

**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 4, 2020**

**Cue Biopharma, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-38327**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**47-3324577**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**21 Erie St., Cambridge, Massachusetts**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**02139**  
(Zip Code)

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code): (617) 949-2680**

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	CUE	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

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

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.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On June 4, 2020, Cue Biopharma Inc. presented at the Jefferies Virtual Healthcare Conference. The materials for this presentation are furnished as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information contained in this Item 7.01 of this report is being furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information in this Item 7.01 shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Exhibit  
No.

Description

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[Cue Biopharma Corporate Presentation, Jefferies Virtual Healthcare Conference, June 4, 2020, furnished herewith](#)

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

**Cue Biopharma, Inc.**

Date: June 5, 2020

By: /s/ Daniel R. Passeri

Name: Daniel R. Passeri

Title: Chief Executive Officer



# Corporate Presentation

Immune Responses, On Cue™

Nasdaq: CUE

# Forward-Looking Statements

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## Disruptive Platform for T Cell Modulation *In Vivo*

- Distinct mechanism of action for selective modulation of disease-relevant T cells directly in a patient's body
- Modular therapeutic frameworks targeting cancer and autoimmune disease
- Industry-standard manufacturing, without need for ex vivo manipulation

## Focused Execution Against Platform Validation

- CUE-101 in Phase 1 for R/M HPV+ head and neck cancer with initial data in 1H 2020
- Platform modularity demonstrated through CUE-102 for WT1-associated cancers as well as targeting KRAS with Immuno-STAT framework
- Neo-STAT capability enhances R&D efficiency and expands the landscape of clinical utility

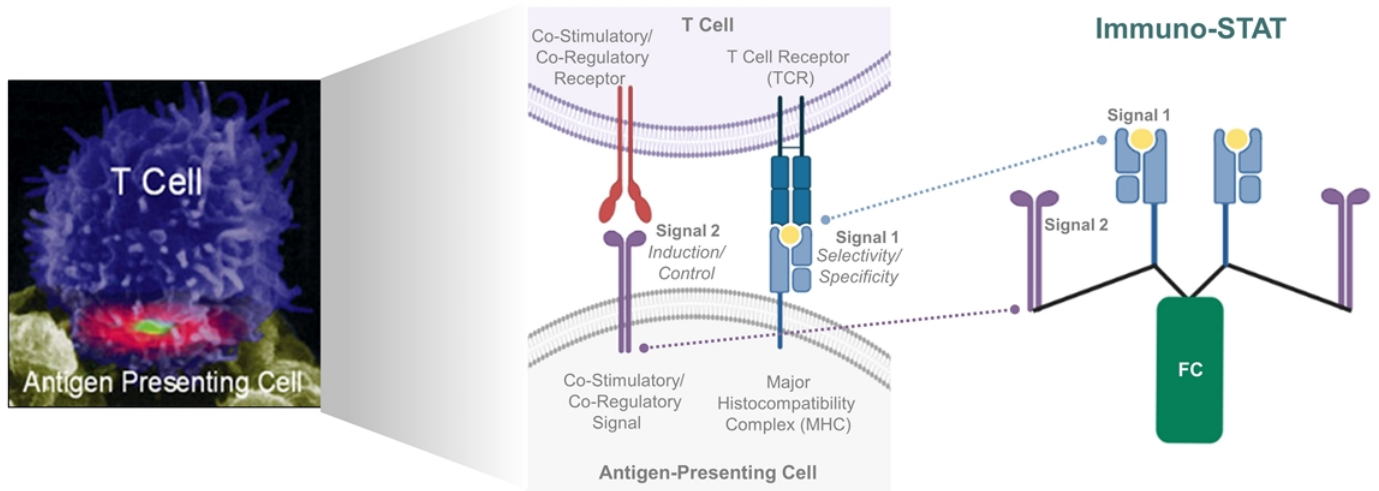
## Strategic Partnerships to Accelerate Expansion

- LG Chem collaboration to expand IL-2 based CUE-100 series in immuno-oncology
- Merck collaboration to establish proof of mechanism for Immuno-STAT platform in autoimmune disease

Strong financial position supports key readouts from ongoing CUE-101 clinical study and further expansion of Immuno-STAT platform



# Emulating Nature's Cues to Selectively Modulate T Cells



Rationally engineered Immuno-STAT biologics selectively target and modulate the activity of disease-relevant T cells

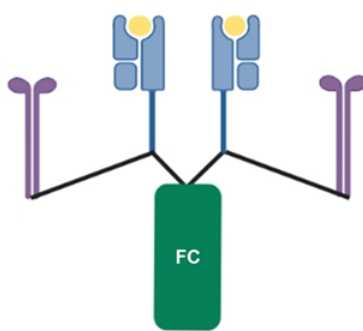


# Immuno-STAT Modularity



**Peptide**  
Peptide epitopes to target different diseases

**MHC**  
Different HLA alleles to address global patient populations



**Co-stim/Co-reg**  
Distinct biological signals, including cytokines; cell-surface receptors; and/or other targeting modalities (e.g., scFv, etc.)

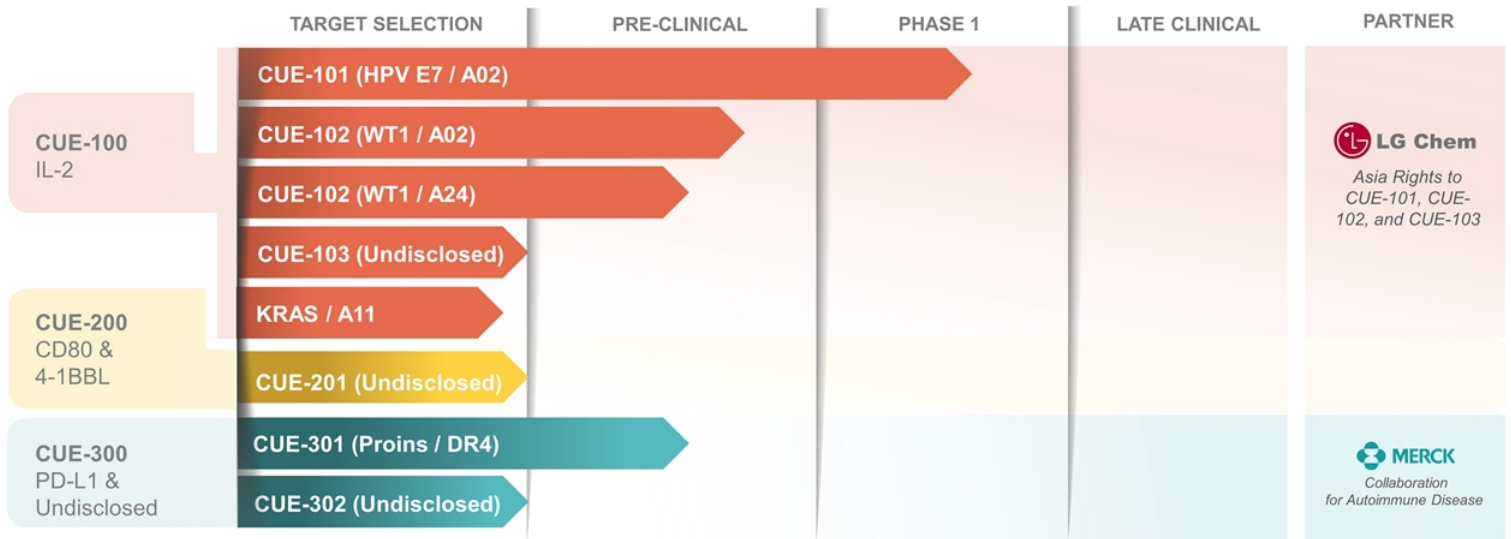
**Fc Backbone**  
Fc engineering to dial in or out biological and effector functions

Combinatorial diversity presents potential to generate therapeutic molecules for a broad set of diseases and patient populations

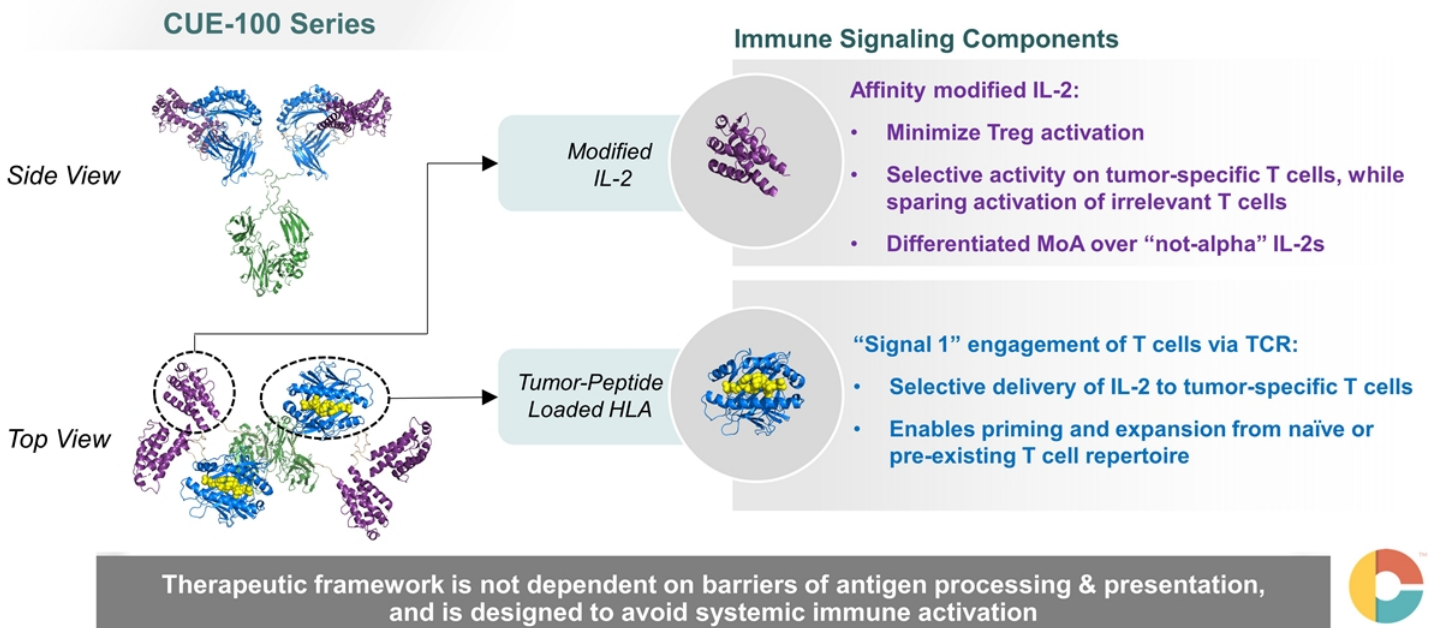




# Pipeline

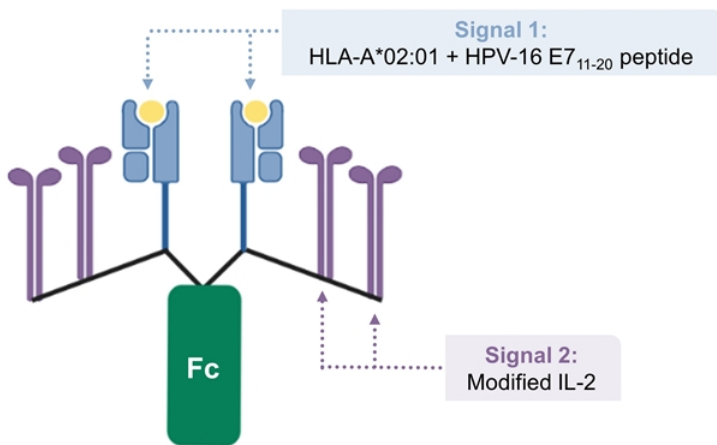


# CUE-100 Series: Exploiting IL-2 via Rational Protein Design



# CUE-101: Lead Clinical Candidate for HPV-Driven Malignancies

## CUE-101 Immuno-STAT Design



## Clinical Rationale

- CUE-101 is designed to selectively prime and expand HPV-specific T cells in vivo
- HPV is recognized as a growing driver of head and neck cancer and is now responsible for over 70% of oropharyngeal cancers in the US and EU
- Despite treatment with current standards of care, more than 50% of patients with advanced disease will experience recurrence with significant quality of life impacts
- The CUE-101 clinical development strategy builds upon robust translational preclinical data and patient stratification



# CUE-101: Phase I Clinical Development Network



- **Emory Winship Cancer Institute:** Nabil Saba
- **Karmanos Cancer Institute:** Elizabeth Heath and Ammar Sukari
- **MD Anderson Cancer Center:** Bonnie Glisson
- **MGH/Harvard and Dana Farber Cancer Institute:** Sara Pai and Lori Wirth
- **Moffitt Cancer Center:** Christine Chung
- **Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center:** Lara Dunn
- **Stanford Cancer Center:** A. Dimitrios Colevas
- **University of Arizona Center:** Julie Bauman
- **University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center:** Frank Worden
- **University of Washington Fred Hutch Cancer Center:** Cristina Rodriguez
- **Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center:** Jill Gilbert and Mike Gibson
- **Washington University Siteman Cancer Center:** Doug Adkins
- **Yale Cancer Center:** Barbara Burtness

Cue has engaged a network of nationally recognized clinical investigators and 13 Phase I sites are now open



# CUE-101: Ongoing First-In-Human Study



## Part A: Monotherapy Dose Escalation



## Part B: Monotherapy RP2D Expansion

Late Line Accelerated Monotherapy  
Approval Opportunity in H&N

- **Eligibility**
  - Part A & B: HPV+ H&N Cancer, R/M 2L+
- **Design (CUE-101 Q3W)**
  - Part A: Dose Escalation (3+3 Pts)
  - Part A: PD & Activity Expansion (Up to 9 Pts)
  - Part B: Dose Expansion (10-20 Pts at RP2D)
- **Objectives**
  - Primary: Safety and Tolerability
  - Secondary: PK/PD, Anti-Tumor Activity
- **Biomarkers (Pre/Post CUE-101 Dose)**
  - HPV E7-specific CD8+ T cell counts
  - HPV E7-specific CD8+ T cell functionality
  - Immunophenotyping, cytokine release, and TCR sequencing
- **NCT03978689**



# CUE-101: Part A Dose Cohorts



Cohort	CUE-101 Dose	CUE-101 Dose Relative to Approved Proleukin Dose (0.037 mg/kg)	CUE-101 IL-2* Content (nmol/kg)	CUE-101 IL-2 Content Relative to Approved Proleukin Dose (2.4 nmol/kg)
Cohort 1 ✓	0.06 mg/kg (starting dose)	~ 1.6x	1.1	~ 0.46x
Cohort 2 ✓	0.18 mg/kg	~ 4.9x	3.4	~ 1.4x
Cohort 3 ✓	0.54 mg/kg	~ 14.6x	10.3	~ 4.3x
Cohort 4 ✓	1 mg/kg	~ 27.0x	19.1	~ 8.0x
Cohort 5	2 mg/kg	~ 54.0x	38.2	~ 16.0x
Cohort 6	4 mg/kg	~ 108.0x	76.4	~ 32.0x
Cohort 7	8 mg/kg	~ 216.0x	152.9	~ 64.0x

\*Modified IL-2 to abrogate binding to IL-2R alpha and reduce binding affinity to IL-2R beta



# CUE-101: Safety & Activity Observations from Cohorts 1 – 3



## Safety

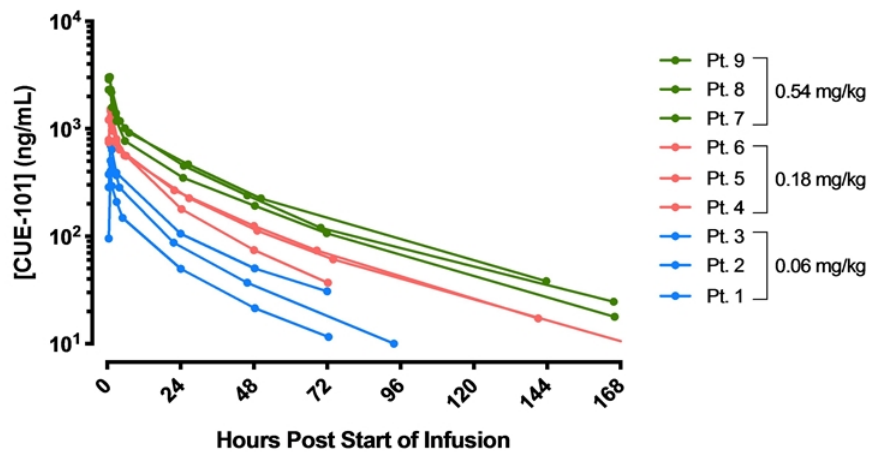
- Multiple patients receiving multiple injections indicates favorable safety and tolerability profile
- No drug-related DLTs in cohorts 1-3
- Cohort 4 still being analyzed in the safety review period

## Activity

- PK data from the first three cohorts indicates:
  - *Exposure in-line with preclinical projections*
  - *Dose-proportional drug exposure*
  - *Comparable exposures observed upon repeated administration*
- PD data indicates early signals of selective T cell expansion
- Preliminary evidence that CUE-101 is clinically active



# CUE-101: Exposures from Cohorts 1 - 3

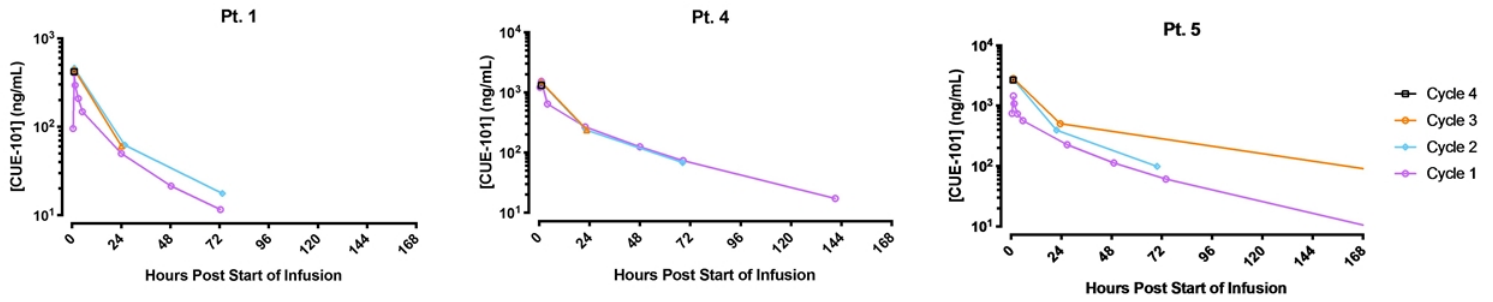


CUE-101 exhibits dose-proportional increases in exposure in line with projections from non-clinical studies





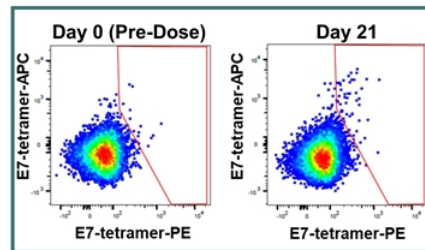
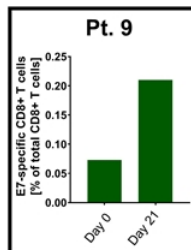
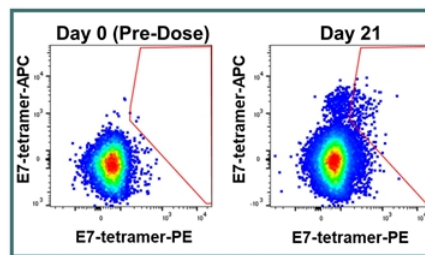
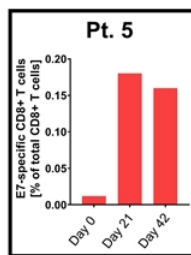
# CUE-101: Exposure is Consistent Upon Repeated Administration



Patients exhibit comparable exposures upon repeated administration of CUE-101



# CUE-101: Expansion of E7-specific T Cells

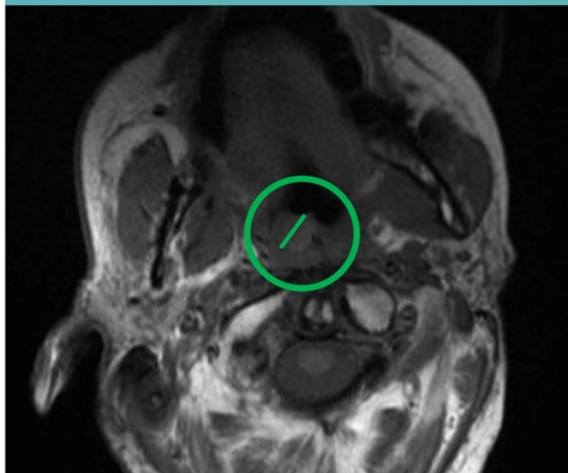


Preliminary evidence of expansion of E7-specific T cells observed in several patients

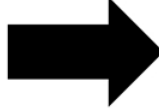
# CUE-101: Cohort 2 Patient Case Study



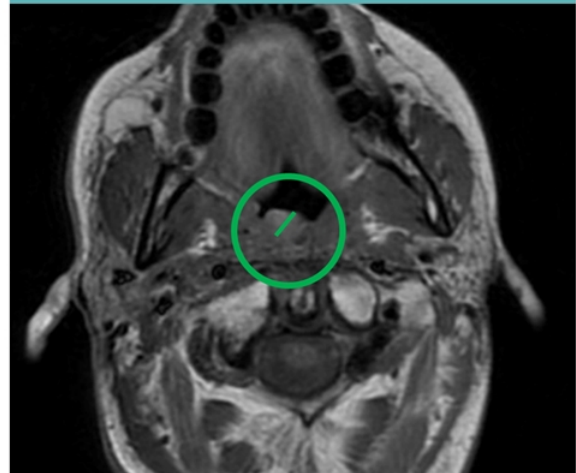
Day 0: Baseline Tumor



Scan at day 42  
(after 2 cycles  
of CUE-101)  
indicates  
reduction of  
>1cm target  
lesion



Day 42: 2 Cycles of CUE-101 Monotherapy

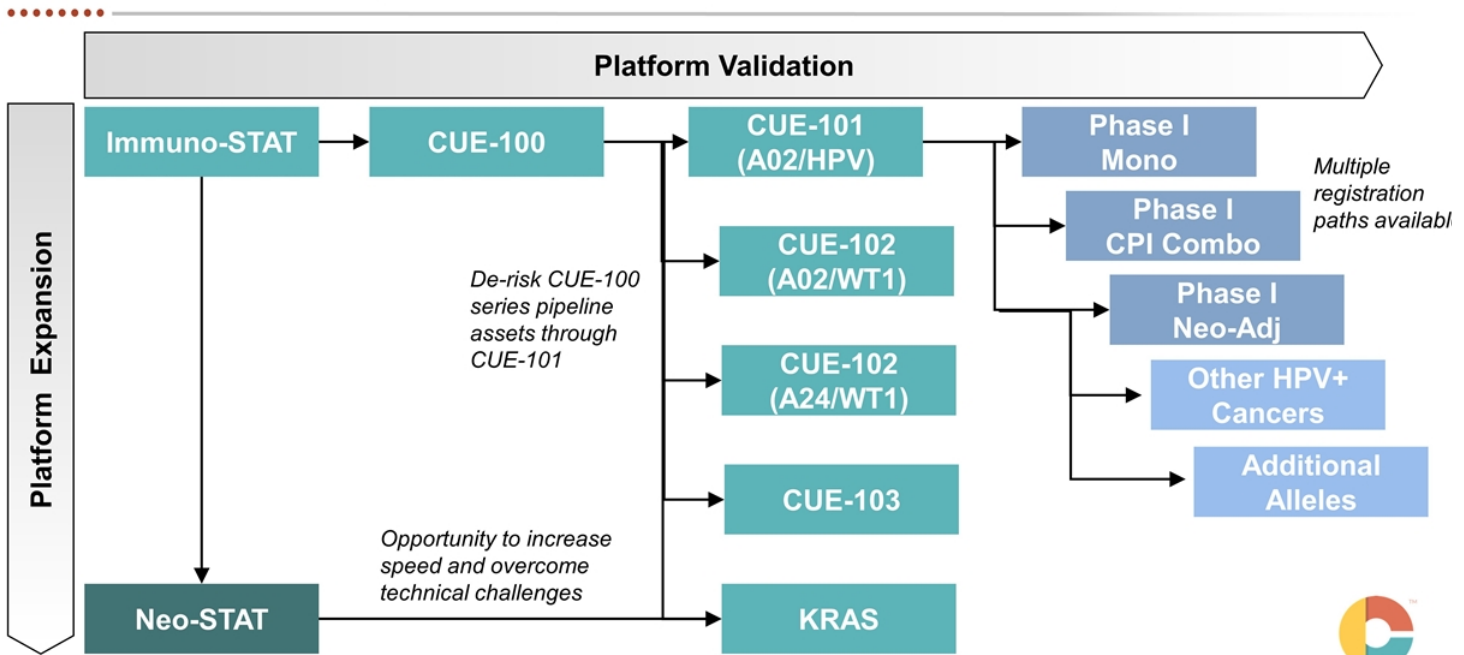


At day 84 the repeat scan showed sustained regression of the target lesion,  
and at that point the patient was confirmed as stable disease

*Patient had received multiple lines of therapy, including checkpoint inhibition*



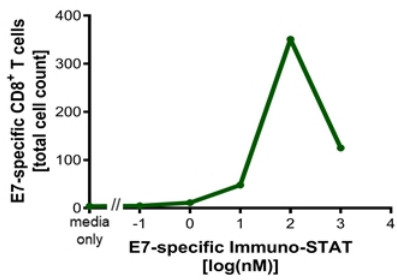
# IO Growth Strategy



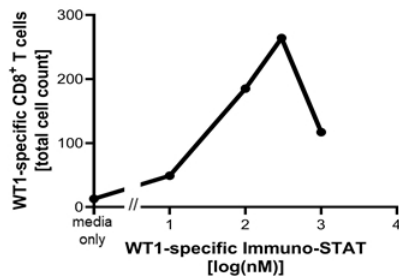
# Immuno-STATs Demonstrate Selective T Cell Expansion



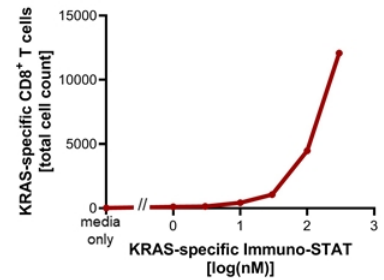
## HPV (CUE-101)



## WT1 (CUE-102)



## KRAS IST



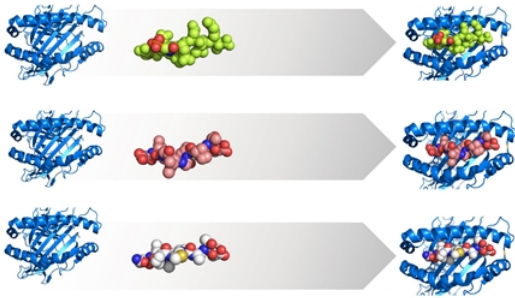
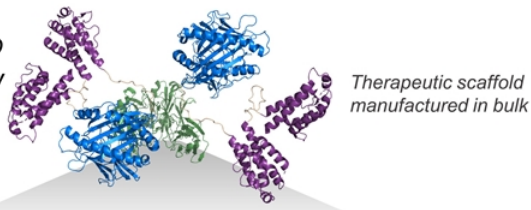
Emerging data from CUE-102 (WT1) recently presented at NYAS Frontiers in Cancer Immunotherapy



# Neo-STAT: Next-gen Evolution of the Immuno-STAT Framework

## CUE-100 Neo-STAT

Top View



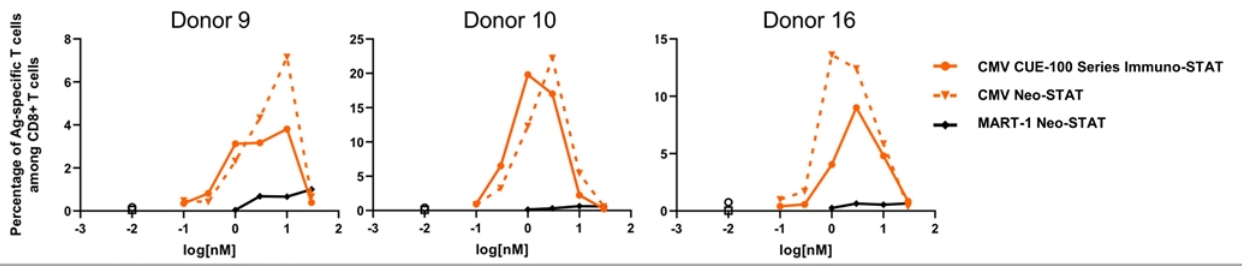
Therapeutic scaffold receptive for chemical conjugation of peptides, that potentially:

- **Increases R&D efficiency** and reduces cost of the generation of clinical grade material on the CUE-100 framework
- **Enables targeting of multiple tumor antigens** including post-translationally modified peptides and neo-antigens for personalized therapy

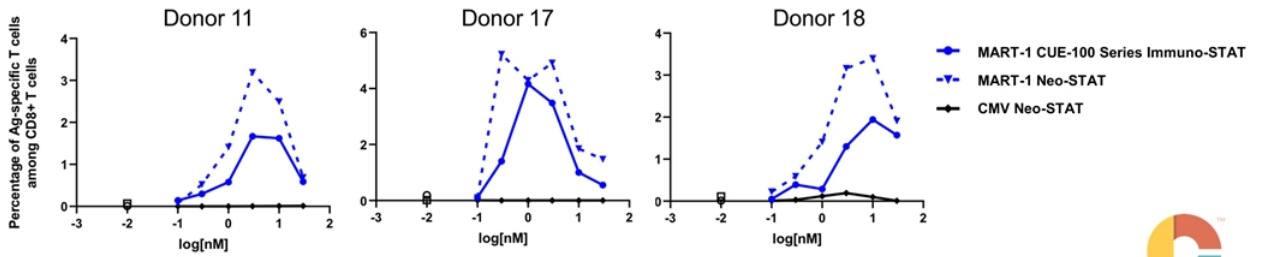
# Primary Human T Cell Expansion: Neo-STAT = Immuno-STAT



CMV  
Responsive  
Donors



MART-1  
Responsive  
Donors



# Corporate Development Strategy



## Validate

- Continue to generate clinical metrics for CUE-101 demonstrating safety, tolerability and clinical activity to de-risk CUE-101, CUE-100 series, as well as Immuno-STAT framework
- Establish therapeutic synergy with checkpoint inhibition through clinical collaboration with Merck to assess CUE-101 in combination with Keytruda in the front-line setting for HPV+ H&N Cancer

## Expand

- Pursue additional targets (i.e., WT1, KRAS) and alleles (i.e., A11, A24) with CUE-100 series and establish preclinical datasets demonstrating selective T cell expansion and activation
- Expand Immuno-STAT applications in autoimmune diseases via Merck collaboration focused on two indications

## Accelerate

- Provide proof of concept data supporting the biological activity of molecules generated via the Neo-STAT platform, and comparability to Immuno-STAT format
- Deploy Neo-STAT to enhance productivities, efficiencies, and provide greater flexibility with the IL-2-based CUE-100 series





# Key 2020 Milestones

- 1** PK/PD results from the Phase 1 CUE-101 clinical trial in **2Q20**
- 2** Clinical responses from the Phase 1 CUE-101 clinical trial via RECIST criteria in **2H20**
- 3** Initiate CUE-101 combination trial with Keytruda in 1L SCCHN in **2H20**
- 4** Initiate and extend IND-enabling activities for CUE-102 in **2H20**
- 5** Select target for CUE-103 in **3Q20**
- 6** Demonstrate Neo-STAT manufacturability and efficiencies in **2H20**
- 7** Identify potential clinical candidates in collaboration with Merck in **2H20**

Key objectives met in 2019 and early 2020 have set the stage for data flow from multiple programs in the remainder of 2020

