
**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): August 11, 2015

KURA ONCOLOGY, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

000-53058
(Commission
File Number)

61-1547851
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

11119 N. Torrey Pines Road, Suite 125, La Jolla, CA
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

92037
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (858) 500-8800

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

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Beginning on August 11, 2015, members of the management team of Kura Oncology, Inc. (the “Company”) will be providing presentation materials (the “Presentation”) to certain interested parties. A copy of the Presentation is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K and in the accompanying Exhibit 99.1 are being furnished and shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section and will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by the Company, under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified as being incorporated therein by reference. This Current Report on Form 8-K will not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information in this Current Report on Form 8-K that is being disclosed pursuant to Regulation FD.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Presentation Materials of Kura Oncology, Inc.

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.

KURA ONCOLOGY, INC.

Date: August 11, 2015

By: _____
/s/ Annette North
Annette North
Senior Vice President and General Counsel



Troy Wilson, Ph.D., J.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer
August 2015

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This presentation contains forward-looking statements. Such statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding our research and clinical development plans and projected timelines for tipifarnib, and our other programs, plans regarding regulatory filings, our expectations regarding the relative benefits of our product candidates versus competitive therapies, and our expectations regarding the therapeutic and commercial potential of our product candidates. The words “believe,” “may,” “will,” “estimate,” “plan”, “continue,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “expect,” “potential” and similar expressions (including the negative thereof), are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements relate to future events and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performances or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Each of these statements is based only on current information, assumptions and expectations that are inherently subject to change and involve a number of risks and uncertainties which include, without limitation, risks associated with the process of discovering, developing and commercializing drugs that are safe and effective for use as human therapeutics. For a discussion of the risks and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to differ, please refer to our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Our forward-looking statements in this presentation speak only as of the date this presentation is actually delivered by us in person. We assume no obligation or undertaking to update them for future events.

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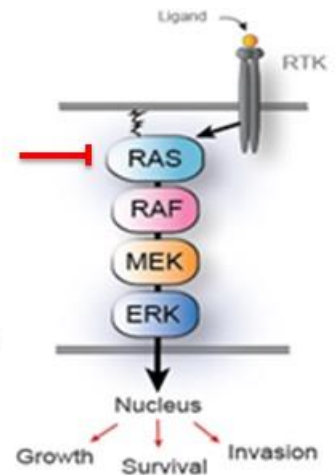


DIVERSE DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE

CANDIDATE	LEAD OPTIMIZATION	PRECLINICAL	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	Milestones
Tipifarnib <i>Farnesyl Transferase Inhibitor</i>					Initiated May 2015
					Phase 2 initiation anticipated Q3 2015
KO-947 <i>ERK inhibitor</i>					IND anticipated 1H 2016
Menin-MLL inhibitor					Development candidate anticipated 2H 2016

TIPIFARNIB – LEAD PRODUCT CANDIDATE

- Licensed worldwide rights in oncology from Janssen; subject to ROFN
- Broad development program preceded advent of precision medicine; biomarker-based patient selection
 - Studied in > 5,000 patients across a diverse range of solid and liquid tumors
 - Generally well-tolerated at selected dose and schedule
 - ORRs range from < 10-40% in unselected populations
 - Evidence of durable clinical benefit in patients
- Testing multiple hypotheses clinically to identify patient subsets to support approval
 - *HRAS* mutant solid tumors
 - Peripheral T-cell lymphoma (PTCL)
 - Evaluating additional indications for clinical development

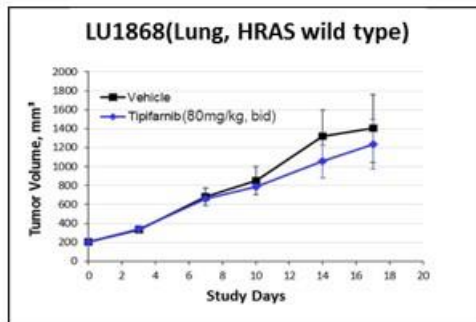
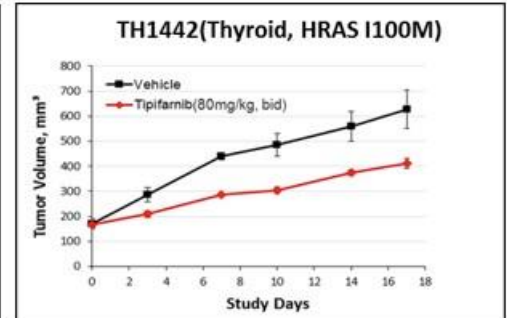
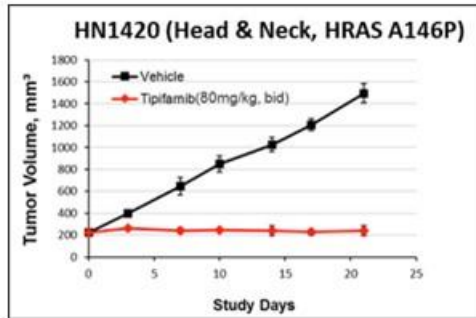
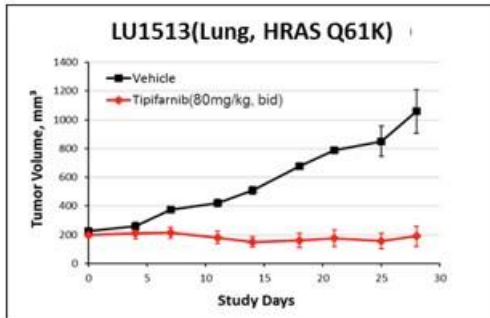


HRAS MUTATIONS ARE ENRICHED IN TUMORS

TISSUE	HRAS MUTATION FREQUENCY
Salivary gland	15%
Urinary tract	11%
Cervix	9%
Upper aerodigestive tract	9%
Prostate	6%
Skin	6%
Stomach	4%
Testis	4%
Thyroid	3%
Endocrine	3%
Bone	2%
Thymus	2%

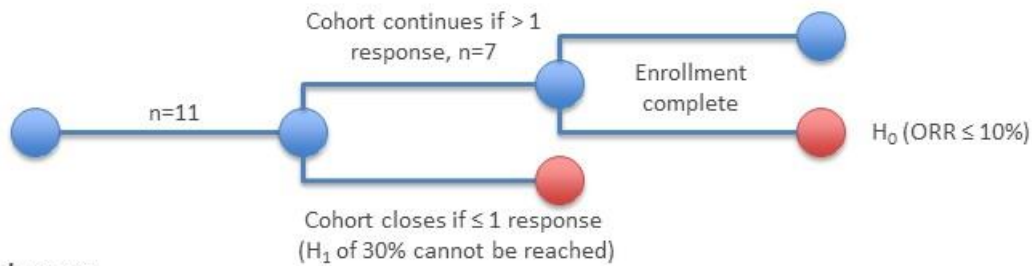
TIPIFARNIB IS ACTIVE IN PATIENT-DERIVED MODELS OF *HRAS* MUTANT TUMORS

- Tipifarnib is active and selective in patient-derived xenograft (PDX) models of *HRAS* mutant tumors; minimal activity in non-*HRAS* tumors (bottom panel)
- No approved drugs currently indicated to treat *HRAS* mutant tumors



TIPIFARNIB: ONGOING PHASE 2 STUDY IN *HRAS* MUTANT SOLID TUMORS

- Single arm, open-label, multi-centered study
 - Primary Endpoint: ORR measure by RECIST v1.1 criteria
 - Two patient cohorts
 - Cohort 1: Thyroid tumors with documented *HRAS* mutations (n=18)
 - Cohort 2: Solid tumors with documented *HRAS* mutations (n=18)



- Milestones
 - Study enrolling, first patient dosed May 2015
 - Topline data expected 2H 2016
 - If positive, potential to initiate pivotal study in 2017

HIGH PHASE 2 ACTIVITY OF TIPIFARNIB HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED IN T-CELL LYMPHOMAS



- Previous Phase 2 trial in relapsed/refractory lymphomas conducted at Mayo Clinic and U. Iowa
- High activity demonstrated in heavily pretreated patients with T-Cell and Hodgkin's Lymphoma¹

- ORR: 31%

- 81% of patients (29/36) had ≥ 4 prior therapies and 67% (24/36) prior SCT

- Safety findings across all patients (grade 3,4): 37% neutropenia, 31% thrombocytopenia, 11% anemia
- Potential to improve response rate, duration of response compared to approved 2nd line agents in PTCL

Disease Indication	n	CR n (%)	PR n (%)	ORR (%)
Overall	36	6 (17)	5 (14)	31%
Hodgkin Lymphoma	19	2 (11)	2 (11)	21%
Mycosis Fungoides	4	0 (0)	2 (50)	50%
Peripheral T-Cell Lymphoma	8	3 (38)	1 (13)	50%
Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma	5	1 (20)	0 (0)	20%

¹ Witzig T. *et al. Blood* 2011; 118:4882-9; Ding H. *et al. Blood* 2011; 118:4872-81

TIPIFARNIB – VISUAL EXAMPLES OF LESION CLEARING

On Study



After 2 months



After 3 months



Subcutaneous
Panniculitis-like T-Cell
Lymphoma
(SPTCL)

On Study



After 9 months






Mycosis Fungoides
(CTCL)

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TIPIFARNIB SHOWS ENCOURAGING ACTIVITY RELATIVE TO APPROVED AGENTS IN RELAPSED/REFRACTORY PTCL

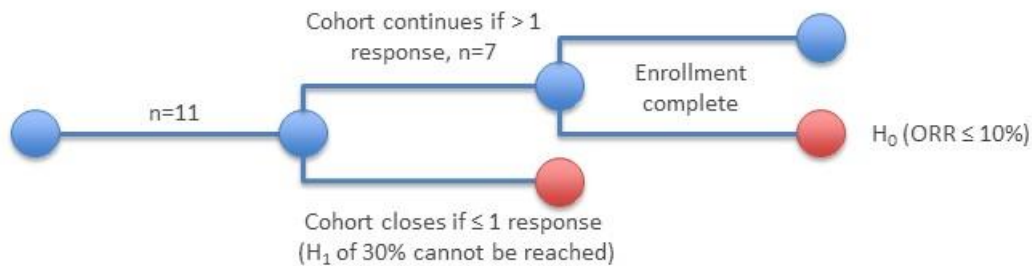


	N	Objective Response Rate (%)	Median PFS / TTP (months)	Median OS (months)
 Beleodaq [®] (belinostat) for injection <small>for relapsed/refractory PTCL</small>	120 ^{1,2}	26	1.6	7.9
 ISTODAX [®] (romidepsin) for injection	130 ^{1,2}	25	4.0	11.3
 FOLOTYN	109 ^{1,2}	27	3.5	14.5
Tipifarnib (T-cell / Hodgkin's Lymphoma)	36³	31 (including 3 CRs and 1 PR in 8 PTCL patients)	3.2	19.7

1. [Drugs@FDA.gov](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/nda/2013/014173Orig1s1.pdf). 2. Mak *et al. J. Clin. Onc.* 31:1970-6(2013) 3. Witzig *et al. Blood* 118:4882-9(2011)
Table lists data from separate studies; not head to head comparisons

- **Single arm, open-label, multi-centered study**

- Primary Endpoint: ORR measure by International Workshop Criteria
- Single patient cohort of n=18; potential for expansion to n=30



- **Milestones**

- Planned start in Q3 2015
- Topline data expected 1H 2017
- If positive, potential to initiate pivotal study in 2017

TIPIFARNIB PHASE 2 TRIALS

Development Plans

- Ongoing Phase 2 study in *HRAS* mutant tumors
- Planned Phase 2 study in Peripheral T-Cell Lymphoma
- Potential to support single-arm pivotal trials
- Evaluating additional indications for both company-sponsored and investigator-sponsored studies

Anticipated Milestones

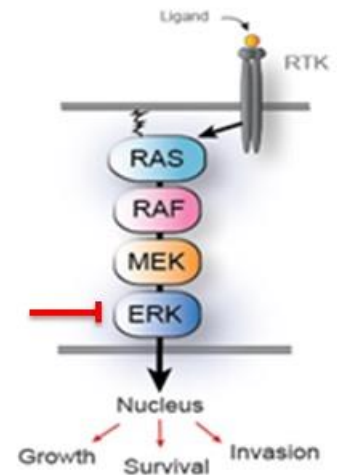
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| • Initiate Phase 2 PTCL study | Q3 2015 |
| • Topline data: <i>HRAS</i> mutant tumors | 2H 2016 |
| • Topline data: PTCL | 1H 2017 |
| • Potential to initiate pivotal studies | 2017 |

U.S. Commercial Opportunity

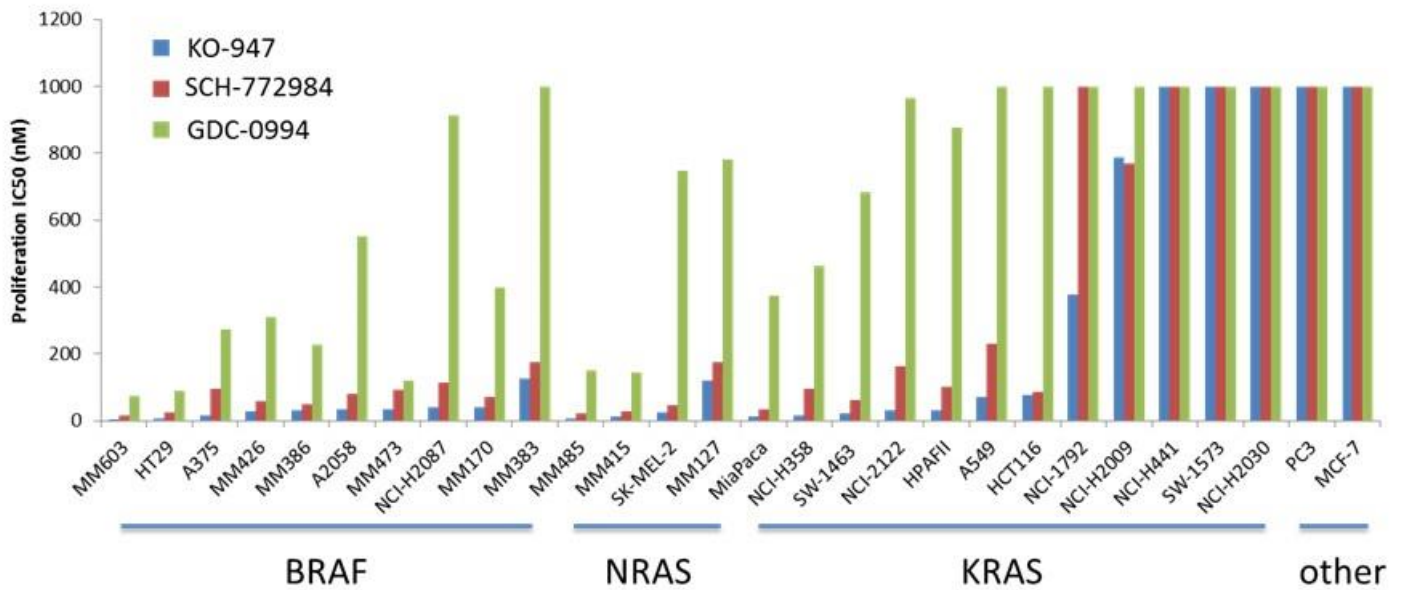
- ~ 8,000 patient annual incidence of *HRAS* mutant cancers
- ~ 7,000-10,000 patient annual incidence of PTCL

PRECLINICAL ERK INHIBITOR – KO-947

- Discovered and developed by Kura Oncology team at Araxes/Wellspring; acquired through asset purchase
- ATP active-site inhibitor of ERK
- Targets well-validated pathway that has led to multiple approved targeted oncology agents
- Aberrant signaling caused by activating mutations (*KRAS*, *NRAS*, *BRAF*) associated with numerous tumor types
- BRAF and MEK inhibitors have demonstrated high response rates, however, acquired resistance limits effectiveness
- Potential to address resistance mutations and other limitations of upstream targets

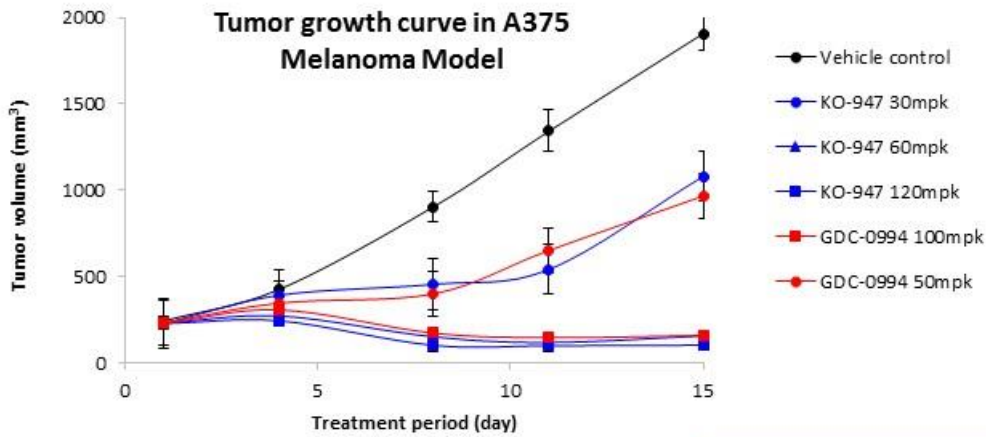


KO-947 POTENTLY INHIBITS GROWTH OF CELL LINES WITH *BRAF*, *NRAS* AND *KRAS* MUTATIONS



- KO-947 is more potent than Merck (SCH-772984) and Genentech (GDC-0994) compounds in cell lines with MAPK pathway activation due to *BRAF*, *NRAS* and *KRAS* mutations
- KO-947 is less active in non-MAPK activated cell lines

KO-947 DISPLAYS STRONG ACTIVITY IN *BRAF* MUTANT MELANOMA MODELS

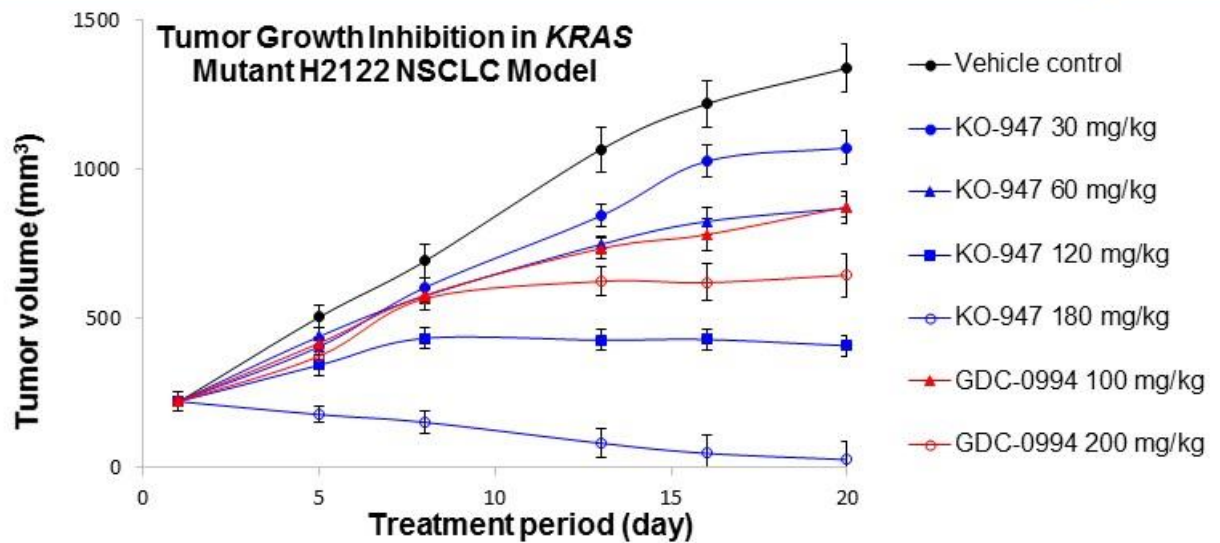


- KO-947 induced complete tumor regression at 60 mg/kg and is tolerated at 120 mg/kg
- KO-947 compares favorably to clinical-stage reference compound, GDC-0994

- KO-947 shows activity in melanoma cells with *BRAF* or *NRAS* mutations that are resistant to treatment with *BRAF* or *MEK* inhibitors

	IC ₅₀ (nM)		
	A375	NRAS	V600E
Vemurafenib	4,200	> 10,000	> 10,000
Trametinib	7	77	300
GDC-0994	285	890	760
KO-947	58	116	66

KO-947 DISPLAYS ANTI-TUMOR ACTIVITY IN *KRAS* MUTANT NSCLC TUMOR MODELS



- KO-947 induced regression at 180 mg/kg in mouse lung tumor model with *KRAS* mutation, dose is tolerated in mouse; toxicology studies on-going
- Clinical-stage reference ERK inhibitor, GDC-0994, inhibited tumor growth about 50% at dose of 200 mg/kg

KO-947: RATIONALE FOR FURTHER STUDY

Development Plans

- IND-enabling studies ongoing
- Evaluating potential lead indications

Anticipated Milestones

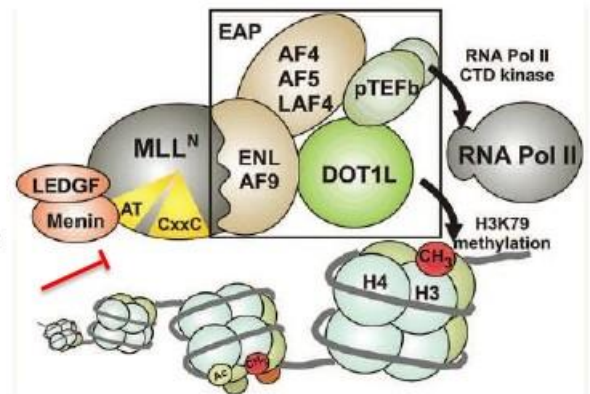
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| • IND submission | 1H 2016 |
| • Initiate Phase 1 study | 1H 2016 |

U.S. Commercial Opportunity

- *BRAF* mutant malignant melanoma annual incidence: 5,000
- *KRAS* mutant tumors annual incidence
 - Pancreatic cancer: 45,000
 - Colorectal cancer: 53,000
 - Non-small cell lung cancer: 23,000

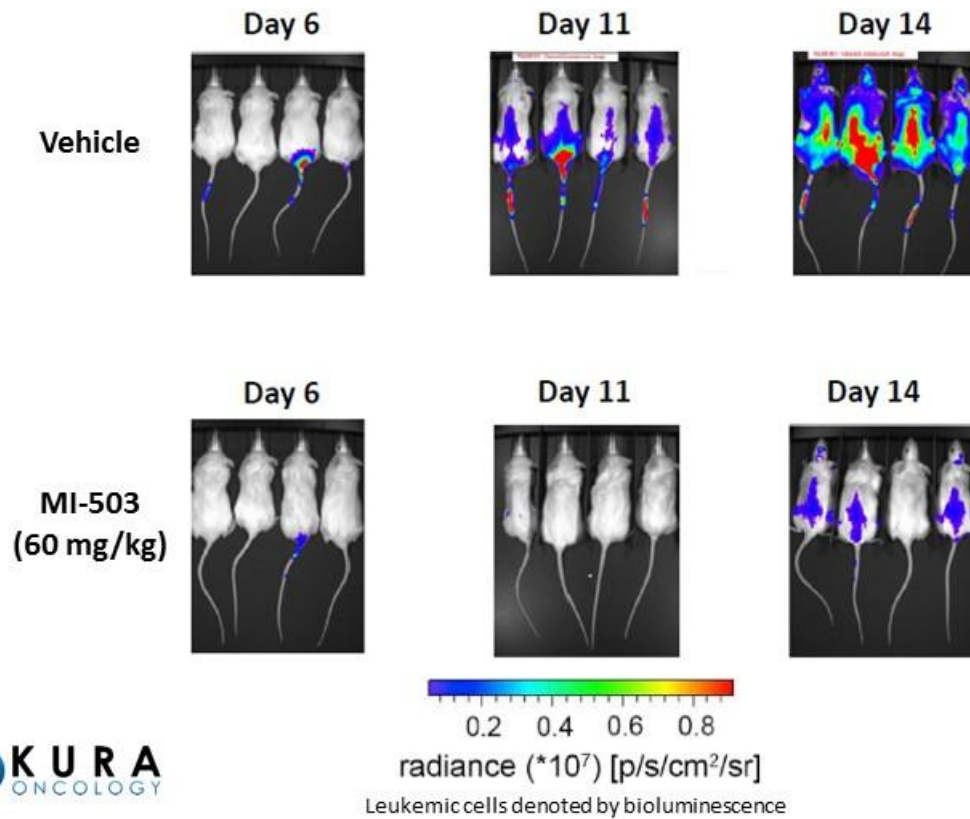
MENIN-MLL INHIBITOR PROGRAM

- Licensed worldwide rights from University of Michigan
- Chromosomal translocations of the *MLL* gene play a causative role in the onset, development and progression of a subset of acute leukemias
- Potential first-in-class program targeting the menin-MLL interaction for treatment of MLL-rearranged and MLL-PTD AML and ALL
- 3,200 patients with MLL-rearranged and MLL-PTD in the U.S.
- Opportunities to target menin overexpression in additional tumor types



IN VIVO ACTIVITY OF MENIN-MLL INHIBITORS IN MODELS OF DISSEMINATED LEUKEMIA

Transplantation with MV4;11 (MLL-AF4)



EXPERIENCED MANAGEMENT TEAM

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SOLID FINANCIAL FOUNDATION

- Private Placement and Transition to Public Company
 - \$60 million raise led by EcoR1 Capital
 - Fidelity Management & Research Company
 - Arch Venture Partners
 - Boxer Capital of Tavistock Life Sciences
 - Partner Fund Management
 - NextTech Invest
 - Includes conversion of \$7.5M convertible notes
 - Completed reverse merger to become public reporting company
- Upcoming Financial Events
 - Seeking OTC quotation
 - Potential for uplisting to NASDAQ or NYSE
- Q1/2015 cash balance: \$53.6 million

DIVERSE PIPELINE WITH POTENTIAL FOR NEAR-TERM VALUE-CREATING MILESTONES



PROGRAM	EVENT	ANTICIPATED TIMING
Tipifarnib	Initiate Phase 2 clinical trial in PTCL	Q3 2015
KO-947	IND submission	1H 2016
KO-947	Initiate Phase 1 clinical trial	1H 2016
Tipifarnib	Topline data from Phase 2 clinical trial in <i>HRAS</i> mutant tumors	2H 2016
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