



## **N-803 Combined with Natural Killer Cells Showed Potential to Reduce HIV Viral Load in HIV Positive Subjects; Part of HIV Cure Study**

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- N-803 is being studied in three other HIV cure-related clinical trials

CULVER CITY, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Mar. 5, 2024-- ImmunityBio ([NASDAQ: IBRX](#)), a clinical-stage immunotherapy company, today announced data from a Phase 1 pilot study showed N-803 combined with natural killer cells could have the potential to reduce viral load in people living with HIV.

Published in [The Journal of Infectious Diseases](#), researchers at the University of Minnesota Medical School gave six HIV-positive individuals infusions of healthy NK cells from close relatives, along with N-803 to boost NK cell activity. All participants in this Phase 1 study experienced significant reduction in infection levels following treatment with N-803. The approach was well tolerated with no unexpected adverse events.

Tim Schacker, MD, senior author of this paper, and colleagues at the University of Minnesota Medical School are planning a follow-on study in additional participants to further investigate these immunotherapies in HIV infected individuals.

HIV affects tens of millions globally and currently has no known cure. HIV can disable NK cells—a frontline defense against viral infections—making it difficult to clear the infection. One current strategy for curing HIV is known as the "kick and kill" approach. N-803 is under evaluation using this strategy, given the molecule's ability to activate viral transcription in CD4+ T cells ("kick") and boost CD8+ and NK cells, crucial for identifying and eliminating infected cells ("kill"), directing them to viral reservoirs.

"Antiretroviral therapies have had a profound impact on society, making it possible for those living with HIV to live longer lives with better outcomes. However, these therapies are not a cure, and still place a significant burden on people living with the HIV virus and the healthcare system," said Patrick Soon-Shiong, M.D., Chairman and Global Chief Scientific and Medical Officer at ImmunityBio. "These data preliminarily appear to validate what we know about the benefit of enhancing NK cell function and the potential utility of N-803 in infectious diseases."

In addition to this study, three other clinical trials are underway involving N-803 in HIV Cure-related strategies. Two Phase 1 clinical trials are investigating N-803 in combination with bNAbs in HIV-infected individuals (ACTG A5386, NCT04340596; and NCT05245292 at the Rockefeller University) and a Phase 2 study is also underway to investigate the effect of combining N-803 with ART during acute HIV infection, sponsored by the Thai Red Cross and the U.S. Military HIV Research Program. To learn more about these studies, please visit [our website](#).

### **ImmunityBio's IL-15 superagonist N-803 (also called Ankiva® and nogapendekin alfa inbakcept)**

The cytokine interleukin-15 (IL-15) plays a crucial role in the immune system by affecting the development, maintenance, and function of the natural killer (NK) and T cells. N-803 is a novel investigational IL-15 superagonist complex consisting of an IL-15 mutant (IL-15N72D) bound to an IL-15 receptor  $\alpha$ /IgG1 Fc fusion protein. Its proposed mechanism of action is direct specific stimulation of CD8+ T cells and NK cells through beta gamma T-cell receptor binding with generation of memory T-cells while avoiding T-reg stimulation. N-803 is designed to have improved pharmacokinetic properties, longer persistence in lymphoid tissues and enhanced anti-tumor activity compared to native, non-complexed IL-15 in vivo.

N-803 is currently being evaluated in adult patients in two clinical NMIBC trials. QUILT-2.005 is investigating use of N-803 in combination with BCG for patients with BCG-naïve NMIBC; QUILT-3.032 is studying N-803 in combination with BCG in patients with BCG-unresponsive NMIBC CIS and Papillary Disease.

N-803 is investigational. Safety and efficacy have not been established by any Health Authority or Agency, including the FDA.

### **About ImmunityBio**

ImmunityBio is a vertically-integrated, clinical-stage biotechnology company developing next-generation therapies and vaccines that bolster the natural immune system to defeat cancers and infectious diseases. The company's range of immunotherapy and cell therapy platforms, alone and together, act to drive and sustain an immune response with the goal of creating durable and safe protection against disease. We are applying our science and platforms to treating cancers, including the development of potential cancer vaccines, as well as developing immunotherapies and cell therapies that we believe sharply reduce or eliminate the need for standard high-dose chemotherapy. These platforms and their associated product candidates are designed to be more effective, accessible, and easily administered than current standards of care in oncology and infectious diseases.

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