

Tiziana Life Sciences Plc (TLSA – \$0.73*)

Buy; \$3.00 PT; \$77.6M Market Cap

Company Update

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New Preclinical Data And Recent IND Clearance Expands Value Creation Roadmap to Alzheimer's; Reit. Buy, \$3 PT

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Summary and Recommendation

We return to our Buy thesis for TLSA (Buy, \$3 PT) following a new preclinical publication validating scientific rationale for testing lead program, intranasal foralumab, in Alzheimer's disease (AD). Recently published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (PNAS) and titled, "Nasal administration of anti-CD3 monoclonal antibody ameliorates disease in a mouse model of Alzheimer disease" the new data highlights how intranasal anti-CD3 monoclonal antibody delivered 3 times per week for 5 months to 3xTg mice, a mouse model of AD, demonstrated, (1) improved cognition independent of amyloid beta (A β) reductions, (2) reduced AD symptoms, (3) reduced microglial activation, and (4) increased regulatory T cells in the periphery (Lopes et al. 2023). Recall this is the second publication pertaining to intranasal anti-CD3 monoclonal antibody to be published in PNAS this year, with the first, "Nasal administration of anti-CD3 mAb (foralumab) downregulates *NKG7* and increases *TGFB1* and *GIMAP7* expression in T cells in subjects with COVID-19" highlighting the immunological basis for intranasal foralumab's mechanism of action (MOA), aiding in defining the increasing overlap of potentially treatable disease states, as evidenced in new PNAS AD data, as well as ongoing MS study (Moreira et al. 2023; 5/5 Note).

Separately, recent FDA IND clearance allows TLSA to initiate a 3-month Ph. II, placebo-controlled trial in mild-to-moderate Alzheimer's disease patients at doses similar to current MS doses, i.e., 50 mg to 100 mg, to assess microglial activation. Expected to begin screening this year at Brigham and Women's Hospital, TLSA plans to report data in 2024. TLSA also anticipates disclosing additional 6-month MS data from expanded access patients 3-6 (EA3-6) imminently, with fulsome patient-level data disclosure planned for ECTRIMS'23 conference (10/11-13) including (1) disability scores, i.e., EDSS, 25 ft walk, and fatigue score; (2) biomarker data, i.e., CSF readouts on NFL, etc., interleukins and cytokines; and (3) QoL scores. Importantly, we view these data as aiding in the derisking of the upcoming 3-month Ph. IIa placebo-controlled study in MS, which is expected to begin enrolling this year, and readout 4Q24 (6/7 Note; Exhibit 1).

Key Points

- **Foralumab's novel anti-CD3 mediated T cell neuromodulatory effect mechanistically well-suited to thrive in fast-evolving Alzheimer's landscape.** Digging in deeper, newly presented data describes how following 1 μ g/mouse intranasal anti-CD3 monoclonal antibody treatment 3X per week for five months in one-month-old 3xTg mice (Exhibit 2) ameliorates the disease phenotype compared to either isotype control (IC) or phosphate-buffered saline (PBS). Data here demonstrated that intranasal foralumab led to an upregulation of M0 related genes, representative of a resting phenotype, in both males and females, e.g., *Nfkb1*, *Mertk*, *Jun*, *Cx3cr1*, and *Mafb*, while control or isotype control led to increases in MGnD (neurodegenerative microglia) and inflammation related genes, e.g., *Trem2*, *Apoe*, *Clec7a*, *Csf1*, and *Ccl2* all associated with MGnD, and similar to DAM (disease-associated microglia) (Exhibit 3). Additionally, data also showed an expansion of CD4+IL10+ Tregs in the spleen in males and females and in the cervical lymph nodes in treated males but not females in the periphery (Exhibit 4). (Continued on the next page...)

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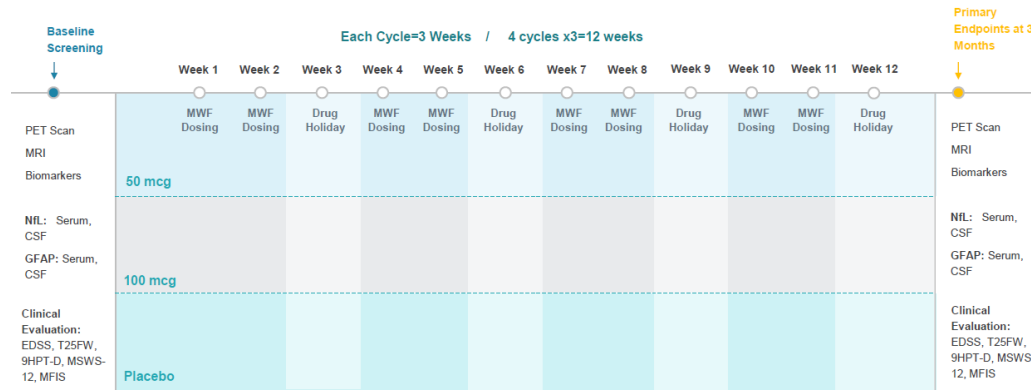
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- An increased number of CD3+ T cells were found in the brain, represented by an increased number of CD4+ T cells, but with no meaningful change of CD8+ cells (Exhibit 5). Importantly, these changes led to improvements in cognition as demonstrated in significant improvements in males ($p=0.001$) and females ($p=0.04$) in the morris water maze (MWM), including reduced latency to target in both sexes ($p<0.05$) and increases number of transitions to platform, which reached significance in males ($p<0.05$; Females $p=0.248$) (Exhibit 6). Cognitive improvements were also found following the Y-maze test, with females demonstrating exploring similar to wildtype mice and significant improvements over isotype controls ($p<0.05$). Interestingly, cognitive improvements were found to be independent of amyloid clearance, highlighted by no changes in intracellular amyloid beta ($A\beta$) in the CA1 of the hippocampus, prefrontal cortex (PC), and retrosplenial cortex (RSC) (Exhibit 7), as well as in $A\beta$ oligomers (Exhibit 8), collectively suggesting a therapeutic potential as a mono- or combo therapy approach.

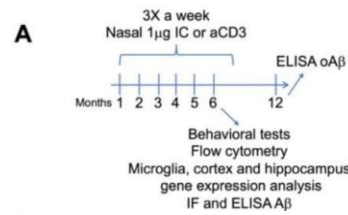
Exhibit 1. Ph. II Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Design

Phase 2a Study Design in SPMS: Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Intranasal foralumab dosing (n=54); 18 patients per treatment arm



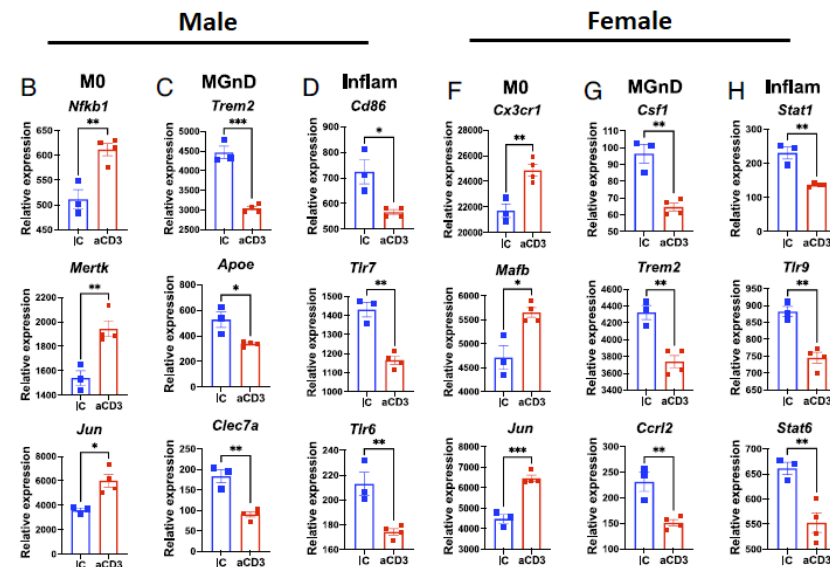
Source: Tiziana company filings.

Exhibit 2. Experiment Design of Preclinical Alzheimer’s disease Mouse Study



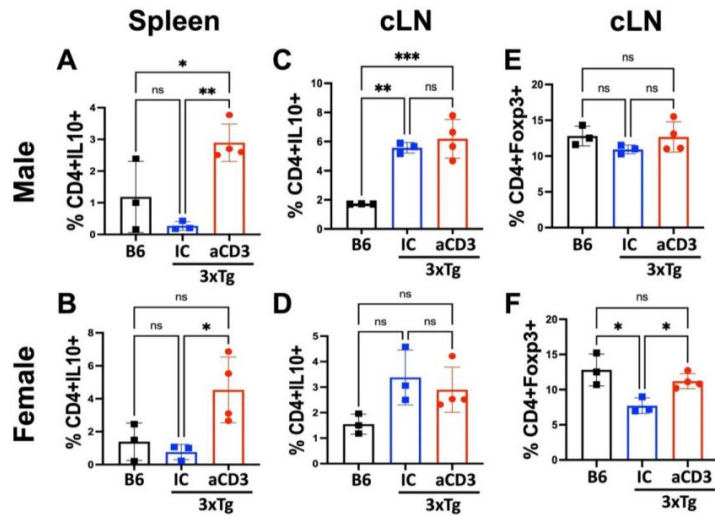
Source: Lopes et al. 2023. PNAS.

Exhibit 3. Increased “Resting” Microglia and Reduced Diseased Microglia following Anti-CD3 mAb Treatment



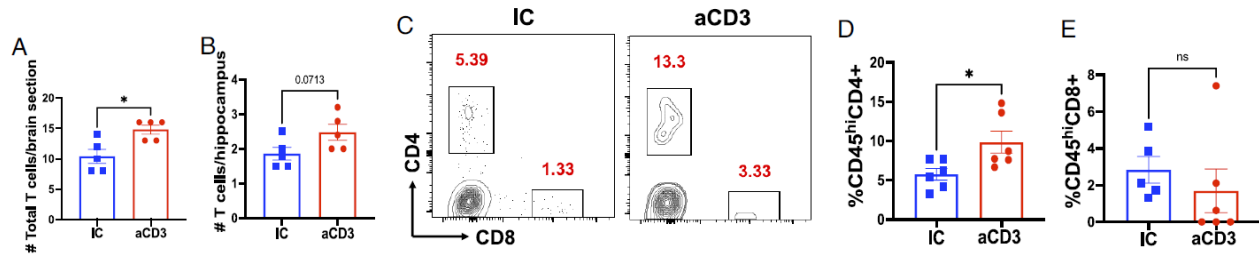
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Exhibit 4. Anti-CD3 mAb Treatment Leads to Expanded Peripheral T cells



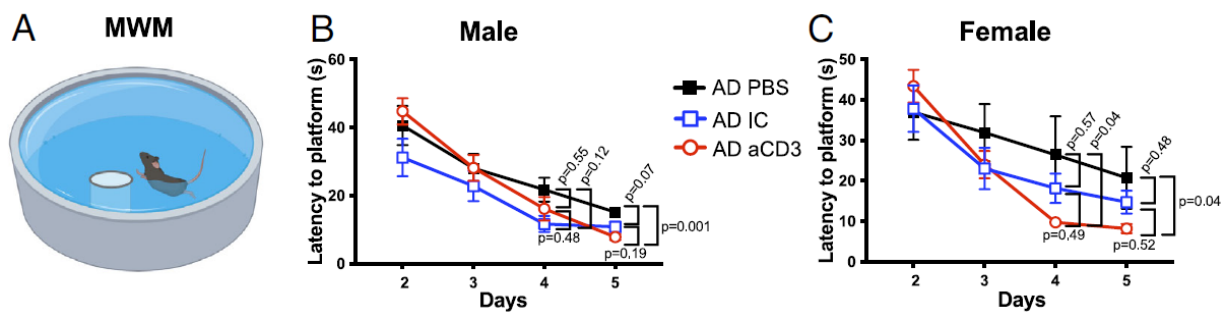
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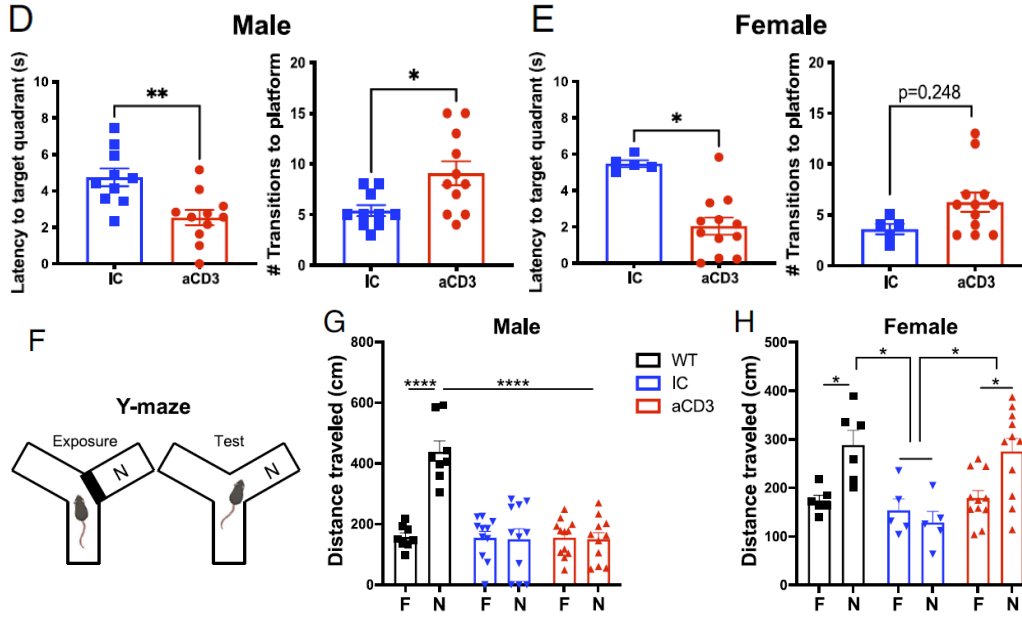
Exhibit 5. Anti-CD3 mAb Treatment Leads to Expanded CD4+ T cells in The Brain



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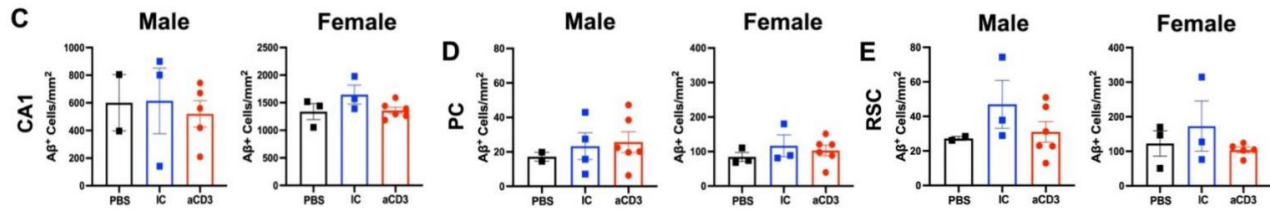
Exhibit 6. Cognitive Improvements Found in Mice Post Anti-CD3 mAb Treatment





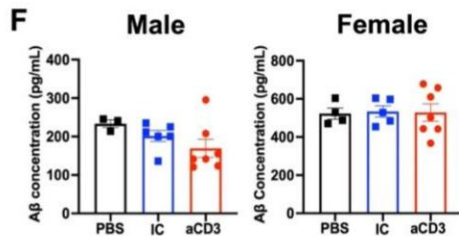
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Exhibit 7. Anti-CD3 mAb Treatment Does not Impact Amyloid Beta Levels



Source: Lopes et al. 2023. PNAS.

Exhibit 8. Anti-CD3 mAb Treatment Does not Impact Oligomeric Amyloid Beta Levels



Source: Lopes et al. 2023. PNAS.

Valuation

We base our Buy rating and 12-month \$3 PT per share on a discounted cash flow (DCF) analysis of revenue and cash flow projection through 2030. Our projections of free cash flow to the firm from sales of nasal foralumab for non-active SPMS are adjusted and weighted based on historical regulatory approval rates of similar treatments at similar stages of development. Our DCF analysis applies a WACC-calculated 14.5% discount rate and a 2% terminal growth rate, in line with other clinical-stage biotech companies, yielding an implied enterprise value of \$63M. For 2030, the final projected year of our model, we forecast \$173M in total risk-adjusted revenue, which assumes a 25% probability of clinical and regulatory success for nasal foralumab.

Risks

Clinical risks. It is uncertain whether the clinical benefit observed in the clinical studies for foralumab and future registrational trials will be sufficient to support regulatory approval in the U.S., Europe, and other countries. Negative safety and/or efficacy findings in these trials could lead to downward revisions to our price target.

Regulatory risks. The regulatory pathway for all of TLSA's programs in the U.S. is uncertain, and it is unclear whether positive data will be sufficient for a New Drug Application (NDA) submission for each program in the U.S. Additionally, there is no certainty that any of TLSA's drugs will be approved or reimbursed. If the regulatory path for TLSA's candidates is more complex and/or time-consuming than anticipated, there could be a materially negative impact to our estimates and price target, even with success in achieving clinical endpoints.

IP risks. The patent protection related to foralumab and other candidates may expire in the near term and be subject to litigations from competitors. For example, the methods of use patent, pertaining to autoimmune or Inflammatory disease and disorder, for foralumab is expected to expire in 2025.

Commercialization risks. The market potential of TLSA's therapies may not be as significant as projected. In addition, TLSA will need to establish a sales and medical affairs infrastructure in the U.S., Europe, and other geographies for foralumab and other pipeline candidates.

Financing risk. With approximately \$18M in cash and cash equivalents, TLSA will likely need to raise additional capital for continued clinical and preclinical candidate development, perhaps via additional equity financing, before reaching profitability, likely resulting in equity share dilution.

Stock price volatility. Share price volatility is common for developmental biopharma firms like Tiziana Life Sciences.

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