UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): June 6, 2022

Verastem, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) **001-35403** (Commission File Number) 27-3269467 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

02494

(Zip Code)

117 Kendrick Street, Suite 500, Needham, MA (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (781) 292-4200

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

	Trading	
Title of each class	Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, \$0.0001 par value per share	VSTM	The Nasdaq Global Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company \Box

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \Box

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On June 6, 2022, Verastem, Inc. (the "Company") posted its corporate presentation on its website, a copy of which is furnished hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 8.01. Other Events

On June 6, 2022, the Company issued a press release announcing an update from an interim analysis of its international phase 2 RAMP 201 trial evaluating VS-6766 \pm defactinib in recurrent low-grade serous ovarian cancer, regardless of KRAS status. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Corporate Presentation, dated June 6, 2022
99.2	Press release, issued by Verastem, Inc. on June 6, 2022
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted in Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)

SIGNATURES

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 hereunto duly authorized.

VERASTEM, INC.

Dated: June 6, 2022

By: /s/ Brian M. Stuglik

Brian M. Stuglik Chief Executive Officer





Corporate Presentation June 2022

Safe Harbor Statement

This presentation includes forward-looking statements about, among other things, Verastem Oncology's programs and product candidates, including anticipated regulatory submissions, approvals, performance and potential benefits of Verastem Oncology's product candidates, that are subject to substantial risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements. Applicable risks and uncertainties include the risks and uncertainties, among other things, regarding: the success in the development and potential commercialization of our product candidates, including defactinib and other compounds in combination with VS-6766; the occurrence of adverse safety events and/or unexpected concerns that may arise from additional data or analysis or result in unmanageable safety profiles as compared to their levels of efficacy; or our ability to obtain, maintain and enforce patent and other intellectual property protection for our product candidates.

Other risks and uncertainties include those identified under the heading "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on March 28, 2022, and in any subsequent filings with the SEC, which are available at www.sec.gov and www.verastem.com.

The forward-looking statements in this presentation speak only as of the original date of this presentation, and we undertake no obligation to update or revise any of these statements.



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Verastem Oncology Well Positioned to Capitalize on Growth Opportunities

We are a biopharmaceutical company committed to developing and commercializing new medicines for patients battling cancer

Lead clinical program has best-in-class potential	VS-6766 (RAF/MEKi) and defactinib (FAKi) are clinically active against RAS mutant cancers
Rapid development paths to market	FDA Breakthrough Therapy Designation in LGSOC; Supported by clinical results (FRAME study) achieved in low-grade serous ovarian cancer (LGSOC), strong signal in KRAS G12V mutant NSCLC; registration-directed trials initiated in 4Q 2020
Significant downstream market opportunity and blockbuster potential	30% of all human cancers are driven by mutations in RAS; VS-6766 combinations potentially broadly applicable across a variety of tumor types. Clinical collaborations with Amgen & Mirati evaluating the combinations of VS-6766 with sotorasib & adagrasib, respectively, in KRAS G12C mutant NSCLC supported by strong pre-clinical rationale Multiple clinical opportunities within NSCLC and other tumor areas based on preclinical data
Strong balance sheet	Up to \$150 million of non-dilutive funding available from new credit facility Cash balance of \$106.3 million as of March 31, 2022 Company ended Quarter 1 2022 with \$18 million non-GAAP operating expenses
	Cash position, credit facility and expected COPIKTRA milestones extend expected cash runway through 2025 to support continued development and potential commercial launches 3



VS-6766 RAF/MEK Clamp Program Overview

VS-6766 is a differentiated, potentially best-in-class asset applicable across multiple patient populations

- · Unique dual RAF/MEK targeting mechanism of action
- · Novel intermittent dosing schedule; convenient oral regimen
- · Breakthrough Therapy Designation in recurrent low-grade serous ovarian cancer
- Potential best-in-class safety & tolerability profile relative to marketed MEK inhibitors, with potential for combinability with agents from multiple target classes
- Promising signals of clinical activity in various RAS-driven cancers, including in patients whose tumors previously progressed on other MEK inhibitors
- Preclinical anti-proliferative activity across multiple MAPK pathway alterations (e.g. KRAS, NRAS, BRAF, NF1 mt) and multiple solid tumor indications

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· Strong preclinical combination data with other agents targeting RAS pathway and parallel pathways







Robust Clinical Program Targeting the RAS Pathway in Gynecologic Oncology & Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

INDICATION	REGIMEN	STUDY NAME	PRECLINICAL	PHASE I	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	CLINICAL COLLABORATION WITH
LGSOC ^{1,2}	VS-6766 +/- defactinib	RAMP 201					
R/R LGSOC ⁴	VS-6766 + defactinib	FRAME					
R/R endometrioid cancer (KRAS $mt)^4$	VS-6766 + defactinib	FRAME					
Gynecological cancers (RAS Pathway-driven) ⁴	VS-6766 + defactinib	IST					
Mesonephric ⁴	VS-6766 + defactinib	IST					
R/R NSCLC (KRAS G12V mt) ²	VS-6766 +/- defactinib	RAMP 202					
R/R NSCLC (KRAS non-G12V mt)	VS-6766 + defactinib	RAMP 202					
R/R NSCLC (BRAF mt)	VS-6766 + defactinib	RAMP 202					
R/R NSCLC (KRAS GI2C mt)	VS-6766 + sotorasib	RAMP 203					AMGEN
R/R NSCLC (KRAS GI2C mt) ³	VS-6766 + adagrasib	RAMP 204					MIRATI
R/R NSCLC (KRAS mt)	VS-6766 + everolimus (mTORi)	IST					
R/R NSCLC (KRAS mt) ⁴	VS-6766 + defactinib	FRAME					
				4 Deceliained		¹ FDA Breakthrou ² R	igh Therapy Designation egistration-directed trial ³ In Startup
				* Preclinical s	studies underway, ph.	2 investigator-sponse	ored trials in preparation 8

VS-6766 is a unique RAF/MEK Clamp which induces inactive complexes of MEK with ARAF, BRAF & CRAF

Contrasting mechanism of action vs. trametinib



VS-6766 inhibits cell proliferation across multiple MAPK pathway alterations and multiple solid tumor indications



Vertical Blockade: Establishing VS-6766 as the backbone of therapy for RAS pathway-driven tumors



Parallel Pathway Inhibition: Establishing VS-6766 as the backbone of therapy for RAS pathway-driven tumors





Favorable Tolerability Profile with Novel Intermittent Dosing Regimen

Summary of Adverse Events Grade \geq 3 Occurring in \geq 5% of patients

	VS-6766 monotherapy Daily at MTD N=6 28-day cycle	RP2D VS-6766 monotherapy 4mg twice weekly N=26 28-day cycle	RP2D (VS-6766 3.2mg twice weekly + defactinib 200mg twice daily) N=38 21 days of 28-day cycle
Treatment Related Adverse Event	Grade ≥3	Grade ≥3	Grade ≥3
Rash	3 (50%)	5 (19%)	2 (5%)
CK elevation (Creatine phosphokinase)	I (17%)	2 (8%)	2 (5%)

Summary of FRAME Safety Profile

Most Adverse Events (AE) were Grade 1/2

Few patients have discontinued due to AEs in the study

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¹ Chenard-Poirier, et al. ASCO 2017 References: Banerji, Q4 2020 report; Data on file RP2D: recommended phase 2 dosing

Favorable Tolerability Profile at Recommended Phase 2 dose for VS-6766 plus defactinib combination regimen

VS-67Treatment Related AdverseTwiceEvents Details*(4 v(≥10% patients in cohortevery3.2mg 6766 and Def 200mg)n		4mg eekly of wks) ¹ 2	VS-6766 3. We Def 200 (3 w every 4 n=	2mg Twice ekly mg BID ks of 4 wks) ² 38
	Gr1/2	Gr3/4	Gr1/2	Gr3/4
Rash	15	5	32	2
CK Elevation	13	2	19	2
AST Elevation	L		13	
Hyperbilirubinemia			14	1
Visual Disturbance	13		9	
ALT Elevation	2		5	
Diarrhoea	6	I	14	I
Fatigue	5	I	8	I
Oral Mucositis [^]	7	I.	П	
Nausea	5		5	
Vomiting	2		4	
Peripheral Edema	9		10	
Paronychia	3		4	
Thrombocytopenia			6	
Pruritus	3	0	5	
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References: ¹ Data on file VS-6766 Investigator's Brochure; ²Banerji, Q4 2020 report

70% of LGSOC tumors driven by mutations in the RAS pathway



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Reference: Monk, Randall, Grisham, The Evolving Landscape of Chemotherapy in Newly Diagnosed Advanced Epithelial Ovarian Cancer, Am Soc Clin Oncol Educ Book; 2019; Slomovitz, Gourley, Carey, Malpica, Shih, Huntsman, Fader, Grisham et al, Low-Grade serous ovarian cancer: State of the Science; Gynecol Oncol; 2020. Grisham, Iyer, Low-Grade serous Ovarian Cancer: Current Treatment Paradigms and Future Directions; Curr Treat Options Oncology; 2018.

LGSOC: Limited Treatment Options with High Unmet Need

Low-Grade Ovari	Rec	ent Clinical Tr	ials in Recurrent I	GSOC	
Stage IA-IB	Stage IC Stage II-IV	Therapy	Response Rate ORR	Median PFS Months (95% CI)	Discontinuation Rate due to AEs
Observe only	Carbo-Pt + Paclitaxel <u>+</u> hormonal (2b) OR Chemo + Beva for Stage II-IV (2a)	Standard of Care ¹	6%	7.2 (5.6-9.9)	12 %
	OR Hormonal Tx (2b)	Trametinib ¹	26%*	13.0 (9.9-15.0)	35%
	Recurrence Therapy ²	Standard of Care ²	13%	10.6 (9.2 to 14.5)	17%
	Clinical trial (2a)	Binimetinib ²	16%	9.1 (7.3-11.3)	31%
References: NCCN guidelines v1.2022 No standard sequencing of drugs for recurrence disease	 Chemotherapy (Pt-based combination or monotherapy) (2a) Hormonal Tx (2a) Trametinib (2a) Binimetinib (2b) 	* Not confirmed by ce ¹ Study GOG 281 trial ² MILO Study Monk et :	entral review Gershenson et al., Lancet 2/ al., I Clin Oncol 2020.	Standard of Care = letrozole, PFS = Progression free surviv CI = confidence interval 222	tamoxifen, chemotherapy ral
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VS-6766 in Combination with Defactinib Shows Promising ORR with Durability in Refractory LGSOC with Expanded Number of Patients (n=24)



RAMP 201 Registration-directed Phase 2 Trial of VS-6766 +/- Defactinib in Recurrent LGSOC - KRAS Mutant (mt) and Wild Type (wt): adaptive design modified based on interim analysis findings



RAMP-201 Selection Phase: Interim Analysis Findings - June 2022

Findings

- Support continued evaluation of both VS-6766 monotherapy and VS-6766 + defactinib combination therapy treatment arms
- Encouraging efficacy results include confirmed responses in:
 - Monotherapy and combo therapy
 - KRAS mt and KRAS wt tumors
- No addl. safety signals to date, continued favorable safety profile for both monotherapy and combination treatment arms (~ 6% of patients discontinuing due to AEs)
- Substantial majority (~ 80%) of patients remain on study treatment



Next Steps All four cohorts from Selection Phase will be enrolled for Expansion Phase (add ~ 20 patients/cohort) Fully enroll all four Expansion Phase cohorts in 2H 2022

- Select go-forward treatment regimen, timing driven by data maturity
- Next update to be provided once go-forward treatment regimen determined

LGSOC market opportunity larger or comparable to other high unmet need KRAS opportunities



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¹ References: Monk, Randall, Grisham, The Evolving Landscape of Chemotherapy in Newly Diagnosed Advanced Epithelial Ovarian Cancer, Am Soc Clin Oncol Educ Book; 2019; Slomovitz, Gourley, Carey, Malpica, Shih, Huntsman, Fader., Grisham et al. Low-Grade serous ovarian cancer: State of the Science; Gynecol Oncol; 2020. Grisham, lyer, Low-Grade Serous Ovarian Cancer: Calculated by multiplying relevant incidence/prevalence rate times estimated duration of therapy, represents US market opportunity only; a patient population estimates from Globocan 2020. American Cancer Society 2021, AACR Genie Cohort V9.0 public, and scientific publications. Duration of therapy represents US market opportunity only; estimates from dinical studies and clinician experience. Patient-months on therapy is for ²⁴-line + patients
 ³ NSCLC KRAS G12C ^{2nd} line patients (incidence); Parceratic RAS/RAF mutant ^{2nd}-line patients (incidence). LGSOC KRAS mutant and wild-type patients (prevalence); Endometrioid RAS/RAF mutant ^{2nd}-line patients (incidence).



High Unmet Need in Refractory mt NSCLC Adenocarcinoma



VS-6766 Inhibits CRAF - The key driver of KRAS G12V mt NSCLC

A Precision Approach to KRAS G12V Driven NSCLC



VS-6766 +/- FAKi induces significant tumor regression in KRAS G12V mt NSCLC in vivo model, with clear differentiation from trametinib



Case Study: Response to VS-6766 + defactinib in a patient with KRAS G12V mutant NSCLC VS-6766 + Defactinib



May 2019: Diagnosed with NSCLC

June 2019 - Sept 2019:Treated with first line Carboplatin + Pemetrexed + Pembrolizumab

Oct 2019: Progression, palliative RT to right hip

Nov 2019 – present: On treatment in FRAME study VS-6766 + Defactinib



Reference: Krebs et al. AACR 2021

Strong Signal Identified in KRAS G12V NSCLC

VS-6766 ± Defactinib Has Shown a 57% ORR in KRAS G12V mt NSCLC in Integrated Analysis



References: ¹ Guo, et al Lancet Oncology 2020 ² Krebs, AACR April 2021 (March 18, 2021 cutoff)

RAMP 202: Registration-directed Phase 2 Trial of VS-6766 +/- Defactinib in advanced NSCLC Primary Cohort: KRAS G12V mt NSCLC



RAMP 202: Additional Cohorts of VS-6766 + Defactinib in KRAS non-G12V mt & BRAF mt NSCLC





Acquired resistance mechanisms to KRAS G12Ci treatment in patients further support combination of KRAS G12Ci with VS-6766

Summary of Putative Mechanisms of Acquired Resistance to Adagrasib Treatment



Mechanisms of acquired resistance to KRAS GI2Ci

adagrasib treatment in patients recently reported^{1,2}

RAMP 203: Phase 1/2 Trial of VS-6766 + LUMAKRAS[™] (sotorasib) in KRAS G12C-mutated advanced NSCLC



Future Opportunities: VS-6766 as Backbone of RAS Therapy

High Unmet Needs in RAS/RAF/MEK/ERK-Driven Cancers



Vertical Blockade: Preclinical synergy in combination with promising agents for clinical investigation



Parallel Pathway Inhibition: Preclinical synergy in combination with promising agents for clinical investigation

VS-6766 + mTORi (Everolimus)



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VS-6766 + CDK4/6i (Palbociclib)





Reference: Coma et al., RAS-Targeted Drug Discovery, Feb 2021

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Combination of VS-6766 with anti-EGFR mAb induces tumor regression in a KRAS mt Colorectal PDX model



Clinical Program Targeting the RAS Pathway in Additional Indications

INDICATION	REGIMEN	STUDY NAME	PRECLINICAL	PHASE I	PHASE 2	PHASE 3
R/R pancreatic cancer ¹	VS-6766 + defactinib	FRAME				
Metastatic uveal melanoma ¹	VS-6766 + defactinib	IST				
ER+ breast cancer ^{1,2}	VS-6766 + abemaciclib + fulvestrant	IST			Ĩ	
KRAS mt colorectal cancer ¹	VS-6766 + cetuximab	IST				
BRAF mt (non-V600E) Papillary & anaplastic thyroid cancer ^{1,2}	VS-6766	IST			I	
Metastatic Castrate-resistant Prostate Cancer ^{1,2}	VS-6766 (+/- darolutamide)	IST			I	
BRAF mt melanoma ^{1,2}	VS-6766 + pembrolizumab	IST				



¹ Investigator-sponsored trial ²In preparation/planning **38**

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Key Financial Statistics

As of and for the quarter ended March 31, 2022

Cash, cash equivalents & investments	\$106M
Non-GAAP Operating Expenses	\$18M
Shares Outstanding	186M
Notice of Financia III C. Credit Facilities	

Oxford Finance LLC Credit Facility

L	oan	Trancl	hes	Event

- A \$25M At closing
- B \$15M COPIKTRA PTCL approval in U.S. or \$50M equity proceeds
- C \$25M LGSOC accelerated or full approval
- D \$35M \$50M product revenue on six months trailing basis
- E \$50M Lender discretion
- Total \$150M

Interest rate: floating rate, which is subject to a floor and a cap; 5% final payment charge, and loan subject to 1-3% early payment fee

Term: 5 Years; Interest only two years initially, extendable up to four years based on achievement of milestones **Financial covenants:** None

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* QI 2022 GAAP operating expenses - \$19.6M minus QI 2022 stock compensation - \$1.6M = \$18.0M QI 2022 non-GAAP operating expenses

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KRAS G12V and G12D Represent ~50% of KRAS Mutations across Human Cancers

VS-6766 and FAK inhibitor combination leads to more robust anti-tumor efficacy in vivo

References: ¹ Coma AACR 2021; ² Krebs AACR 2021

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Overcoming Key Resistance Mechanisms to MEK Inhibitors

Pharmacokinetic Profiles of VS-6766 + Defactinib in Combination Similar to that seen in Single Agent Studies

VS-6766

Cohort	Dose (mg)	N	Subject	AUC _{0-24h} (h*ng/mL)	C _{max} (ng/mL)
	3.2	2	Mean	6179	354
	(with 200mg VS)	3	CV%	32.1	30.4
2	2a 4 (with 200mg VS)	5) 5	Mean	5353	289
Za			CV%	15.8	16.0
2b	3.2 (with 400mg VS)	I	FRA101-007	3302	229

Defactinib

Cohort	Dose (mg)	N	Subject	AUClast (h*ng/mL)	Cmax (ng/mL)
	200 (with 3.2mg RO) 3		Mean	2071	273
I		3	CV%	103	80
200 2a (with 4mg RO)			Mean	2252	318
	5	CV%	124	117	
			Mean	2807	360
2b	400 (with 3.2mg RO)	3	CV%	31	32

Reference: Banerji, AACR VM I, April 27, 2020, CT143

NSCLC Responses with VS-6766 + Defactinib Combination (n=20) Confirmed responses in 2/2 patients with KRAS G12V mt NSCLC Tumor reduction in 4/6 patients with KRAS G12C mt NSCLC

Target exposure for preclinical tumor regression is covered by twice weekly dosing of 4 mgVS-6766 3 wks on/1 wk off

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References: Martinez-Garcia et al., Clin Cancer Res 2012; Coma et al. AACR 2021

Status: Combination of VS-6766 with Everolimus (mTOR inhibitor)

- Synergy of VS-6766 + everolimus observed broadly across cancer cell lines with various KRAS mutation variants
- A well-tolerated RP2D for VS-6766 + everolimus has been established with intermittent dosing of both agents (twice weekly; 3 wks on/1 wk off)
- KRAS mutant NSCLC expansion cohort is currently ongoing with VS-6766 + everolimus

Reference: Coma et al., RAS-Targeted Drug Discovery, Feb 2021

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VS-6766 monotherapy has shown clinical activity in several cancer indications, including NSCLC

VS-6766 upregulates MHC Class I antigens on tumor cells: a mechanism for potentiation of I/O efficacy

VS-6766 enhances tumor growth inhibition when combined with anti-PD-I in the CT26 KRAS (GI2D) syngeneic model

Strong Patent Protection

- COM for VS-6766 to 2027 & defactinib to 2028, Hatch Waxman should extend to 2032
- VS-6766 intermittent dosing regimen until 2038 if granted
- FAK/MEK combination to 2035
- VS-6766/defactinib combination until 2040 if granted
- Method of manufacture for VS-6766 to 2032
- · Other activity related to patent protection is ongoing and will continue into the future

Experienced Senior Management Team

Verastem Oncology Provides Update on RAMP 201 Study Evaluating VS-6766 ± Defactinib in Low-Grade Serous Ovarian Cancer

Interim Analysis Findings Support Continued Evaluation of Both Monotherapy and Combination Therapy

Encouraging Efficacy Results Include Independently Confirmed Responses in Both KRAS Mutant and KRAS Wild-Type Tumors with No New Safety Signals Observed

Substantial Majority (~80%) of Patients Remain on Therapy; Timing of Go Forward Treatment Regimen Selection Driven by Data Maturity

BOSTON – June 06, 2022 – Verastem Oncology (Nasdaq: VSTM), a biopharmaceutical company committed to advancing new medicines for people living with cancer, today announced an update from an interim analysis of its international Phase 2 RAMP 201 trial evaluating VS-6766 ± defactinib in recurrent low-grade serous ovarian cancer (LGSOC), regardless of KRAS status.

Verastem recently completed a planned interim analysis of its RAMP 201 trial with the goal of selecting a go forward treatment regimen of either VS-6766 monotherapy or VS-6766 in combination with defactinib. The analysis indicated encouraging efficacy results with confirmed responses by independent review in patients treated with VS-6766 monotherapy and patients treated with VS-6766 in combination with defactinib. The findings also include confirmed responses by independent review in both KRAS mutant and KRAS wild-type LGSOC. To date, there have been no additional safety signals with a continued favorable safety profile in both the monotherapy and combination treatment arms with approximately 6% of patients discontinuing due to adverse events.

With a substantial majority (approximately 80%) of patients remaining on study treatment with a median duration of follow-up of four months, the Company has concluded that the data from the interim analysis are not mature enough to make a final decision on the go forward treatment regimen at this time and the trial will continue with all four cohorts (VS-6766 ± defactinib in KRAS mutant and KRAS wild type patient populations).

"We are encouraged by the positive anti-tumor activity that we have seen to date in the RAMP 201 trial in patients with both KRAS mutant and KRAS wild-type tumors. We look forward to evaluating a more mature data set and expect to provide an update on progress once the go forward treatment regimen has been determined," said Brian Stuglik, Chief Executive Officer, Verastem Oncology. "This interim analysis adds to our optimism about the potential for VS-6766 with or without defactinib and our commitment to advancing the first new treatment specifically developed and approved for women with low-grade serous ovarian cancer where a high medical need remains."

The Company plans to complete enrollment of all four cohorts of the trial in the second half of this year. Each cohort is expected to have approximately 36 patients for a total of 144 patients.

Both VS-6766 and defactinib are in late-stage development and the combination has received Breakthrough Therapy Designation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of all patients with recurrent low-grade serous ovarian cancer regardless of KRAS status after one or more prior lines of therapy, including platinum-based chemotherapy.

About the VS-6766/Defactinib Combination

VS-6766 is a RAF/MEK clamp that induces inactive complexes of MEK with ARAF, BRAF and CRAF potentially creating a more complete and durable anti-tumor response through maximal RAS pathway inhibition. In contrast to currently available MEK inhibitors, VS-6766 blocks both MEK kinase activity and the ability of RAF to phosphorylate MEK. This unique mechanism allows VS-6766 to block MEK signaling without the compensatory activation of MEK that appears to limit the efficacy of other inhibitors. The combination of VS-6766 and FAK inhibitor, defactinib provides RAF/MEK vertical blockade and FAK parallel inhibition to overcome key resistance mechanisms. Both VS-6766 and defactinib are in late-stage development.

Verastem Oncology is conducting Phase 2 registration-directed trials of VS-6766 alone and with defactinib in patients with recurrent LGSOC and in patients with recurrent KRAS G12V-mutant NSCLC as part of its RAMP (Raf And Mek Program) clinical trials, RAMP 201 and RAMP 202, respectively (www.ramp201study.com and www.ramp202study.com). Verastem Oncology has also established clinical collaborations with Amgen, Inc. and Mirati Therapeutics, Inc. to evaluate LUMAKRAS[™] (sotorasib) and adagrasib in combination with VS-6766 in KRAS G12C-mutant NSCLC as part of the RAMP 203 and RAMP 204 trials, respectively.

About Low-Grade Serous Ovarian Cancer

Low-grade serous ovarian cancer is a highly recurrent, chemotherapy-resistant cancer, associated with slow tumor growth and high mortality rate.¹ Approximately 6,000 women in the U.S. and 80,000 worldwide are living with this disease. Mutations in the KRAS gene are present in 35-57% cases of LGSOC.² LGSOC is most often diagnosed in women between the ages of 45-55 years and has a median survival of approximately ten years.² The majority of patients experience severe pain and complications as the disease progresses. Chemotherapy is the standard of care for this disease, with limited treatment options currently available.²

About Verastem Oncology

Verastem Oncology (Nasdaq: VSTM) is a development-stage biopharmaceutical company committed to the development and commercialization of new medicines to improve the lives of patients diagnosed with cancer. Our pipeline is focused on novel small molecule drugs that inhibit critical signaling pathways in cancer that promote cancer cell survival and tumor growth, including RAF/MEK inhibition and focal adhesion kinase (FAK) inhibition. For more information, please visit www.verastem.com.

Forward-Looking Statements Notice

This press release includes forward-looking statements about Verastem Oncology's strategy, future plans and prospects, including statements related to the potential clinical value of various of its clinical trials, the timing of commencing and completing trials, including topline data reports, and potential for additional development programs involving Verastem Oncology's lead compounds VS-6766 and

defactinib. The words "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "predict," "project," "target," "potential," "will," "would," "could," "should," "continue," "can," "promising" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. Each forward-looking statement is subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in such statement.

Applicable risks and uncertainties include the risks and uncertainties, among other things, regarding: the success in the development and potential commercialization of our product candidates, including VS-6766 in combination with other compounds, including defactinib, LUMAKRAS[™] and others; the occurrence of adverse safety events and/or unexpected concerns that may arise from additional data or analysis or result in unmanageable safety profiles as compared to their levels of efficacy; our ability to obtain, maintain and enforce patent and other intellectual property protection for our product candidates; the scope, timing, and outcome of any legal proceedings; decisions by regulatory authorities regarding labeling and other matters that could affect the availability or commercial potential of our product candidates; whether preclinical testing of our product candidates and preliminary or interim data from clinical trials will be predictive of the results or success of ongoing or later clinical trials; that the timing, scope and rate of reimbursement for our product candidates is uncertain; that third-party payors (including government agencies) may not reimburse; that there may be competitive developments affecting our product candidates; that data may not be available when expected; that enrollment of clinical trials may take longer than expected; that our product candidates will experience manufacturing or supply interruptions or failures; that we will be unable to successfully initiate or complete the clinical development and eventual commercialization of our product candidates; that the development and commercialization of our product candidates will take longer or cost more than planned; that we or Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. will fail to fully perform under the VS-6766 license agreement; that we or our other collaboration partners may fail to perform under our collaboration agreements; that we may not have sufficient cash to fund our contemplated operations; that we may be unable to obtain adequate financing in the future through product licensing, co-promotional arrangements, public or private equity, debt financing or otherwise; that Secura Bio, Inc. will achieve the milestones that result in payments to us under our asset purchase agreement with Secura Bio, Inc.; that we will be unable to execute on our partnering strategies for VS-6766 in combination with other compounds; that we will not pursue or submit regulatory filings for our product candidates; and that our product candidates will not receive regulatory approval, become commercially successful products, or result in new treatment options being offered to patients.

Other risks and uncertainties include those identified under the heading "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on March 28, 2022 and in any subsequent filings with the SEC. The forward-looking statements contained in this press release reflect Verastem Oncology's views as of the date hereof, and the Company does not assume and specifically disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

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