

## Beam @ ASH 2024

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## OUR VISION IS TO PROVIDE LIFE-LONG CURES for patients suffering from serious diseases





POTENTIAL FOR one-time, curative therapies GENE EDITING FOR rare and common diseases PLATFORM FOR rapidly programmable precision medicines



The central hypothesis behind Beam: Base editing is more precise, efficient, predictable and versatile than nucleases





## Advancing a diversified pipeline into the clinic



PROGRAM / DISEA	SE	DELIVERY	EDITING APPROACH	RESEARCH	LEAD OPTIMIZATION	IND ENABLING	PHASE I/II	PIVOTAL
BEAM-101	Sickle Cell Disease (SCD)	<i>Ex vivo</i> HSC	Activation of fetal hemoglobin (HbF)					
ESCAPE (BEAM-103 & BEAM-104)	Sickle Cell Disease Beta Thalassemia	<i>Ex vivo</i> HSC	Multiplex HbF edit + CD117 edit- antibody pair					
BEAM-302	Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (AATD)	<i>In vivo</i> LNP	Correction of E342K mutation					
BEAM-301	Glycogen Storage Disease 1a (GSD1a)	<i>In vivo</i> LNP	Correction of R83C mutation					
BEAM-201	T-ALL / T-LL and CD7+ AML	<i>Ex vivo</i> T cells	Multiplex silenced CD7 CAR-T					
Pfizer collaborati	on target	In vivo LNP	Undisclosed					
Apellis collabora	tion target	<i>In vivo</i> LNP	Undisclosed					

LNP = Lipid Nanoparticle; HSC = Hematopoietic Stem Cell; T-ALL / TLL = T-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia / T-Cell Lymphoblastic Lymphoma; AML = Acute Myeloid Leukemia; ESCAPE: Engineered Stem Cell Antibody Paired Evasion

Two platforms with potential to create transformative therapies and significant value creation



### Hematology

- Best-in-class potential for BEAM-101 for sickle cell disease (SCD)
- Increased probability of technical success for ex vivo gene editing and fetal hemoglobin (HbF) upregulation
- Identified FDA regulatory pathway
- ESCAPE has potential to eliminate chemotherapy from transplant, expanding reach of base editing to more patients
- Platform for future hematology pipeline

## Initial data at ASH

## **Liver Genetic Diseases**

- Best-in-class potential for BEAM-302 for alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency (AATD)
- Increased probability of technical success for in vivo lipid-nanoparticle (LNP) gene editing in liver
- Potential for rapid clinical proof of concept
- Clinical-stage AATD program with potential to be a one-time treatment that benefits both lung and liver disease
- Platform for future liver-targeted pipeline

## Data expected in 1H2025



## **Recent and Anticipated Catalysts**

SCD Completed Sentinel dosing and initiated expansion

**BEAM-101** 

Present initial clinical data at ASH ESCAPE SCD & BETA-THALASSEMIA

Initiate Phase 1enabling preclinical studies in 2024

Present NHP preclinical data at ASH BEAM-302 AATD

CTA cleared in the UK

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Initiate Phase 1/2 clinical trial

Present initial data in 1H2025

BEAM-301 GSD1a

Obtained U.S. IND clearance

Dose first patient in Phase 1/2 study in early 2025 BEAM-201 T-ALL / T-LL

Present initial clinical data at ASH

# What if we could develop better one-time therapies for people living with SCD?

SICKLE CELL DISEASE



Beam's multi-wave strategy is focused on developing safer, more effective and more accessible treatments for patients with SCD







### **BEAM-101: Precise HbF upregulation**

**Potentially best-in-class gene editing** Non-cutting, non-viral therapy with busulfan conditioning to address SCD with high vaso-occlusive crisis (VOC) burden

### **ESCAPE:** Multiple edits for non-genotoxic conditioning

**Designed to eliminate chemotherapy** from *ex vivo* gene therapy and expand patient population with:

- Broader range of disease severity
- Broader age range
- Increased willingness-to-treat

### *In vivo*: Base editing with hemopoietic stem cell (HSC)targeted LNPs

*In vivo* delivery would overcome need for transplantation, lower infrastructure requirements and unlock wider patient access and geographies

## Synergy between BEAM-101 and ESCAPE technology (BEAM-104 Becand BEAM-103) support efficient development in SCD



## What would an ideal outcome for BEAM-101 look like?





## **INITIAL RESULTS FROM THE BEACON CLINICAL STUDY**

A Phase 1/2 study evaluating the safety and efficacy of a single dose of autologous CD34+ base-edited hematopoietic stem cells (BEAM-101) in patients with sickle cell disease with severe vaso-occlusive crises



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# BEAM-101 uses precise base editing to increase levels of HbF



Eaton WA, Bunn HF. Blood 2017;129:2719–2726; 2. Akinsheye I, et al. Blood 2011;118:19–27; 3. Beam Therapeutics Inc. Protocol BTX-AUT-001; 4. Beam Therapeutics Inc. Investigator's brochure;
 Steinberg MH, et al. Blood 2014;123:481–485. A, adenine; BCL11A, transcription factor B-cell lymphoma/leukemia 11A; CRISPR, clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats; G, guanine; HBB, hemoglobin subunit beta; HBG, hemoglobin subunit gamma; HbF, fetal hemoglobin; HbS, sickle hemoglobin; RNA, ribonucleic acid

BEACON is a Phase 1/2 study evaluating safety and efficacy of BEAM-101 in patients with SCD and severe VOCs



### Sentinel cohort (N=3)

- ✓ Staggered start with SRC review in between
- ✓ Enrollment complete
- ✓ Dosing complete

DMC review

### **Expansion cohort**

✓ 35+ patients cleared screening and enrolled
 ✓ 11 patients dosed with the remaining in process (as of December 2, 2024)

### Key eligibility criteria

- ► Age  $\geq$ 18 to  $\leq$ 35 years
- SCD with β<sup>S</sup>/β<sup>S</sup>, β<sup>S</sup>/β<sup>0</sup>, or β<sup>S</sup>/β<sup>+</sup> genotypes
- ► ≥4 sVOCs in 24 months pre-screening
- No available matched sibling donor
- No history of overt stroke

### Key safety endpoints

- Proportion of patients with successful neutrophil engraftment
- ► Time to neutrophil engraftment
- Time to platelet engraftment

### Key efficacy endpoints

- Proportion of patients sVOC-free for 12 consecutive months
- Total Hb levels
- HbF and HbS levels
- Hemolysis parameters
- Patient-reported outcomes
- RBC function and organ damage



## **Baseline demographics and characteristics of patients** treated with BEAM-101

Baseline characteristics	N=7		
Age (years), mean (range)	22.6 (19–27)		
Sex, n (%)			
Male	4 (57.1)		
Female	3 (42.9)		
Genotype, n (%)			
β <sup>s</sup> /β <sup>s</sup>	6 (85.7)		
β <sup>S</sup> /β <sup>0</sup>	1 (14.3)		
Race, n (%)			
Black or African American	7 (100)		
Previous hydroxyurea use, n (%)	7 (100)		
Alpha globin loci genotype, n (%)			
0 deletions	4 (57.1)		
1 deletion	3 (42.9)		
Investigator-reported severe VOCs in the 2 vears prior to start of study, mean (range)	10.3 (7–13)		

Safety and efficacy analysis: N=7

Length of follow up in analysis set: 11 months (range: 1–11)

#### Data cutoff Oct 28, 2024

To gualify as a severe VOC, the event must consist of acute episodes of pain, with no medically determined cause other than a VOC that required at least 24 hours of management in a hospital or observation unit; or a visit to an emergency department, urgent care, or outpatient facility involving therapy with an opioid or IV or IM NSAID; or ACS, as defined by the acute onset of pneumonia-like symptoms (e.g., cough, fever, shortness of breath) along with new pulmonary infiltrates; or splenic sequestration crisis, as defined by left upper quadrant pain, splenic enlargement, and a decrease in Hb of ≥2 g/dL; or priapism episode, defined as a sustained, unwanted, painful erection requiring evaluation and treatment at a medical facility. ACS, acute chest syndrome; Hb, hemoglobin; IM, intramuscular; IV, intravenous; NSAID, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug; VOC, vaso-occlusive crisis 17

## **BEAM-101 treatment characteristics**

Dosing	N=7	
Number of mobilization and apheresis cycles, mean (range)	1.4 (1–2)	BEAM-101's efficient
Busulfan cumulative AUC (µg*h/mL), mean (range)	73.9 (61.8–83.2)	contributed to patients
BEAM-101 dose infused (×10 <sup>6</sup> CD34+ cells/kg) mean (range)	10.7 (3.2–23.4)	requiring few collection cycles
Duration (months) of follow up after BEAM-101 dosing, mean (range)	5.6 (1.4–11.0)	
Day of last RBC transfusion, median (range)	15 (7–122*)	

#### Data cutoff Oct 28, 2024

Therapeutic drug monitoring for busulfan was performed and dosing was adjusted based upon plasma busulfan concentrations to maintain a daily target busulfan AUC of 20 µg\*h/mL with a cumulative AUC target of 80 µg\*h/mL

\*One patient required blood transfusions up to Day 122 as part of ongoing management of critical illness; excluding this patient, the mean (range) last day of RBC transfusion is 11.8 (7–17) AUC, area under the curve; RBC, red blood cell

## **BEAM-101 treatment and engraftment characteristics**

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Day of last RBC transfusion, median (range)	15 (7–122*)	
Time to neutrophil engraftment (days), mean (range)	17.1 (15–21)	Patients had rapid neutroph
Duration of neutropenia (ANC <500 cells/µL), (days), mean (range)	6.3 (4–9)	and platelet engraftment with a low number
Time to platelet engraftment (days), mean (range)	19.1 (11–34)	of neutropenic days

#### Data cutoff Oct 28, 2024

Neutrophil engraftment defined as ANC ≥500 cells/µL for 3 consecutive days independent of growth factor support. Platelet engraftment defined as post-nadir platelet count ≥50,000 per µL on 3 separate days without receiving a platelet transfusion for at least 7 days prior to the first of the 3 measurements through to the last measurement

\*One patient required blood transfusions up to Day 122 as part of ongoing management of critical illness; excluding this patient, the mean (range) last day of RBC transfusion is 11.8 (7–17) ANC, absolute neutrophil count; AUC, area under the curve; RBC, red blood cell

# BEAM-101 and its treatment process aim to minimize mobilization and engraftment burden



mo, month; ND, neutropenic days; NE, neutrophil engraftment; P, patient; PE, platelet engraftment

--> Follow up

# **BEAM-101** initial safety data are consistent with busulfan conditioning and autologous HSCT

Patients with, n (%)	N=7
Any TEAEs	7 (100)
Related to BEAM-101	1 (14.3)
Any TEAEs ≥Grade 3	7 (100)
Related to BEAM-101	0
AEs leading to discontinuation	0
Serious TEAEs	4 (57.0)
Related to BEAM-101	0
Death	1
Related to BEAM-101	0

- Most common TEAEs (≥3 patients) included febrile neutropenia\*, stomatitis\*, skin hyperpigmentation, pharyngeal inflammation, anemia\*, edema peripheral, decreased appetite\*, headache, hypervolemia, hypokalemia
- All but 1 non-serious TEAE (Grade 1 dizziness) were assessed as not related to BEAM-101
- No serious TEAEs occurred in >1 patient

### No patients have experienced any VOCs post-engraftment

#### Data cutoff Oct 28, 2024

Related events include events where investigator has assessed relationship as possibly or definitely related to BEAM-101

\*Includes events that were ≥Grade 3 in at least 3 patients

AE, adverse event; HSCT, hematopoietic stem-cell transplantation; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event

# One patient died due to respiratory failure, likely related to busulfan conditioning, 4 months after infusion

P3 medical history	• Female / 21 yrs / $\beta^{s}/\beta^{s}$ with history of SCD with ACS, severe VOCs, obstructive sleep apnea, and e-cigarette use
Conditioning and dosing	<ul> <li>Conditioned with busulfan dose of 0.8 mg/kg Q6H x 4 days, cumulative AUC of 74.2 µg•h/mL</li> <li>Busulfan dose and AUC within protocol target</li> <li>Cell dose: 6.2 ×10<sup>6</sup> CD34+ cells/kg</li> <li>Neutrophil engraftment on Day 16, platelet engraftment on Day 34</li> </ul>
Event course	<ul> <li>Admitted Day 58 with fever, vomiting, diarrhea; then developed respiratory distress with multiple pulmonary infiltrates</li> <li>Infection or hemorrhage ruled out, patient discharged home on Day 82 with steroids and nocturnal BiPAP</li> <li>Readmitted 4 days later with progressive respiratory distress, acute lung injury and pneumomediastinum consistent with idiopathic pneumonia syndrome (IPS)*, requiring mechanical ventilation</li> <li>Patient died due to refractory respiratory failure, at 4 months after BEAM-101 infusion</li> </ul>
Investigator assessment	<ul> <li>Event was not related to BEAM-101</li> <li>Fatal event of respiratory failure likely related to busulfan conditioning, which has known pulmonary toxicity, resulting in IPS</li> <li>Possible contributing factor was e-cigarette use (vaping)</li> </ul>

### The DMC concluded:

### 'The occurrence of severe pulmonary toxicity is in keeping with known risks with busulfan'

\*Defined as diffuse alveolar injury with multi-lobar pneumonia, absence of infection or other etiology (cardiac, etc.), along with hypoxemia ACS, acute chest syndrome; AUC, area under the curve; BiPAP, bilevel positive airway pressure; DMC, data monitoring committee; e-cigarette, electronic cigarette; ICU, intensive care unit; P, patient; Q6H, every 6 hours; SCD, sickle cell disease; VOC, vaso-occlusive crises

# Patients achieved rapid and robust HbF induction with corresponding HbS reduction

All patients achieved endogenous HbF >60% and HbS <40% by 1 month after BEAM-101 treatment

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#### Data cutoff Oct 28, 2024

Female total Hb LLN-ULN: 11.5-15 g/dL; Male LLN-ULN: 13-17 g/dL. Hb, hemoglobin; HbA, adult hemoglobin; HbF, fetal hemoglobin; HbS, sickle hemoglobin; LLN, lower limit of normal; ULN, upper limit of normal

# All patients had rapid and robust increases in total Hb and HbF that were sustained through follow up

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#### Data cutoff Oct 28, 2024

Female total Hb LLN-ULN: 11.5-15 g/dL; Male LLN-ULN: 13-17 g/dL Hb, hemoglobin; HbF, fetal hemoglobin; F, female; M, male

## Pancellular distribution of HbF observed through follow up

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#### Data cutoff Oct 28, 2024

\*Defined as the level of HbF that inhibits deoxyHbS polymerization; Steinberg MH, et al. Blood 2014;123:481–485 F-cell, HbF-containing cell; HbF, fetal hemoglobin; HbS, sickle hemoglobin; M, month; MCH, mean corpuscular hemoglobin; P, patient Visit Poster 4957 on Dec 9th for further details on HbF and HbS expression and biomarker analyses exploring RBC health and function from the BEACON study High editing rates in peripheral blood following BEAM-101 treatment indicate successful engraftment and persistence of gene-edited cells

High % editing in BEAM-101 drug product			
Patient	On-target A-to-G editing (%)		
1	93		
2	92		
3	90		
4	93		
5	92		
6	94		

Early data show consistent high levels of persistent editing in peripheral blood after BEAM-101 treatment

![](_page_25_Figure_3.jpeg)

#### Data cutoff Oct 28, 2024

Percent of target bases that undergo A-to-G edit; Percent of editing from the drug product release is measured at day 14 of in vitro erythroid differentiation by NGS, NGS, next-generation sequencing; P, patient

### Hemolysis markers normalized or improved following BEAM-101 treatment

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Reference range: 0.3-2.0 g/L 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 2 3 6 0 5 9 After BEAM-101 treatment (months) N=7 7 6 5 6 3 2 2

Haptoglobin (g/L ± SD)

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#### Data cutoff Oct 28, 2024

\*Reference range shows lower limit of normal for male/female; higher limit of normal for male. SD, standard deviation

## Conclusions

- Patients treated with BEAM-101 required a low number of mobilization cycles, and achieved rapid neutrophil and platelet engraftment with low number of neutropenic days
- Initial safety data with BEAM-101 are consistent with busulfan conditioning and autologous HSCT, with no VOCs reported by investigators post-engraftment
- All patients achieved rapid and robust increases in total Hb and HbF; pancellular distribution of HbF was maintained above protective thresholds through follow up
- All patients achieved rapid and robust decrease in HbS, and markers of hemolysis were normalized or improved

Initial data from the BEACON study demonstrate the potential of base editing and show that treatment with BEAM-101 results in robust and sustained **increases in HbF expression** and **resolution of anemia** in SCD patients

## BEAM-101 Clinical Exploratory Biomarkers

AMY SIMON, M.D., CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

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# What would improved RBC health and function look like post BEAM-101 treatment?

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![](_page_29_Figure_2.jpeg)

HbF, Fetal hemoglobin; HbS, Sickle hemoglobin; RBC, Red blood cell; SCD, Sickle cell disease; SCT, Sickle Cell Trait; I-R, Ischemia Reperfusion Data cutoff 28 Oct 2024 for the biomarker data presented here.

## Exploratory red blood cell (RBC) function assays

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After BEAM-101 treatment:

- Nearly all RBCs were expressing HbF by Month 1
- Nearly all RBCs expressing solely HbS were eliminated by Month 2

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## **Exploratory red blood cell (RBC) function assays**

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- Reduction in RBC sickling (see graph) and cell adhesion to levels comparable to SCT samples (N=2)
- Other RBC function improvements include increased deformability and decreased density (N=1 at Month 6)
- Resolution of abnormal cell morphology and sickle cells by Month 6 and 4 in patients 1 and 2, respectively

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\* Median of maximum sickling observed from a 'n' of 10 sickle trait samples tested in a reference range study

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# Poster presentation on exploratory biomarkers in up to 6 patients suggest that BEAM-101 restored RBC health and function

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>98% of non-transfused RBCs express HbF at Month 1 with near complete elimination of RBCs expressing solely HbS post BEAM-101

![](_page_32_Picture_4.jpeg)

Percentage dense RBCs, blood viscosity, oxygen affinity, and RBC deformability improved post BEAM-101

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Cell adhesion reduced to significantly below the critical SCD threshold post BEAM-101 indicating a reduced risk for VOCs

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Increase in RBC cell number and resolution of abnormal RBC morphology observed post BEAM-101

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Changes in multiple sickling parameters & reduction in sickling of RBC were comparable to HbAS post BEAM-101 treatment

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Visit poster presentation (abstract #4957) on Monday, Dec. 9, 6-8 p.m.

## Rapid advancement of the BEACON Phase 1/2 study of BEAM-101

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## 35+

Adult sickle cell disease patients cleared screening and enrolled

## 20+

Patients with manufactured drug product

## 11

Patients dosed with BEAM-101

## DMC + FDA

approved enrollment of adolescents (ages 12-17 years old) in BEACON

## **ESCAPE** Program

### **GIUSEPPE CIARAMELLA, PH.D., PRESIDENT**

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# ESCAPE technology designed to bring a paradigm shift to transplant conditioning for the first time in nearly 70 years

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### 68 years of genotoxic conditioning:

- Infertility
- Secondary malignancy
- Organ toxicities

- Infection complications
- Inpatient

### **Promise of non-genotoxic conditioning**

- Prevent acute and chronic toxicities
- Preserve fertility
- Potential to be outpatient

![](_page_36_Picture_0.jpeg)

CD117 antibody conditioning and multiplex base editing enable rapid and robust fetal hemoglobin reactivation in a rhesus autologous transplantation model

66th ASH Annual Meeting Session: 801 December 8, 2024 Curative gene therapies for SCD currently require myeloablative genotoxic conditioning with busulfan prior to transplant, which have significant toxicities

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## Epitope engineering via base editing enables eHSCs to selectively ESCAPE mAb binding

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High expression in the longterm and short-term HSCs make CD117 an attractive target for immunologic conditioning

BEAM-104 = Multiplex edited eHSC

BEAM-103 = Anti-CD117 mAb

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![](_page_38_Figure_4.jpeg)

ESCAPE: Engineered Stem Cell Antibody Paired Evasion

**Cell Survives** 

**eHSC** 

Edited CD34 cell (BEAM-104) Escapes BEAM-103 Normal signaling

![](_page_38_Figure_8.jpeg)

Cell survives HBG1/2 editing leads to HBG induction 39

## Multiplex editing and $\gamma$ -globin induction achieved in vitro

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- ► >90% bulk CD117 and HBG1/2 editing
- Comparable to single-plex editing rates for each target site
- Single clonal analysis showed majority (>90%) of the clones harbored CD117 edit
- No CD117 only edited cells were identified
- In vitro differentiated (IVED) multiplex edited erythroid cells yielded >50% γ-globin

- Multiplex editing led to similar editing outcomes as single-plex editing for each target site
- >50%  $\gamma$ -globin by *in vitro* differentiated erythroid cells

# Anti-CD117 mAb selectively bound with high affinity and depleted WT CD117 expressing HSCs

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- Anti-CD117 mAb showed selective binding to WT CD117 and no binding to multiple edited eHSCs
- MAb binding led to complete abrogation of WT CD117 signaling
- Multiplex edited eHSCs were protected from mAb mediated depletion in vitro

# Base-edited CD117 variant retained comparable receptor binding and function to wild-type

![](_page_41_Figure_1.jpeg)

Base-edited CD117 retained normal ligand binding, phosphorylation and internalization properties
 Anti-CD117 mAb blocked phosphorylation of WT CD117 but not of base-edited CD117

# Anti-CD117 mAb is cross-reactive to and led to depletion of Rhesus HSPCs *in vitro*

![](_page_42_Figure_1.jpeg)

## NHP autologous transplant model for our ESCAPE conditioning approach Multiplex base-editing and erythroid differentiation of Rhesus CD34+ cells

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Infusion product was manufactured with priority for maximizing total CD34+ cell dose for transplant

# mAb dosing was well tolerated with no use of transfusions/antibiotic support BEAM-1

- In contrast with busulfan conditioning, NHPs dosed with mAb demonstrated only minor dips in neutrophil counts
- Although platelet counts dropped after each mAb dose, levels recovered quickly
- Minor drops in hemoglobin upon mAb dosing recovered post-transplant
- The ESCAPE transplant strategy presented sharp contrast with busulfan conditioning as the animals remained healthy without the need for transfusion/ antibiotics or additional supportive care

![](_page_44_Figure_5.jpeg)

![](_page_44_Figure_6.jpeg)

**Days After Transplantation** 

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# NHPs dosed with mAb demonstrated rapid turnover of unedited erythroid cells and early induction of therapeutic $\gamma$ -globin levels

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- Rapid and complete replacement of erythroid cells by edited cells
- F-cell levels reached ~60% as early as 8-weeks posttransplant
- Earliest time to achieve
   ~40% γ-globin was ~8
   weeks post-transplant

BEAM-104 = Multiplex edited eHSC BEAM-103 = Anti-CD117 mAb

Rapid reactivation of fetal hemoglobin post-transplant shows promise of potential early therapeutic benefit in SCD patients

## Summary

- Busulfan-associated toxicity continues to be a major obstacle to expanding the use of autologous HSCTbased gene therapies for SCD
- The ESCAPE strategy can potentially address this unmet need by enabling HSC-targeted non-genotoxic naked anti-CD117 mAb conditioning
- The CD117 base-edit showed normal receptor function *in vitro*, and the multiplex edited eHSCs produced durable engraftment and multi-lineage reconstitution in an autologous transplant model with busulfan conditioning
- Here we present non-human primate data demonstrating proof-of-concept for ESCAPE non-genotoxic conditioning, potentially removing the requirement for toxic, myeloablative conditioning for autologous HSCT
  - We observed rapid and complete replacement of host erythroid cells by edited cells leading to early induction of therapeutically relevant levels of fetal hemoglobin (60% F-cells and 40% γ-globin as early as 8-weeks posttransplant), providing potential early therapeutic benefit in SCD patients
  - The ESCAPE transplant strategy presents a sharp contrast to busulfan-based conditioning as the animals remained healthy without the need of transfusion, antibiotics or additional supportive care

## Anticipated next steps for ESCAPE

Initiate Phase 1-enabling tox

studies by YE 2024

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## **Beam presentations at the ASH Annual Meeting**

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ORAL Initial Results from the BEACON Clinical Study of BEAM-101 in Sickle Cell Disease

Sunday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m. PT Abstract #513 ORAL Preclinical Data for ESCAPE in a Rhesus Autologous Transplantation Model

Sunday, Dec. 8, 10:45 a.m. PT Abstract #516

### POSTER Impact of BEAM-101 Treatment on Red Blood Cell Hemoglobin Expression, Rheology and Sickling Properties

Monday, Dec. 9, 6-8 p.m. PT Abstract #4957 POSTER Initial Data from the Phase 1/2 Study of BEAM-201, Multiplex Base-Edited Allogeneic Anti CD7 CAR-T-Cells

Monday, Dec. 9, 6-8 p.m. PT Abstract #4838

Available for download on the Publications page of beamtx.com

On display at San Diego Convention Center, Halls G-H and available for download on beamtx.com tomorrow at 6p.m.

## Significant progress on Beam's vision and base editing platform

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### HEMATOLOGY

- BEAM-101 showing potential for clinical differentiation in SCD
- Significant momentum
   in BEACON trial
- Opportunity to remove chemotherapy from transplant and expand SCD market with ESCAPE

## **GENETIC DISEASE**

- BEAM-302 potential to be a one-time treatment addressing both lung and liver disease in AATD
- Near-term clinical catalyst for BEAM-302 expected in 1H 2025

## **BASE EDITING**

- More precise, efficient, predictable and versatile than nucleases
- Clinically validated
- Strong translation from preclinical to clinical

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