

#### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DAY

**JULY 10, 2014** 

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#### Verastem Research and Development Day 2014 Agenda

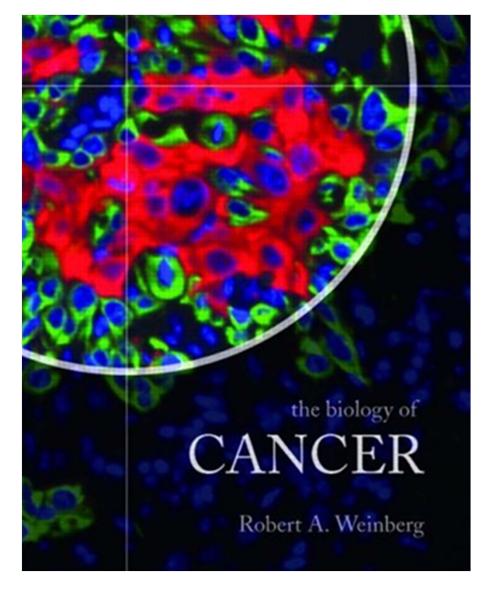
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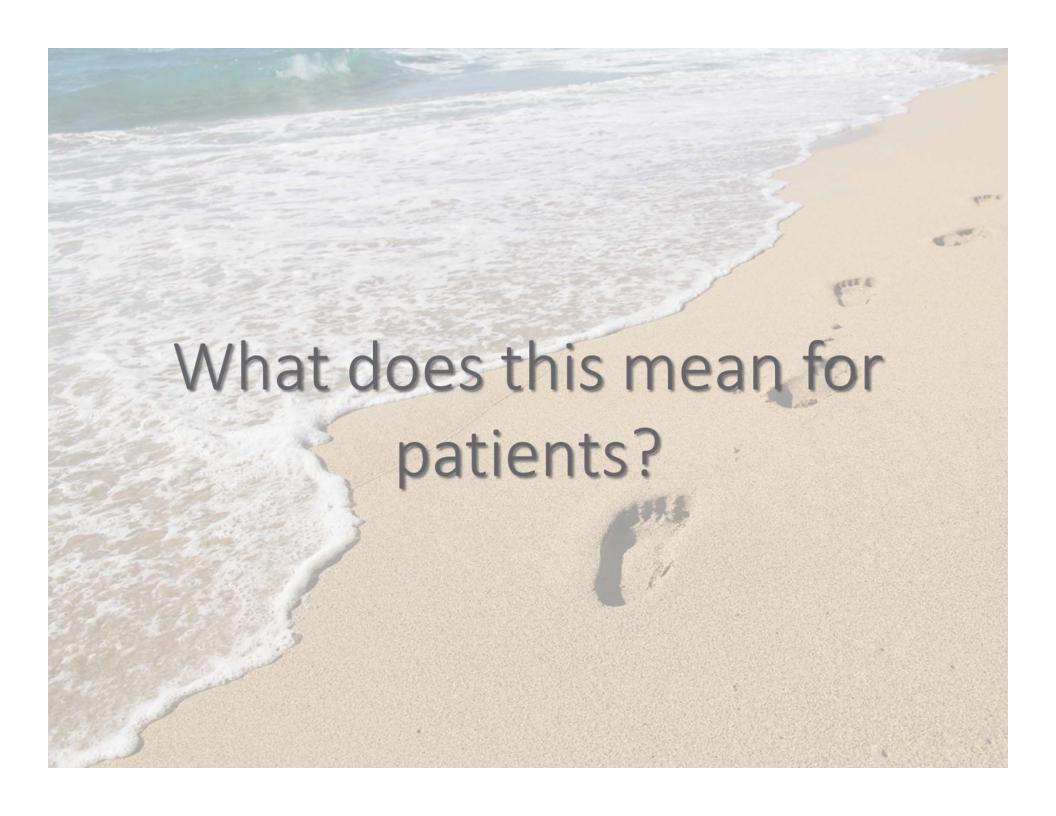




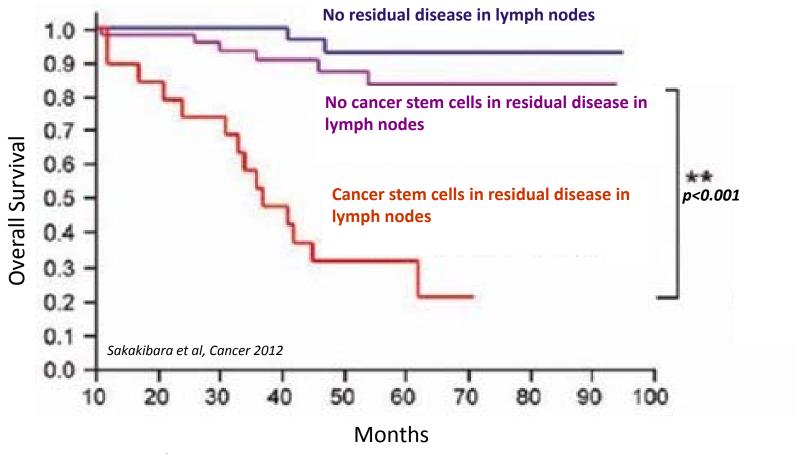
#### **Cancer Stem Cells Drive Disease Progression and Metastasis**







#### **Cancer Stem Cells Predict Poor Survival in Breast Cancer**

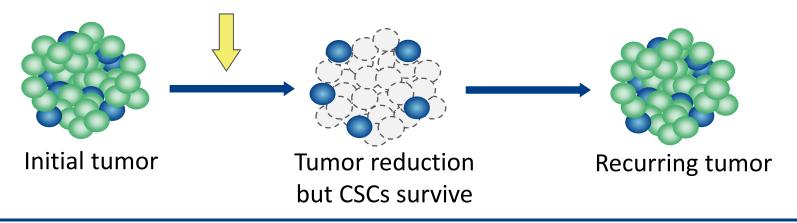


- N = 115 patients
- Standard neoadjuvant chemotherapy of 4 cycles anthracycline
   & cyclophosphamide + 12 weeks of paclitaxel

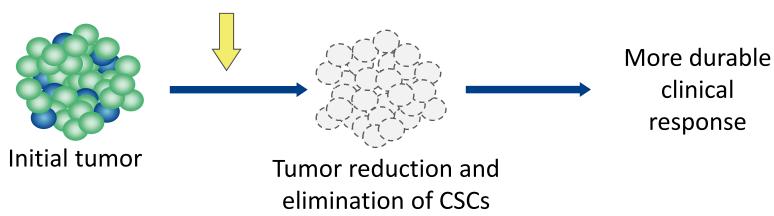


#### **Targeting Cancer Stem Cells for a Durable Clinical Response**

#### **PROBLEM**: Current cancer treatments

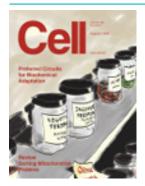


SOLUTION: CSC drugs + current cancer treatments





#### Path to a Portfolio of Drugs Targeting Cancer Stem Cells



Screening technology

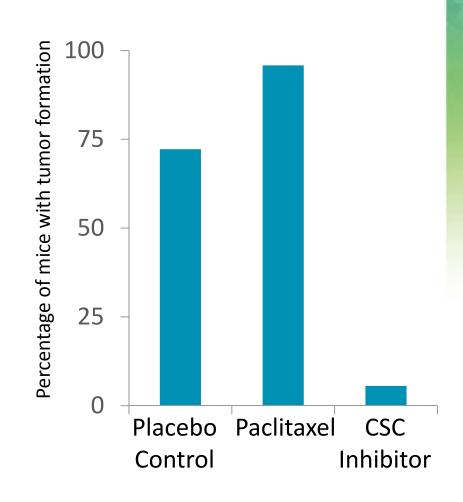


#### **Our Platform Identifies Product Candidates that Kill Cancer Stem Cells**

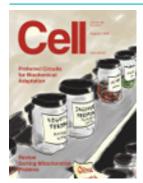
#### Breast cancer cells in vitro

## **CSCs** Non-CSCs 4.90% **CD44** Placebo Control 70.12% **CD44 Paclitaxel** 0.20% **CD44 CSC Inhibitor CD24**

#### Breast cancer cells in vivo



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Identified **critical CSC pathways**: **FAK** and **PI3K/mTOR** 

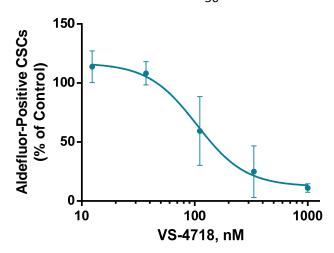


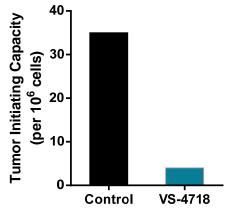
#### **Identification of the Key Pathways for Cancer Stem Cells**

#### Focal Adhesion Kinase

#### **VS-4718**

FAK Enzymatic  $IC_{50} = 42 \text{ nM}$ FAK Cellular  $EC_{50} = 31 \text{ nM}$ 

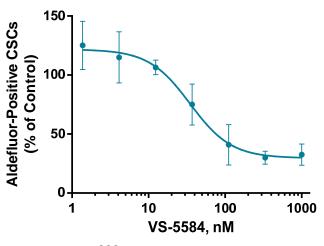


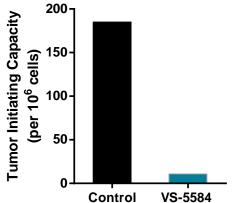


#### PI3K/mTOR

#### **VS-5584**

PI3K/mTOR Enzymatic IC<sub>50</sub>  $\sim$ 3 nM PI3K/mTOR Cellular EC<sub>50</sub>  $\sim$  40 nM







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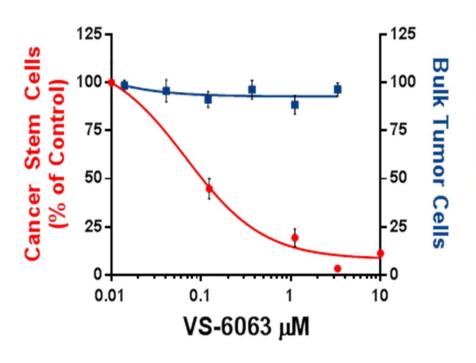
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# **Acquisition of VS-6063 Accelerated our Existing Program Targeting Cancer Stem Cells Through FAK Inhibition**

- Acquired from Pfizer in July 2012
- Good safety profile and initial signs of activity in Phase 1
- VS-6063 preferentially targets cancer stem cells

		Grade			
	1	2	3	4	Total
Adverse Events*	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)
Nausea	14 (30)	3 (7)	0	0	17 (37)
Increased serum bilirubin	6 (13)	9 (20)	2 (4)	0	17 (37)
Fatigue	8 (17)	6 (13)	1 (2)	0	15 (33)
Vomiting	10 (22)	3 (7)	0	0	13 (28)
Headache	9 (20)	0	1 (2)	0	10 (22)
Diarrhea	8 (17)	2 (4)	0	0	10 (22)
Decreased appetite	8 (17)	1 (2)	0	0	9 (20)





<sup>\*</sup>Treatment-Related Adverse Events (≥20%) Jones SF J Clin Oncol 2011 29:1 (suppl; abstr 3002)

#### **Acquisition of VS-6063 – Acceleration to First-in-Class**









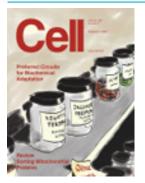
Phase 1 VS-4718

Phase 1 GSK & BI

Registration-directed VS-6063



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Initiated registrationdirected study targeting cancer stem cells in mesothelioma





About the COMMAND Study

About clinical trials

COMMAND locations

COMMAND information

COMMAND resources

For patients with malignant pleural mesothelioma

# Learn about the COMMAND Study

A patient diagnosed with malignant pleural mesothelioma will want to look into all treatment options. Even while planning initial treatment, it helps to think ahead to what additional options could be part of the treatment plan. Enrolling in the COMMAND Study is an important option to consider

The COMMAND Study is enrolling patients to study the effects of a drug that is now in development for patients with malignant pleural mesothelioma. Patients may be eligible if they have malignant pleural mesothelioma and meet certain requirements, including:

- They are currently receiving or have recently completed chemotherapy consisting of at least 4 cycles of ALIMTA® (pemetrexed) + cisplatin or carboplatin (platinum)
- They have received pemetrexed + platinum as the first chemotherapy for malignant pleural mesothelioma
- They have stable disease or better following treatment with pemetrexed \* platinum



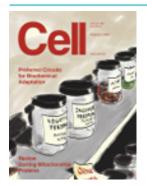


Verastem, Inc. is a biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering and developing drugs to treat cancer. We are especially committed to helping improve treatment options for patients with hard-to-treat cancers like mesothelioma. Our approach centers on finding ways to target cancer stem cells, which are an underlying cause of cancer progression and recurrence.

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Received **orphan drug designation** status in
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#### VS-6063 has Orphan Drug Status in the US and Europe

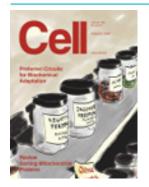




A recognition of the unmet need in mesothelioma and desire for innovative new treatments for patients



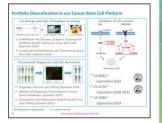
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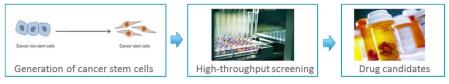
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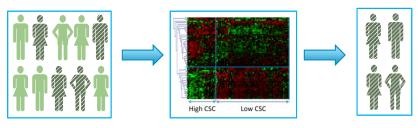
#### Portfolio Diversification in our Cancer Stem Cell Platform

#### CSC Biology and High-Throughput Screening

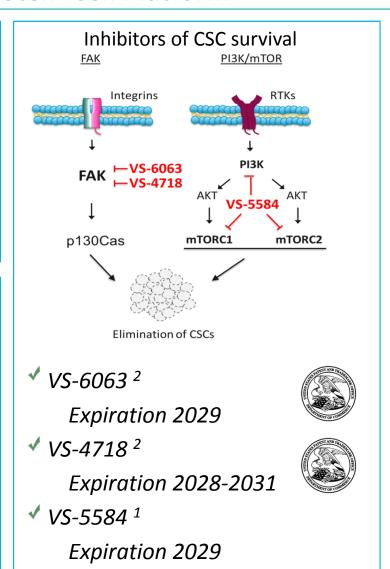


- ✓ A Method for the Discovery of Agents Targeting and Exhibiting Specific Toxicity for Cancer Stem Cells. (Expiration 2029) ¹
- ✓ Compounds and Methods for the Treatment of Cancer Stem Cells. (Expiration 2031) <sup>1</sup>

#### Personalized Diagnostics and CSC Biomarkers



- ✓ Progenitor Cells and Uses Thereof (Expiration 2026) ¹
- ✓ Methods of Diagnosing, Preventing and Treating Cancer Metastasis. (Expiration 2025)<sup>2</sup>
- ✓ Compositions and Methods for Modulating EMT and Uses Thereof (Expiration 2031) <sup>1</sup>

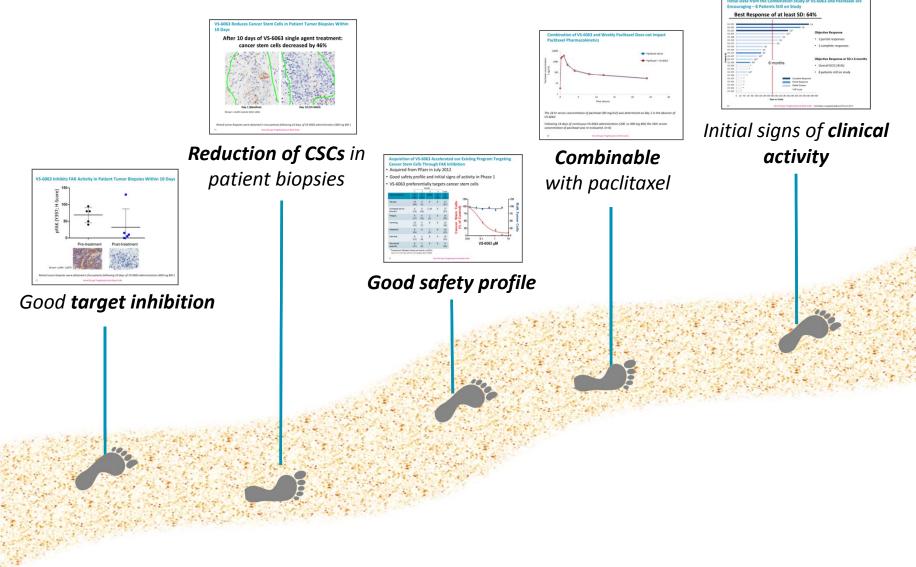




<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pending patent application

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> U.S. patent issued

#### Path to Confidence in the Cancer Stem Cell Targeting Drug VS-6063



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# UNMET NEEDS OF THE MESOTHELIOMA PATIENT AND FAMILY

Mary Hesdorffer, NP, Executive Director

Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation

### **OVERVIEW**

- Disease
- Challenges
  - Healthcare system
  - Mesothelioma-specific logistics of treatment
  - Urgency in decision-making
  - Provider weaknesses
  - Insurance and coverage issues
  - Predators unique to mesothelioma
    - Who are they and why do they exist?
    - Predator tactics
    - How they hurt mesothelioma patients
- What patients must know?

- Needs of the mesothelioma patient and family and how we can meet them:
  - Easy access to accurate, comprehensive, credible source of information
  - Easy access to medical coverage:
  - Help with travel to treatment centers
  - Less urgency and more support with crucial decision-making
  - Accurate "translation" of scientific info
  - Ability to compare physicians, treatments, sideeffects, outcomes
  - Peer and professional support
  - Understanding of economic and legal interests surrounding mesothelioma
  - Offer effective treatments



## THE DISEASE

- Mesothelioma is aggressive and rare
  - Disease progresses quickly
  - Lack of proximity to peer and professional support
- Patients are especially vulnerable immediately following diagnosis
  - They are afraid, demoralized, and often become depressed
- Patients want and need availability of treatments
- Lack of funding for mesothelioma research impedes scientifically driven clinical breakthroughs



# HEALTHCARE SYSTEM



The United States has one of the most complex healthcare systems globally.



#### In crisis, families must:

- navigate the system;
- become successful in their pursuit of receiving appropriate state-of-the-art care;
- sort out the pretenders from the experts they encounter along the way



# MESOTHELIOMA-SPECIFIC LOGISTICS OF TREATMENT

Few Experts Available



Travel
Required
to See
Expert

Patient must leave support network



### URGENCY IN DECISION-MAKING

Rush to invasive tests

Decisions made in a highly emotional state

Mandatory time frame to sort through info?



## PROVIDER WEAKNESSES



- We forget the long road to the expert and the pitfalls along the way
- We fail to ask questions about coverage and if it is of concern to them.
- We often do not refer to social worker who can team with us
- We often fail to assess for coping skills or for depression despite there being abbreviated scales to measure these areas



# INSURANCE AND COVERAGE ISSUES

#### Medicare

- State specific and often inadequate
- Attached to HMOs

#### **Private Insurance**

- High copays, inadequate prescription coverage
- Which member of family is the main insured?

#### Uninsured or Underinsured

· Incredible difficulty obtaining timely and quality care



# SUMMARY PATIENT CHALLENGES AND RESULTS

Diagnosis and prognosis delivered by a professional lacking familiarity with disease.

Due to quick disease progression, patients are rushed to make a treatment decision.

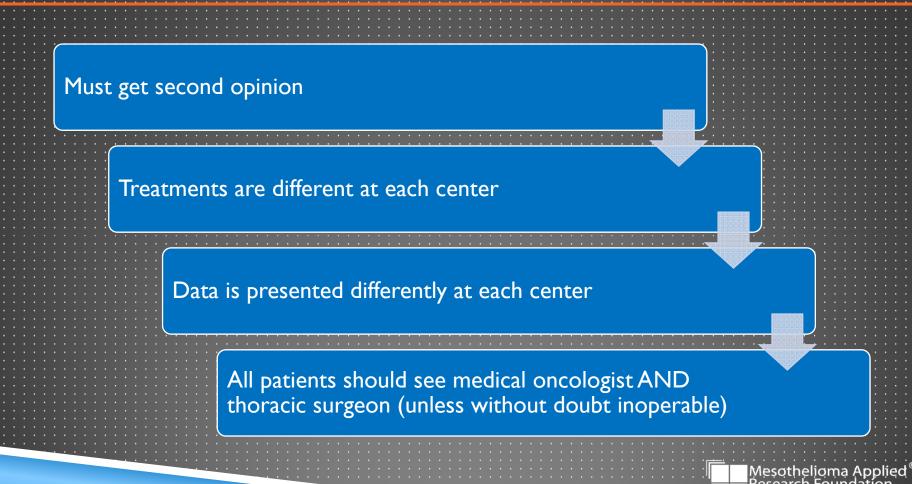
Time constraint of medical provider.

Not enough information provided at initial visit

Mesothelioma family often falls victim to predators.



# WHAT PATIENTS NEED TO KNOW



# SUMMARY: NEEDS OF THE MESOTHELIOMA PATIENT

- Information
  - Accurate "translation" of scientific info
  - Ability to compare physicians, treatments, side-effects, outcomes
- Medical coverage
- Travel
- Less urgency during crucial decision-making
- Peer and professional support
- Understanding of economic and legal interests surrounding mesothelioma
- Effective treatments



### MEETING THE NEEDS

- The Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation works to meet the needs of mesothelioma patients
- Services include:
  - Medical consultations
  - Credible and comprehensive information on all potential treatments and centers that provide them
  - Unbiased and independent
  - Travel grants
  - Individual and group support for the patient and his/her family
  - Help with decision-making
  - Funding of research to spur development of new and effective treatments



### THE MESO FOUNDATION

- The Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation (also known as the Meso Foundation) is the only 501(c)3, nonprofit organization dedicated to eradicating mesothelioma and the suffering caused by it.
- Research
  - > \$8.2 million in peer-reviewed mesothelioma research funded to date
  - 166 published articles in peer-reviewed journals as a result of this funding
- Education
- Support
- Advocacy



### THE MESO FOUNDATION



Learn more by visiting our website at

curemeso.org

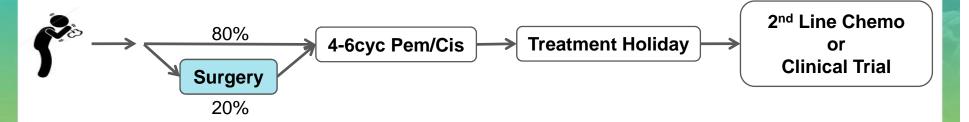


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#### **Mesothelioma Patient Journey**



### **Surgical Options**

- Approximately 20% of patients diagnosed with MPM are eligible for surgery
- Stage of disease and performance status are primary factors
- No approved agents or treatment modality as neo-adjuvant or adjuvant therapy

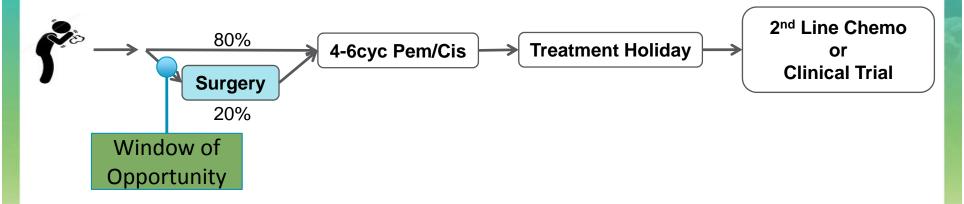


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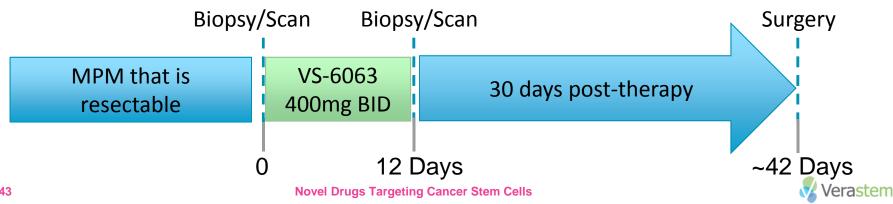
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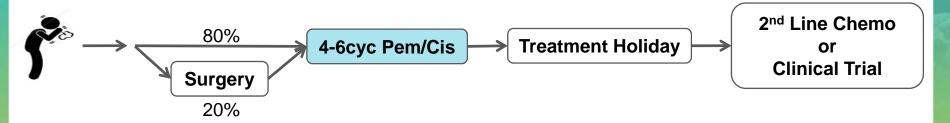
#### Window of Opportunity Study in Surgery-Eligible Patients



- Up to 20 patients receive VS-6063 (400 mg BID) for 12 days prior to surgery
- Measure biomarkers in tumor biopsies
- Evaluate tumor response by PET/CT
- Provide guidance for future studies



#### Phase 3 study of Pemetrexed (Alimta) in Combination with Cisplatin

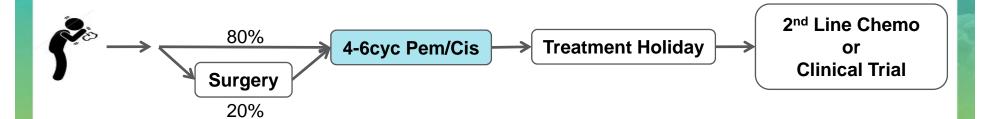


- Phase 3 randomized, single-blind study: multi center, multinational
- Conducted 1999-2001
- Chemo-naïve patients not eligible for curative surgery: N=446
- Pemetrexed 500mg/m2 and cisplatin 75mg/m2 versus cisplatin alone

Endpoint	Cisplatin	Pem/Cis	HR	P Value
Response rate, %	16.7	41.3		<.001
Median TTP, months	3.9	5.7	0.68	< .001
Median OS, months	9.3	12.1	0.77	.028
Global QoL score	38	45		.012
Improved symptom distress	44	51		.009



#### **No Advances in Standard Therapy for Over 12 Years**

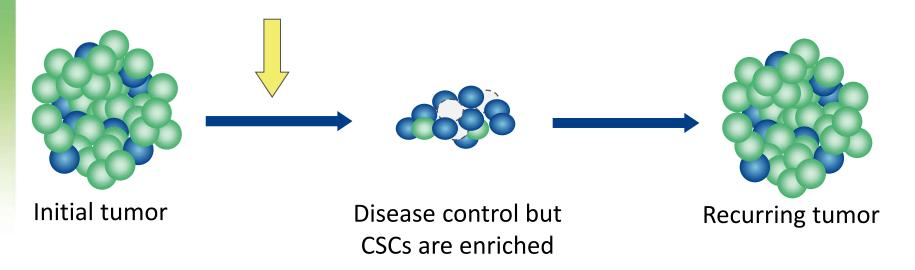


- Pemetrexed remains the ONLY approved drug for MPM worldwide
- Limited effect of pemetrexed+cisplatin on patient response



### The Current Therapy for Mesothelioma Enriches Cancer Stem Cells

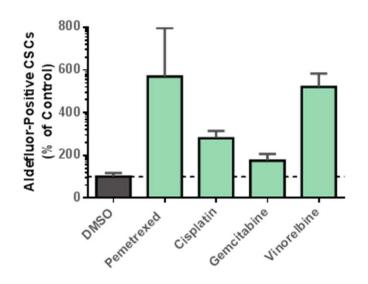
#### **Pemetrexed + platinum**



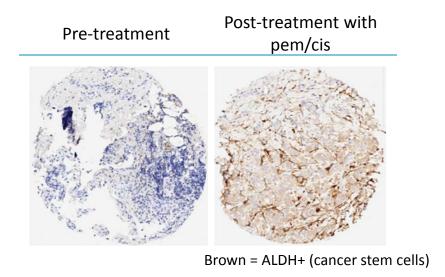


#### **Standard of Care Treatment Increases Cancer Stem Cells**

### Mesothelioma Cancer Stem Cells in vitro



#### Mesothelioma Cancer Stem Cells in Patient Biopsies

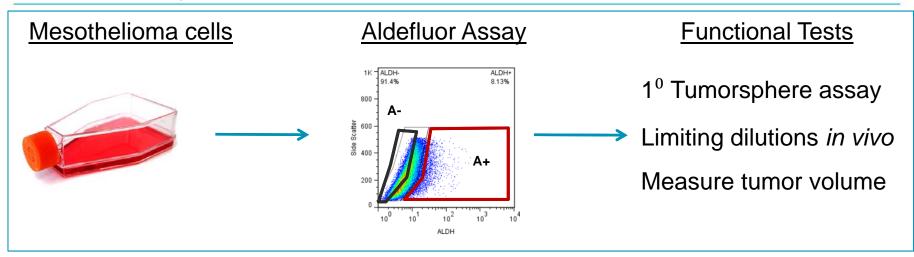


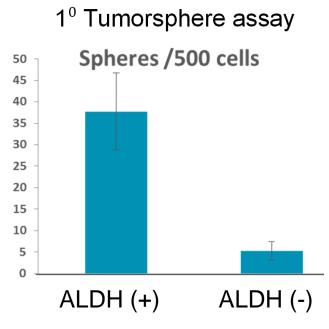
Treatment of human MPM cell lines with pemetrexed enriches cancer stem cells

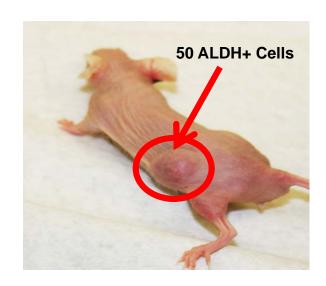
Canino et al. Oncogene 2011



# **Tumor Initiating Assay – The Gold Standard for Cancer Stem Functionality**







Tumor Initiating
Frequency

(ALDH+): 1/174

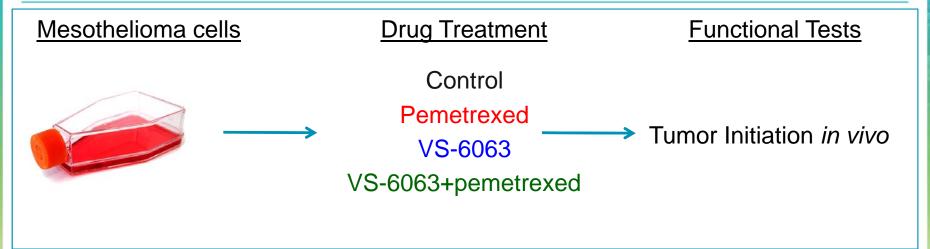
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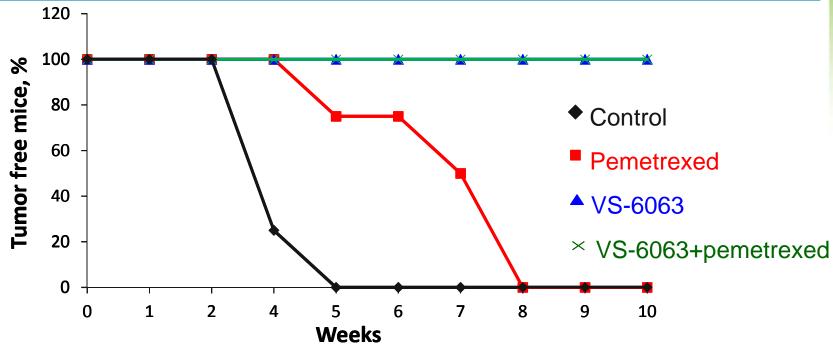
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p value: 2x10<sup>-7</sup>

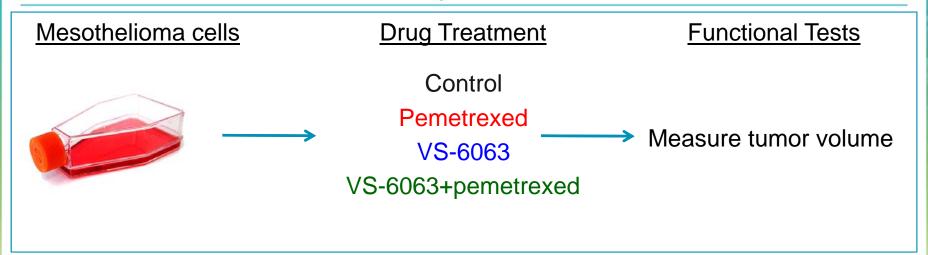


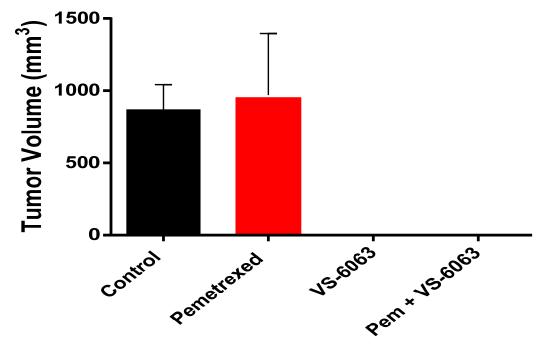
#### **VS-6063** Inhibits Tumor Initiation in Mouse Mesothelioma Models





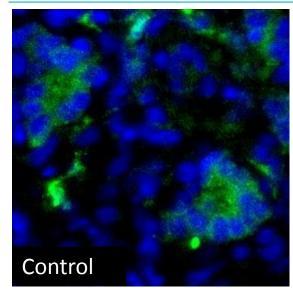
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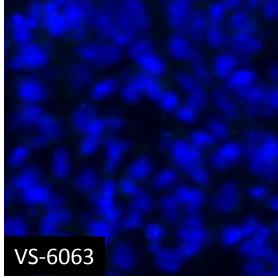




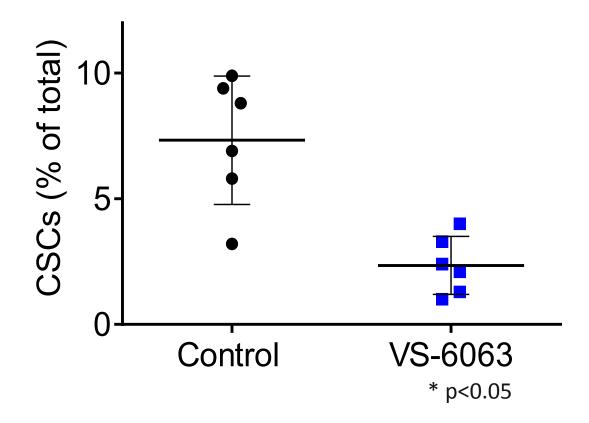


# Oral Administration of VS-6063 Targets Cancer Stem Cells in Mesothelioma Tumors Grown in Mouse Lungs





50 mg/kg, po BID x 2 wks



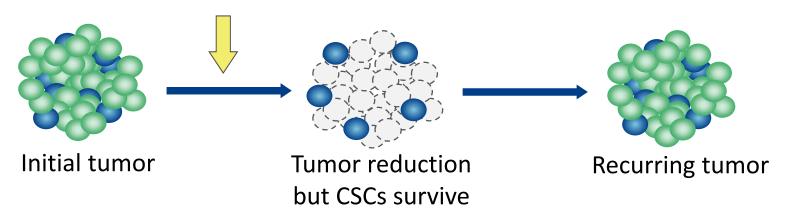
CSCs (ALDH+)
DAPI



# **COMMAND:** Targeting Cancer Stem Cells for a More Durable Clinical Response

#### **PROBLEM**:

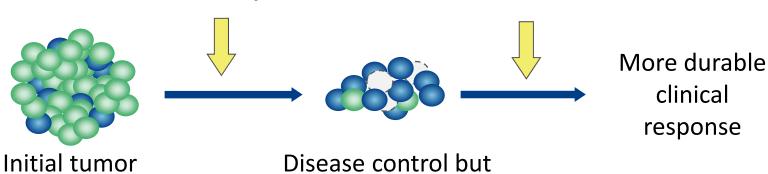
#### **Current cancer treatments**



#### **SOLUTION**:

#### **Pemetrexed + platinum**

#### **VS-6063**



CSCs are enriched



# **COMMAND:** Targeting Cancer Stem Cells in the Switch Maintenance Setting



# International Mesothelioma Steering Committee

2<sup>nd</sup> Line Chemo

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## **COMMAND:** A Registration-Directed Study of VS-6063 to Maintain Tumor Control in Mesothelioma

#### Goal

• To support approval of VS-6063 on a global basis

#### **Patients** (N=~350-400)

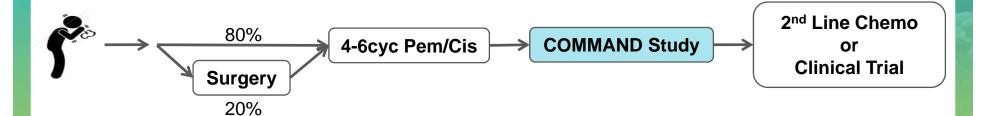
- Measurable or Evaluable Disease per RECIST v1.1
- One prior regimen (≥4 cycles) pem/cis or pem/carbo with documented ongoing response (PR or SD)

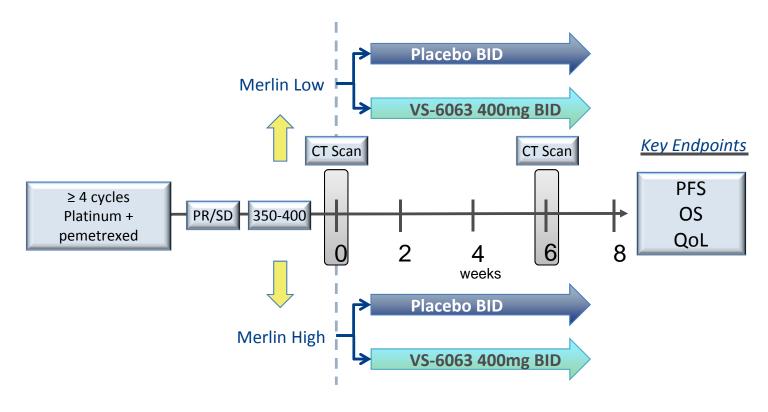
#### Design

- Multinational, randomized, double blind, placebo controlled
- Stratification based on merlin status with an adaptive enrichment design
- No cross-over allowed
- Conducted and monitored as a pivotal study

<b>Primary Objectives</b>	Secondary Objectives	<b>Exploratory Objectives</b>
Overall Survival (OS)	Quality of Life (QoL) (LCSS-Meso)	Time to new lesion
Progression Free Survival (PFS)	Objective Response Rate (ORR)	Relationship of VS-6063 PK and outcome
	Safety and tolerability	Population PK of VS-6063

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#### **COMMAND: A Simultaneous, Multinational Development Strategy**

- 34 sites open and enrolling
- 24 month accrual anticipated





#### There is a Significant Desire for New Treatments in Mesothelioma

#### **ACTIVITIES**

# New study, harnessing ground-breaking science, offers hope to British mesothelioma patients

 Feb 24<sup>th</sup> - Interviews with UK TV, radio and newspapers discussing the current unmet needs in mesothelioma and new clinical trials underway in the UK

### Saatchi Bill: enabling medical innovation for all patients

- **Feb 24**<sup>th</sup> Professor Fennell and Mavis Nye spoke at a public consultation at UK Parliament in the House of Lords
- Feb 24<sup>th</sup> University of Leicester issued a press release announcing Prof Fennell's involvement













#### **RESULTS**

152 individual news articles have been generated across the UK with a reach in excess of 29.5 million

- 5 interviews on prime time UK regional news channels – ITV and BBC
- **141 radio interviews** including *Sky News Radio, BBC Three Counties* and *Imagine FM*
- 2 items of print coverage
- 8 items of online coverage
- Advertorial in the UK national newspaper The Independent









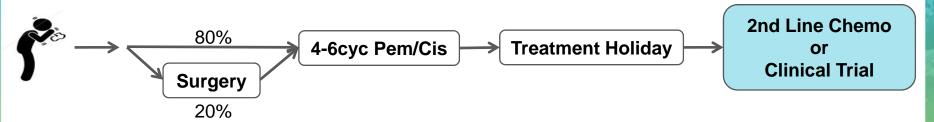


# **COMMAND Permits Patient Enrichment While Maintaining Power for Potential Registration Submission**

- Interim analysis will be conducted after 50% (N=128) of expected
   PFS events occur
- The trial will adapt to enroll only the biomarker-selected population if:
  - Promising results are observed among the subpopulation
     AND
  - Promising results are NOT observed among the full sample
- If the trial is adapted:
  - -The required number of patients to maintain 90% power will be re-estimated
- At the primary analysis:
  - -PFS, QOL and tolerability data will be assessed for potential to file as basis for accelerated approval (follow OS for full approval)



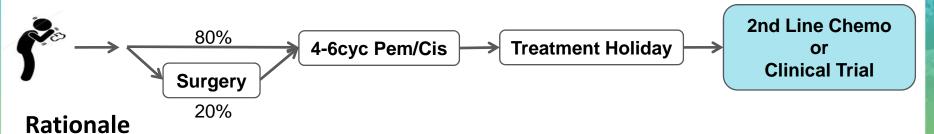
#### There is No Standard Second-line Therapy for Patients



- Patients requiring second-line therapy may be referred to clinical trials
- Median progression free survival in second line is only 6 weeks



#### **Evaluating a Potential Treatment for the Relapsed/Refractory Mesothelioma Patient Population (Patients not eligible for COMMAND)**



- Strong pre-clinical data demonstrating synergy of VS-6063 and VS-5584 in pre-clinical mesothelioma models
- GSK FAKi demonstrated SD in patients with relapsed disease
- PI3k/mTOR inhibitor GDC-0980 demonstrated ORR in patients with relapsed disease

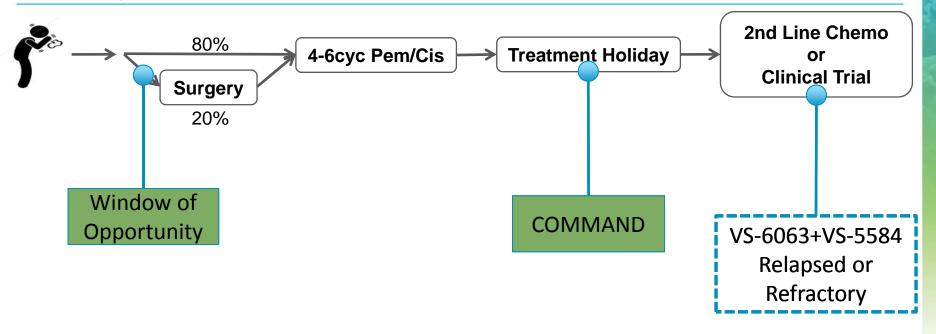
#### Goals

- Safety of combination
- Biomarker analysis
- Assess potential activity in mesothelioma

#### Enrollment (N=~40)



# **Developing Potential Treatment Options Throughout the Patient Journey**



We want to maximize the potential treatment options for patients with mesothelioma





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#### **Cancer Stem Cells Drive Ovarian Cancer Progression and Recurrence**



Presence of CSCs in ovarian cancer correlates with poor PFS & OS

Silva et al., Cancer Res 2011



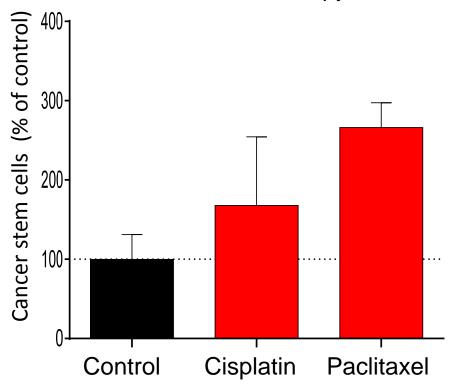
VS-6063 re-sensitized drugresistant ovarian models to paclitaxel Kang et al., JNCI 2013



High tumor FAK and pFAK expression correlate with poor survival

Sood et al., J Clin Invest 2010

## Ovarian Cancer Stem Cells Increase from Chemotherapy





#### **Ovarian Cancer is the Most Lethal Gynecological Malignancy**

- >225,000 new diagnoses per year globally
- The majority of patients present late with metastatic disease (stage III/IV)
- Standard of care treatment is cytoreductive surgery to remove all visible disease – usually followed by adjuvant chemotherapy with carboplatin and paclitaxel/docetaxel for at least 6 cycles
- A relapse within 6 months after platinum containing therapy is categorized as platinum-resistant
- At first relapse ~25% of patients have platinum resistant disease



#### **Platinum Resistant Ovarian Cancer**

- Combining chemotherapy adds toxicity without improving efficacy
  - -Median PFS generally less than 6 months
  - Median OS approximately 12 months
- Combination with novel agents under evaluation
  - Bevacizumab with chemotherapy recently shown to improve PFS but did not show a statistically significant effect on OS (AURELIA study)
- Sequential use of single chemotherapeutic agents recommended
  - Most active single agents are paclitaxel, pegylated liposomal doxorubicin and topotecan
- Chemotherapy treatment increases cancer stem cells



#### **Combining VS-6063 with Paclitaxel for Patients with Ovarian Cancer**

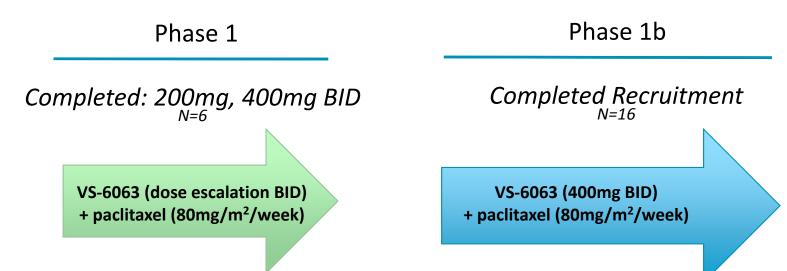
#### Goals

- Target cancer stem cells concurrently with chemotherapy
- Evaluate feasibility of combination of VS-6063 with weekly paclitaxel paves the way to several other indications where paclitaxel is standard of care

#### **Objectives**

- Evaluate safety and tolerability of combination of VS-6063 with weekly paclitaxel
- Measure pharmacokinetics of paclitaxel in combination with VS-6063
- Confirm pharmacodynamic effect of VS-6063 on pFAK target

Protocol permits single agent VS-6063 "maintenance" following paclitaxel

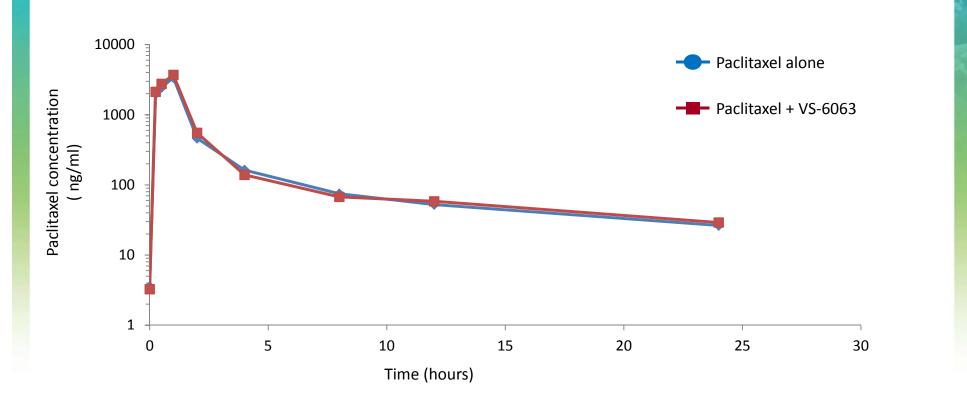


### 80% of Patients on Study Have Platinum Resistant Ovarian Cancer

	Pha	Phase Ib	
	200 mg defactinib BID + 80 mg/m² paclitaxel weekly	400 mg defactinib BID + 80 mg/m² paclitaxel weekly	400 mg defactinib BID + 80 mg/m² paclitaxel weekly
Patients, n	3	3	16
Median age, years (range)	59.0 (53-69)	74.0 (65-75)	67.5 (26-81)
Median time since initial diagnosis, years	2.00 (1.2-2-4)	3.24 (3.1-5.0)	2.32 (0.6-13.4)
Histology Serous Endometriod Other	1 (33.3%) 1 (33.3%) 1 (33.3%)	3 (100%) 0 (00.0%) 0 (00.0%)	12 (75.0%) 0 (00.0%) 4 (25.0%)
ECOG PFS 0 1	1 (33.3%) 2 (66.7%)	2 (66.7%) 1 (33.3%)	11 (68.8%) 5 (31.3%)
Prior chemotherapy regimens  1  2  3  ≥4	0 (0.00%) 0 (0.00%) 3 (100%) 0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%) 0 (0.00%) 0 (0.00%) 3 (100%)	5 (31.3%) 4 (25.0%) 4 (25.0%) 3 (18.8%)
Platinum Resistant	1 (33.3%)	3 (100%)	13 (81.3%)

\*Unlocked, in progress data, as presented at ASCO 2014

## Combination of VS-6063 and Weekly Paclitaxel Does not Impact Paclitaxel Pharmacokinetics



The 24 hr serum concentration of paclitaxel (80 mg/m2) was determined on Day 1 in the absence of VS-6063

Following 14 days of continuous VS-6063 administration (200 or 400 mg BID) the 24hr serum concentration of paclitaxel was re-evaluated. (n=6)



# Combination of VS-6063 and Weekly Paclitaxel Does not Worsen the Well-Known Side Effect Profile of Paclitaxel Alone

	Phase I		Phase Ib	
Adverse Event	200 mg defactinib BID + 80 mg/m² paclitaxel weekly (n=3)	400 mg defactinib BID + 80 mg/m² paclitaxel weekly (n=3)	400 mg defactinib BID + 80 mg/m² paclitaxel weekly (n=16)	Total (n=22)
Anemia	3 (100%)	1 (33.3%)	6 (37.5%)	10 (45.5%)
Fatigue	2 (66.7%)	3 (100%)	5 (31.3%)	10 (45.5%)
Bilirubin Increased	2 (66.7%)	0 (00.0%)	6 (37.5%)	8 (36.4%)
Nausea	2 (66.7%)	1 (33.3%)	4 (25.0%)	7 (31.8%)
Pyrexia	1 (33.3%)	2 (66.7%)	4 (25.0%)	7 (31.8%)
Vomiting	1 (33.3%)	2 (66.7%)	4 (25.0%)	7 (31.8%)
Neutropenia	1 (33.3%)	2 (66.7%)	3 (18.8%)	6 (27.3%)
Peripheral Edema	1 (33.3%)	1 (33.3%)	4 (25.0%)	6 (27.3%)
Peripheral Neuropathy	1 (33.3%)	2 (66.7%)	3 (18.8%)	6 (27.3%)
Diarrhea	0 (00.0%)	1 (33.3%)	4 (25.0%)	5 (22.7%)
Urinary Tract Infection	1 (33.3%)	1 (33.3%)	3 (18.8%)	5 (22.7%)

Most Frequently Reported Adverse Events ≥20%

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#### Literature: Weekly Paclitaxel Alone Results in Limited Clinical Activity

### Efficacy

	Saracatinib (N=69)	Placebo (N=34)	HR (95% CI; P-value)
Median PFS (months)	3.9	5.4	1.14 (0.74, 1.77; p=0.55)
PFS at 6 months (%)*	29%	38%	-9% (-28%, 12%; p=0.28)
Median OS (months)	12.7	12.8	1.37 (0.70, 2.71; p=0.36)
Median TTP (months)	4.0	5.4	1.13 (0.72, 1.75; p=0.60)
Response n (%):			
CR	0	1 (2.9%)	
PR	8 (11.6%)	4 (11.8%)	
SD	13 (18.8%)	3 (8.8%)	
Duration of response (months)	5.6	4.5	

Best Response of at least SD on weekly paclitaxel: 24%

1 patient had a complete response

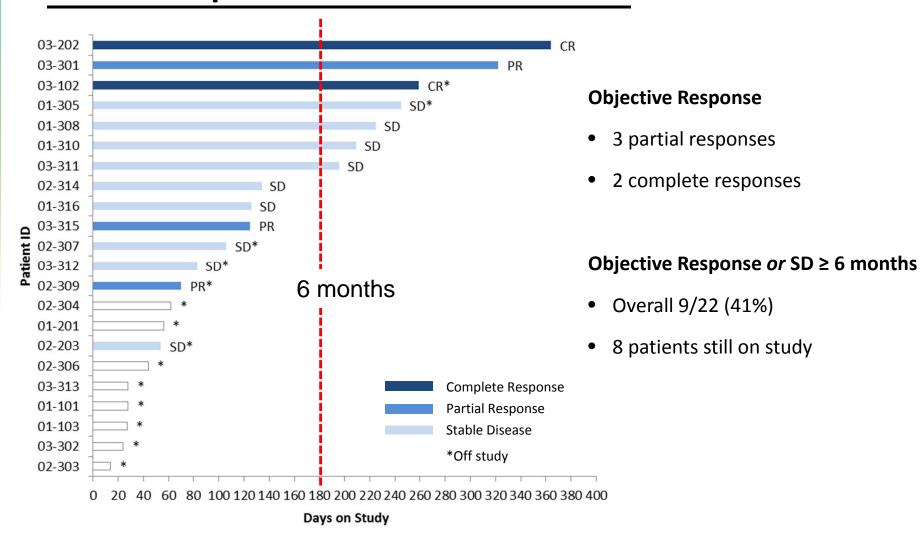
## Results consistent with Phase 3 AURELIA study

(Pujade-Lauraine et al, J Clin Oncol 32, 2014)

<sup>\*95%</sup> CI for difference in proportions alive and progression free at 6 months

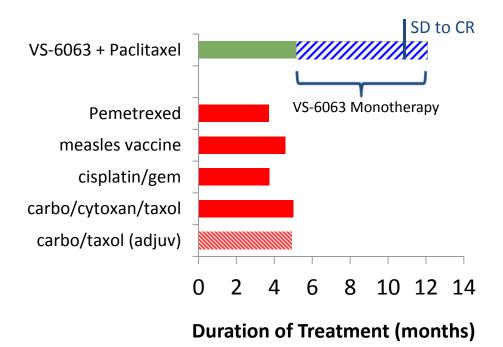
### Initial Data from the Combination Study of VS-6063 and Paclitaxel are **Encouraging – 8 Patients Still on Study**

### **Best Response of at least SD: 64%**



#### Patient 03-202: Platinum Resistant Disease with 5 Prior Treatments

- Presented at screening with stage IV platinum-resistant serous ovarian cancer
- Had stable disease on combination treatment and went on VS-6063 monotherapy after 4.5 months
- While on VS-6063 monotherapy the two remaining lesions disappeared at 11.8 months
- Continues on study and is tolerating VS-6063 well



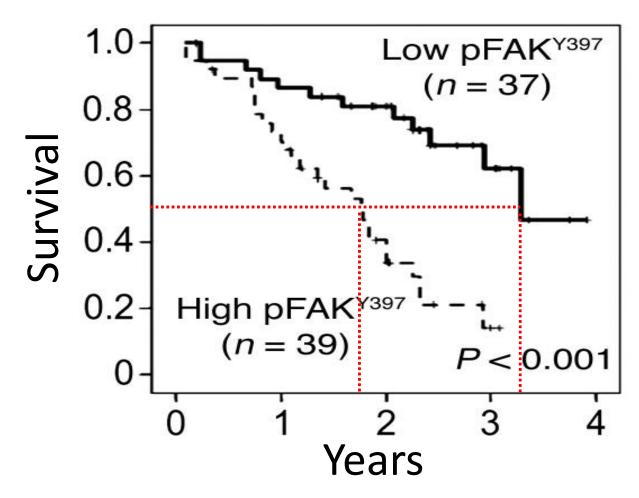
220 200 180 CA-155 (U/mL) 140 120 100 80 60 160 VS-6063 Monotherapy 60 40 20 28 days/cycle

## **Key Takeaways from the Ongoing Combination Study in Ovarian Cancer**

- VS-6063 plus weekly paclitaxel is a combinable regimen
- Encouraging signs of clinical activity observed
  - -64% Best Response (SD+)
  - −5 Objective Responses (3PR and 2CR) to date
- Data supportive of further clinical development



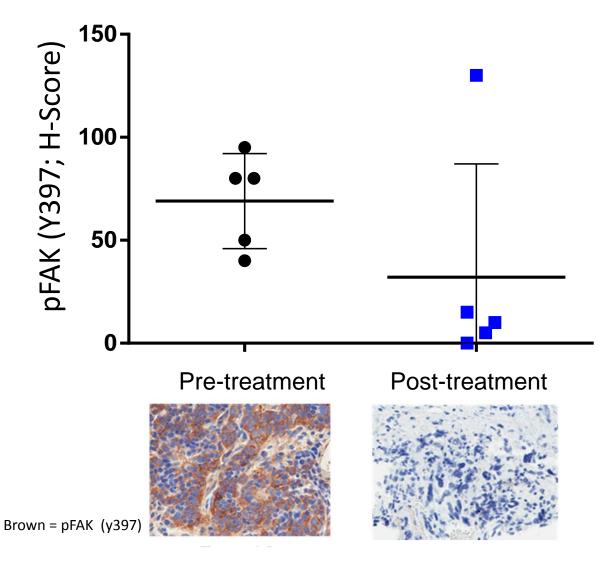
### **FAK Activity is Correlated with Poor Prognosis in Ovarian Cancer**



Mean survival (high/low) 1.7 vs 3.2yrs



## **VS-6063 Inhibits FAK Activity in Patient Tumor Biopsies Within 10 Days**

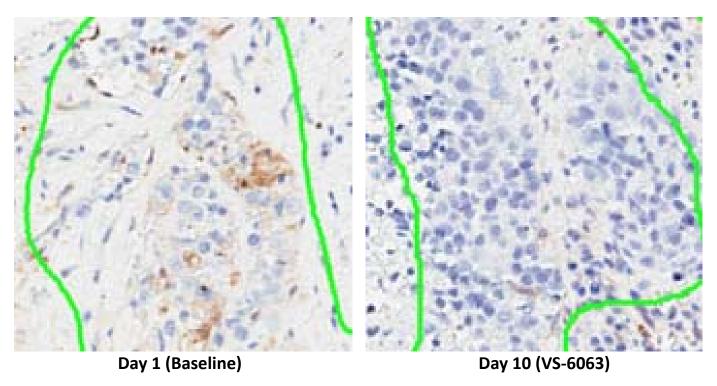


Paired tumor biopsies were obtained in five patients following 10 days of VS-6063 administration (400 mg BID )



## VS-6063 Reduces Cancer Stem Cells in Patient Tumor Biopsies Within 10 Days

# After 10 days of VS-6063 single agent treatment: cancer stem cells decreased by 46%



Brown = ALDH (cancer stem cells)

Paired tumor biopsies were obtained in two patients following 10 days of VS-6063 administration (400 mg BID )

## VS-6063: "Window of Opportunity" Study in Ovarian Cancer

#### Goal

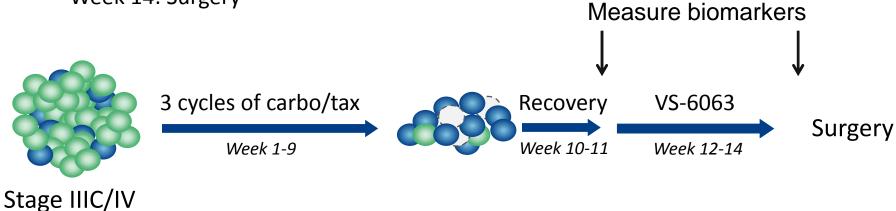
Measure cancer stem cell biomarkers

#### Patients (N~20)

- Newly diagnosed stage IIIC/IV disease undergoing primary surgery
- Routinely administered 3 cycles of chemo <u>prior</u> to surgery

#### Design

- Time 0: Diagnostic laparoscopy to confirm staging yields baseline tissue
- Weeks 1-9: Administer 3 cycles of carbo tax (paclitaxel or docetaxel)
- Weeks 10-11: Post chemo recovery period
- Weeks 12-14: 14 days of VS-6063 400mg BID
- Week 14: Surgery





## VS-6063: Phase 2 Study in Platinum-Resistant Ovarian Cancer

#### Goal

POC to provide baseline for potential registration-directed study

### Patients (N=~100)

- Platinum resistant; ≤2 prior chemotherapy regimens
- Measurable or Evaluable Disease per RECIST v1.1

#### Design

- Randomized, placebo-controlled, weekly paclitaxel 80mg/kg/m2 (D1,8,15 of 28 day cycle) +/- defactinib 400mg BID
- Stratification treatment free interval <3 months vs. 3-6 months; prior bevacizumab
- No crossover allowed
- Permit single agent VS-6063 "maintenance" following paclitaxel discontinuation for toxicity

#### **Key Endpoints**

<b>Primary Objective</b>	Secondary Objectives	Exploratory Objective
Progression Free Survival (PFS)	Objective Response Rate (ORR)	Overall Survival (OS)
	QOL	

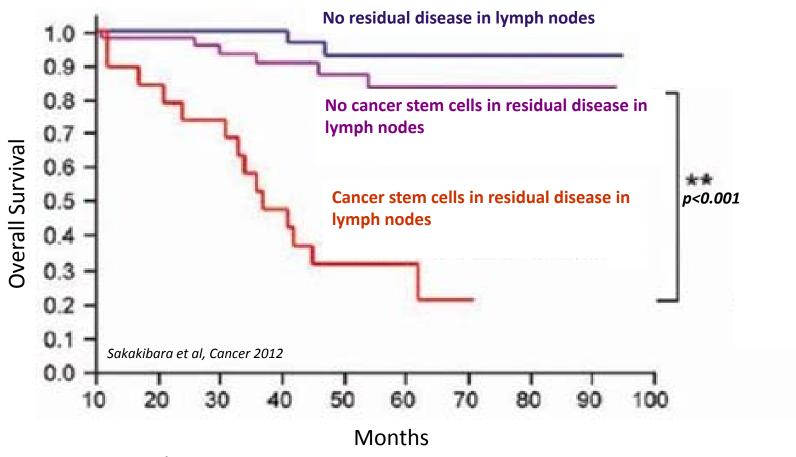


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#### **Cancer Stem Cells Predict Poor Survival in Breast Cancer**

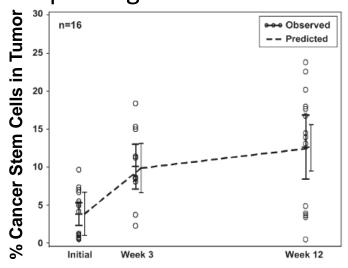


- N = 115 patients
- Standard neoadjuvant chemotherapy of 4 cycles anthracycline
   & cyclophosphamide + 12 weeks of paclitaxel

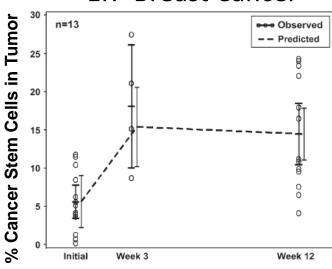


### **Cancer Stem Cells Emerge In Response to Chemotherapy**

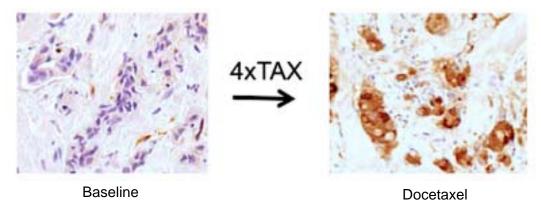
## **Triple Negative Breast Cancer**



#### **ER**<sup>+</sup> Breast Cancer



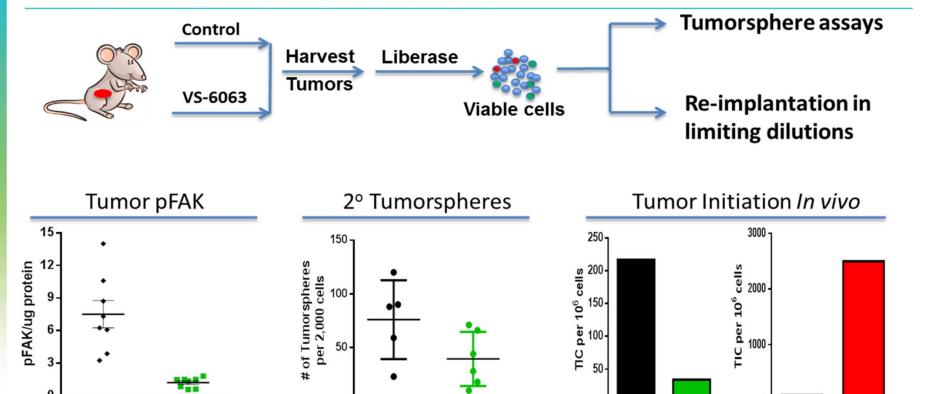
Li et al., JNCI 2008



Alamgeer et al., Breast Cancer Research 2014



## VS-6063 Reduces CSCs & Tumor-Initiating Capability In Xenograft Tumor Model in Contrast to Paclitaxel



 Mice bearing MDA-MB-231 tumors were treated with 50 mg/kg VS-6063 po BID or vehicle control for 25 days and CSC endpoints were assessed

VS-6063

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Control

 Tumor initiating capability in 2° mice was decreased by VS-6063, but increased by paclitaxel treatment

Control



**Paclitaxel** 

Control

VS-6063

Control

### **Triple Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC)**

- Defined primarily by what it lacks:
  - —Estrogen (ER) and progesterone (PR) receptors
  - -Overexpression/amplification of the HER2 gene
- 15% to 20% of breast cancers (US) but a disproportionate share of morbidity and mortality
  - -Highly aggressive
  - -Increased incidence in younger women and women of African origin
  - Lack of effective targeted therapies
- Neoadjuvant chemotherapy (AC followed by taxane) is widely used prior to surgery for primary disease
  - -30 40% pCR rate (depending on study)



## **VS-6063: Neo-adjuvant Study in Early Stage TNBC**

#### Goals

Determine effect of VS-6063 on cancer stem cells in TNBC

#### Patients (N=~100)

Newly diagnosed, locally advanced triple negative breast cancer

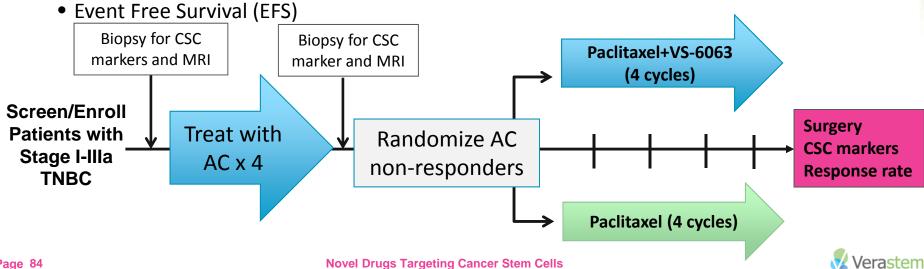
#### Design:

Open Label, Randomized, Multi Center

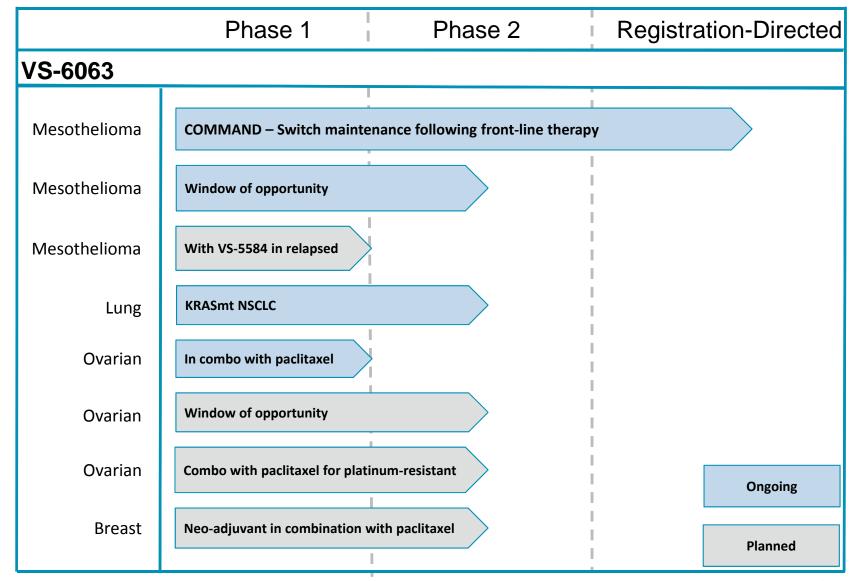
#### **Primary Endpoints**

- Cancer stem cell "Response" rate (CSCR)
- Safety and tolerability

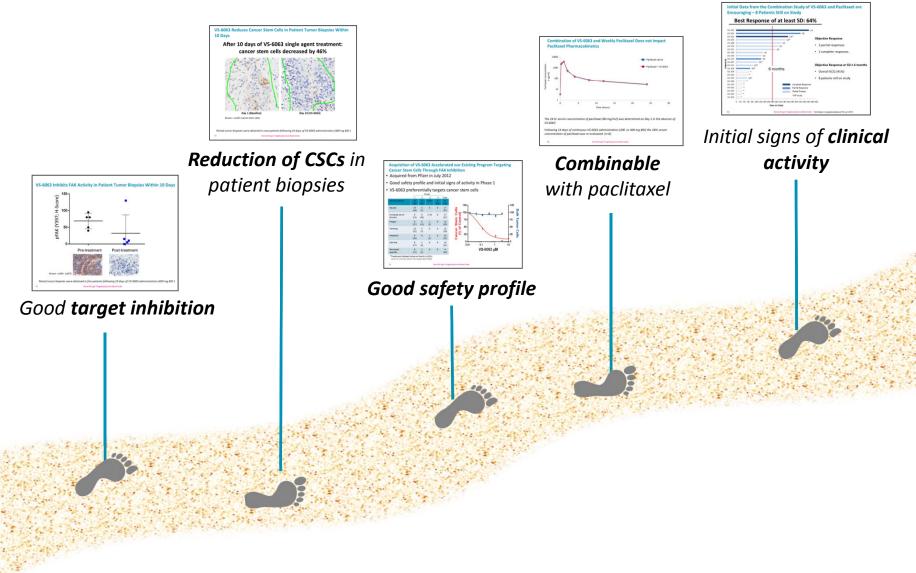
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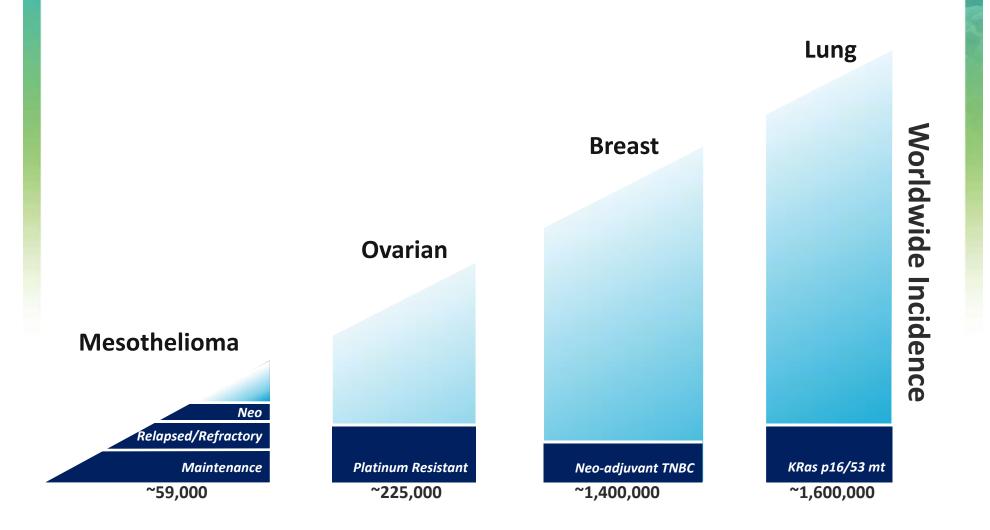
## **Clinical Development of VS-6063**



## Path to Confidence in the Cancer Stem Cell Targeting Drug VS-6063



## **Pursuing the Potential of Targeting Cancer Stem Cells for Patients Worldwide**







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