# Our Cancer Research Backstory And Why It Matters



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# **Learning Objectives**



Gain a lay person's understanding of our anti-cancer drug research

Understand the importance of the next phases of work and how they could increase odds of success and reduce risk of failure

Appreciate DBX-31's potential impact as an investment and cancer treatment



# Fundraising Milestones – What Happens?



If Amount Raised by Deadline Date:	What happens to your investment?	Plans For Using Funds	
<\$10,000	It fails to meet the minimum target and gets refunded to you.	No money is received. No plans for use.	
\$10,000 – \$120,000	The minimum target (or more) is reached and your money gets transferred to us.	Although we will receive the investment proceeds, the raised amount will need to be supplemented by more funds from other sources to achieve a meaningful R&D milestone.	
\$120,000 - \$1,070,000	The minimum "useful amount" is reached and your money gets transferred to us.	At the lower end of this range, the raised amount can be supplemented by financing from founders to achieve basic R&D goals. At the upper end, advanced R&D goals plus veterinary clinical trials should be possible.	



# Problem #1

Cancer still attacks: -17M/yr. – globally -9.5M/yr. die – globally -1.6 million/yr.– USA -600,000+/yr. die – USA





#### **Standard Treatment Options**

- Surgery death, disfigurement; loss of desirable organs/functions
- Radiation death, painful/durable side effects
- Chemo death, painful/durable side effects



#### Problem #2

- Dogs have more cancer than do humans:
- 35x more skin cancer\*
- 4x as many breast tumors\*
- 8x bone cancer\*
- Twice the rate of leukemia\*
- Cancer is a leading killer of the 67 million pet dogs in the U.S.
- More treatment options are needed

(\*Texas A&M Veterinary School)







# **The Common Solution**

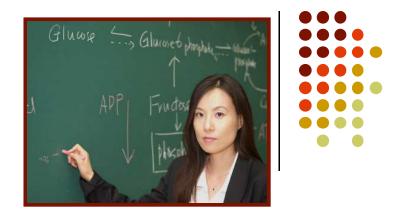


DBX-31 is a unique, naturally occurring bio-molecule that exclusively attacks a wide range of cancers through targeted extrinsic apoptosis (i.e. "cell suicide") → superior method compared to other anticancer agents.

We project that it can be commercially synthesized, cost effective, <u>safer</u>, and have <u>broader applications</u> than current treatment options.



# **Mini-Biology Lesson**

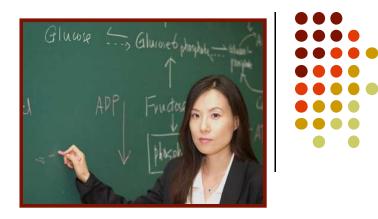


#### <u>Apoptosis</u>:

*ap.op.to.sis.* \*a-pəp-tō-səs\ n.* a process of cell selfdestruction that is marked by the fragmentation of nuclear DNA —called also *programmed cell death* or *cell suicide.* Apoptosis is the preferred way to kill cells. *Extrinsic apoptosis is hard to achieve but is regarded as the "holy grail" of cancer treatment.* 



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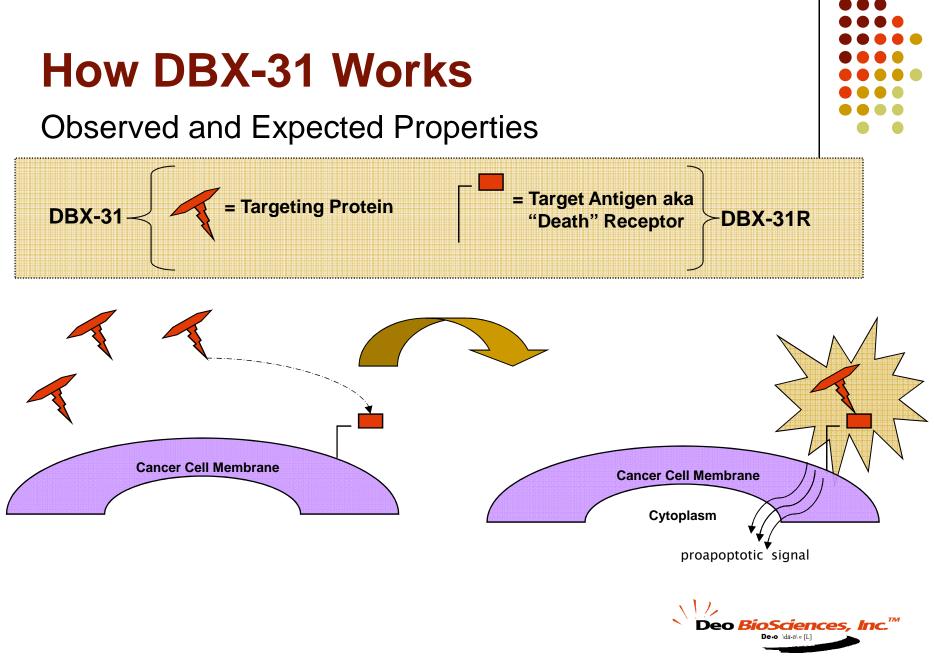
#### KEY TAKEAWAY

# *Extrinsic apoptosis is regarded as the "holy grail" of cancer treatment.*

#### SO WHAT?

#### **DBX-31 induces <u>extrinsic apoptosis</u>**!





## **Pre-Clinical Research Results**



#### In Vitro Bioassays Conducted at Cornell University

• Types of Human Cancer Cell Lines Tested:

- II Breast Cancer || HER2 + || Metastatic Advanced Stage ||
- II Breast Cancer || Triple Negative || Primary Tumor Advanced Stage ||
- → || Breast Cancer || Triple Negative || Metastatic Adv. (epithelial) Stage ||
- || Breast Cancer || Triple Negative || Metastatic Adv. (mesenchymal) Stage ||
- II Ovarian Cancer || Adenocarcinoma || Metastatic Advanced Stage ||
- Il Colorectal Cancer || Adenocarcinoma || Primary Tumor Advanced Stage ||
- || Lung Cancer || Small Cell Carcinoma || Primary Tumor Advanced Stage ||
- → || Skin Cancer || Uterine origin || Metastatic Adv. (epithelial) Stage ||

Notable Points:

These were extremely resistant/untreatable advanced stage, metastatic, cancer cell lines. Result = average of 3 trial tests for each cell line to ensure reliability.



#### **Pre-Clinical Research Results**



#### Key Results:

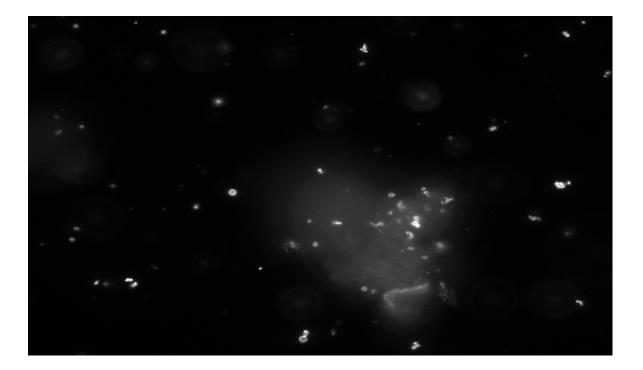
Apoptosis induced in <u>ALL</u> cancer cell lines

Apoptotic Index = 42-90+% dead after 72 hr. incubation. (Note: 2 cell lines >95%). Extrapolation = 99.99% dead after 96 hr.





#### **Pre-Clinical Research Results**



#### Photomicrograph 1c – DBX31 vs. Metastatic Breast Cancer

Cellular disintegration. Scattered apoptotic debris.



#### **Showcase Experiment**

# DBX-31 vs. SKOV-3



#### **Showcase Experiment**



**SKOV-3** is an ovarian cancer cell line used as a negative control to test the presence or absence of p53. This means that it is virtually invincible to apoptotic drugs and toxins, including a lethal cytotoxin used as a bioweapon:



#### **Showcase Experiment**



Table 1 Sensitivity of tumor cell lines to various cytotoxic agents The symbol (+) signifies sensitivity and (-), resistance to lysis by the agent.

Cell line		Sensitivity to			
	Origin	TNF	DTX/ricin	ADM	CDDP
222	Ovarian tumor	+	+	+	+
222TD	Ovarian tumor	<del></del> .)	+	+	+
SKOV-3	Ovarian tumor	-		-	-<
A2780	Ovarian tumor	+	+	+	+
AD10	Ovarian tumor	+	+	-	-
C30	Ovarian tumor	+	+	+	-
U937	Promonomyelocytic	+	+	+	+
Raji <sup>a</sup>	B-cell lymphoma	<del></del> 77	+	+	+

" Raji is the only line that is negative for TNF receptor expression on the membrane.

SKOV-3 Ovarian Cancer vs. The Most Powerful Cytotoxins SKOV-3 is stubbornly <u>resistant</u> to the most lethal, powerful cytotoxic agents/bioweapons (DTX/ricin)

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### **Showcase Experiment Result**

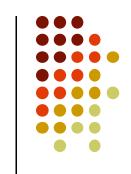




DBX-31 caused robust apoptosis in SKOV-3 cells where <u>ALL</u> other cytotoxic agents, including DTX/ricin, <u>FAILED</u>

>80% of cancer cells killed after only 72 hours





#### **Experimental Conclusion**

# DBX-31 outperformed 2 of the top selling chemotherapies and a BIOWEAPON

(...but only killed cancer cells!)

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# **How Other Treatments** Compare

#### **Selected Major Therapies**





Chemotherapy

Radiation

Canine Therapies 🔶

- $\rightarrow$  Limited results; severe side effects
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- Immunotherapies  $\rightarrow$  <20% effective rate; ultra-expensive
  - ~2 targeted drugs; limited results



# So What's Next?





#### While DBX-31 suggests amazing potential, we still need to de-risk/prove this research with greater statistical certainty.

#### The next phase of work WILL show, with ~90% scientific accuracy, whether DBX-31 translates to human patients!

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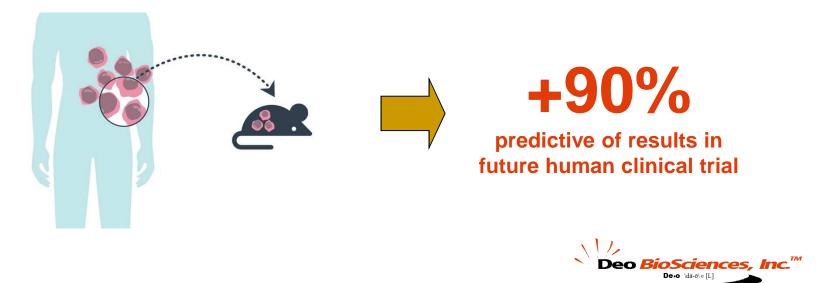
## **Development Plans**



#### **De-risk Using Highly Predictive Mice Models**

#### **Testing in Mice That Accurately Simulate Patient Responses**

Patient Derived Xenografts (PDX) is an innovative platform technology able to accelerate the development of oncology drugs by predicting their clinical effectiveness with 90 – 100% accuracy



# **Development Goals**

#### **Complete Preclinical Research**

Detailed Research Plan already developed in conjunction with Cornell University and Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine (#1 Rated Program)

Conduct in vivo research using novel highly predictive patient derived xenograft platform

Dog/Canine trial at Cornell Veterinary Hospital

Submit FDA/CVM drug application for dogs via development partnership/licensing deal



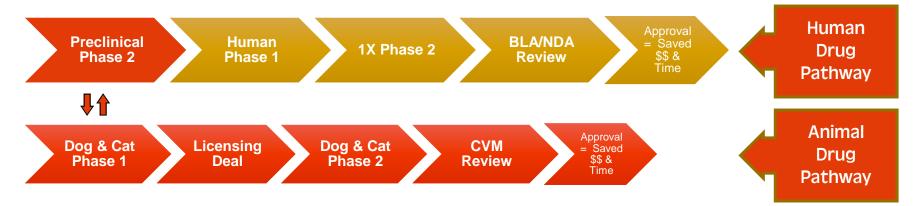




# **Development Timeline**



#### Accelerated Approval = Lives, Time and Money



#### Standard Approval = More Steps, Cost, Delay



# **Focus on De-risking**



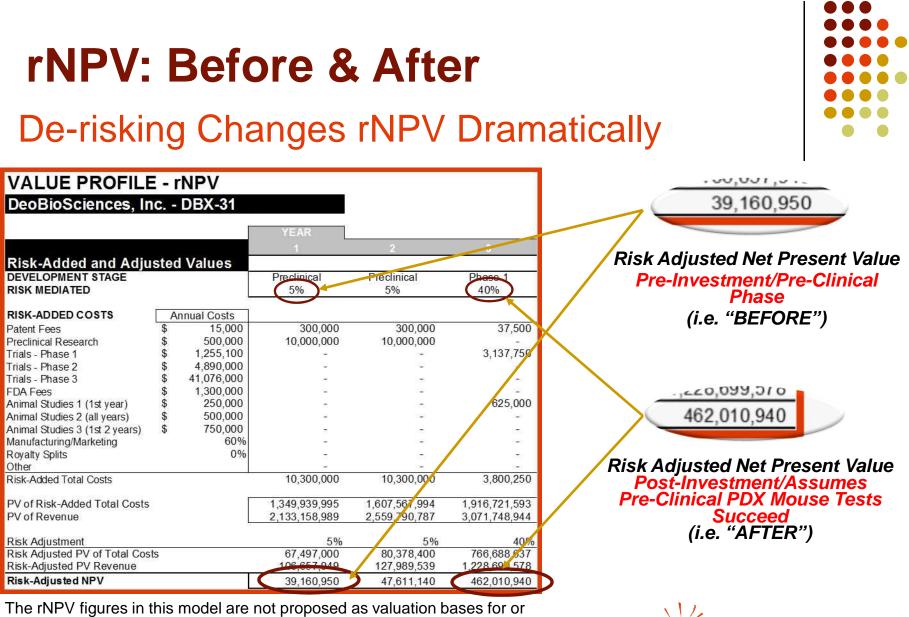
Risk-Adjusted Net Present Value (rNPV)

#### Reduced Risk = More Attractive Investment

To <u>accurately</u> evaluate a new biotechnology, an entrepreneur must account for the future revenue from the final product, the cost and time needed to get the product to market, and the various risks faced along the way; this can be expressed in terms of risk-adjusted net present value (*rNPV*).

> BioGenetic Ventures, Inc., Seattle, WA. rNPV Model published by Nature Publishing Group

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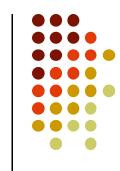


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