN-anti-KRAS as early as possible (e.g. IND/IMPD approval/ Phase 1/2A) to a biopharma company (contacts already established) and pursues addressing other intracellular targets
- Libera Bio is open to license the MPN technology itself to deliver biologics or small molecules developed by the pharma partner

#### **PIPELINE**

	Discovery	Feasibility	Proof of Concept	Preclinical (IND/IMPD- enabling)	Phase I/II clinical trial		
	mAb Programs						
	MPN-anti-KRAS (G12D)						
	MPN-anti-KRAS (G12V)						
Small Molecule Programs							
	MPN-Doce	etaxel (*)		>			
	MPN-Partn	er NCE					
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(\*) program available for out-licensing

## **Development Plan**





## In Summary...

- Patented technology to deliver whole mAbs to intracellular targets
- Evidence of internalization and tumor shrinkage
- Simple, scalable manufacturing
- Dedicated, experienced team
- Currently looking for USD 850k
  - to optimize MPN-Anti-KRAS and prepare for enabling studies and CMC
- Open to alliances and out-licensing

## Thank you!

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