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## An RNA aptamer-based platform technology for the targeted treatment of Cancer



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## Roadmap





 Seed investment round closing 1.75M€





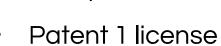
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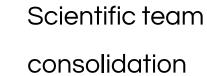
Interim Management



consolidation















CEO appointment

Patent 2 filing



2024

Regulatory preclinic

Series A 6M€



2029

2023



Patent 1 granted in China



Bridge round closing 1.5M€

candidate selection





2025



**Clinical Trials** 

Series B closing 20M€





## PROBLEM: Cancer therapeutics are unspecific and highly toxic

- The primary cause of cancer death is metastatic disease
- Metastasis management is performed by chemotherapeutics that kills both cancer cells and healthy cells

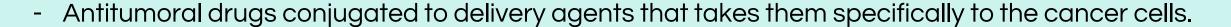
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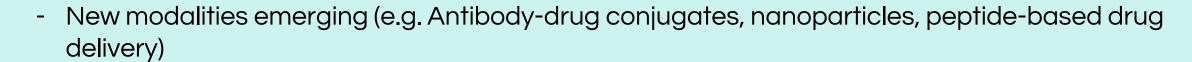
Chemotherapy

Radiation therapy

- Poor efficacy
- Non-specific
- Serious side-effects
- Low quality of life

#### **FUTURE OF CANCER TREATMENT: TARGETED THERAPIES**





- Personalized: tailored for specific cancer types and patient subgroups

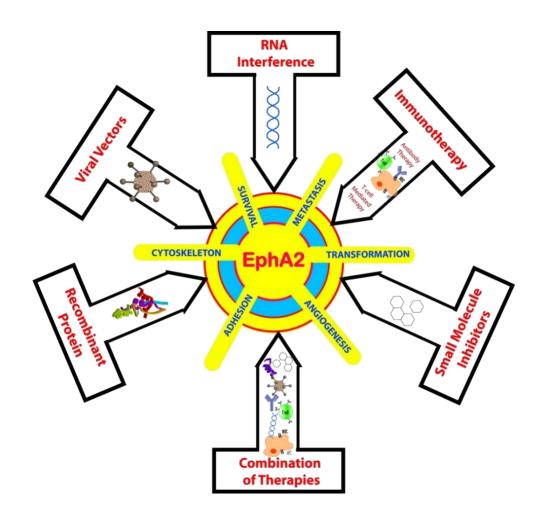
- More efficacious
- Highly specific
- Minimal side-effects
- Minimal effect on quality of life

What if cancer cells can be effectively killed while leaving healthy cells unharmed?

# EphA2: a promising target in cancer therapeutics

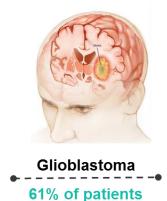
#### EphA2

- EphA2 is overexpressed in a wide variety of solid tumors and imparts **metastatic characteristics** on previously nonmetastatic cells.
- EphA2 is a cell receptor very attractive as a druggable target.

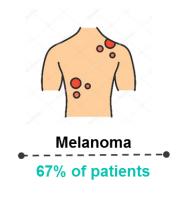


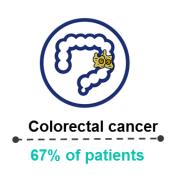
Therapeutic approaches to EphA2

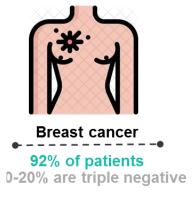
EpHA2 is over-expressed in a wide range of cancer types

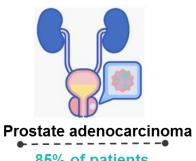




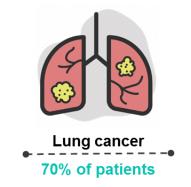






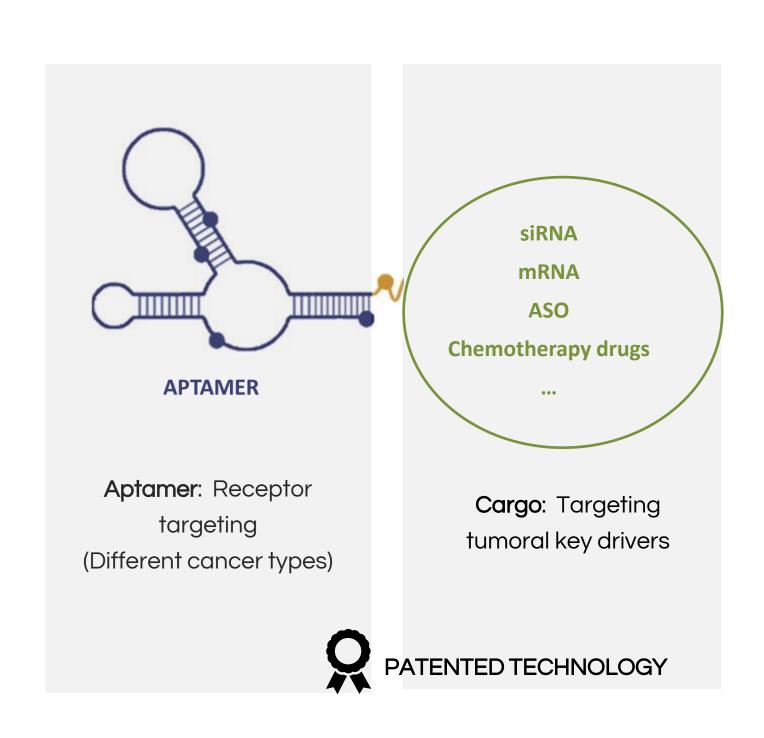






## **TECHNOLOGY: Aptamer Drug Conjugates**

## APTADEL has developed an RNA-platform for targeted drug delivery in cancer



ApDCs: Aptamer-drug conjugates ADCs: Antibody-drug conjugates		ptadel
	ADCs	ApDCs
HIGHT TARGET AFFINITY / SPECIFICITY		
LACK OF TOXICITY		
LACK OF IMMUNOGENICITY		
HIGHT TISSUE PENETRATION		
COST-EFFECTIVE MANUFACTURING		
STABILITY	×	

## PLATFORM VALIDATION: Ewing Sarcoma (ES)

#### WHY



80% mortality in metastasic patients



The available treatments are based on nonspecific, low efficacy and toxic chemotherapy designed for adults.

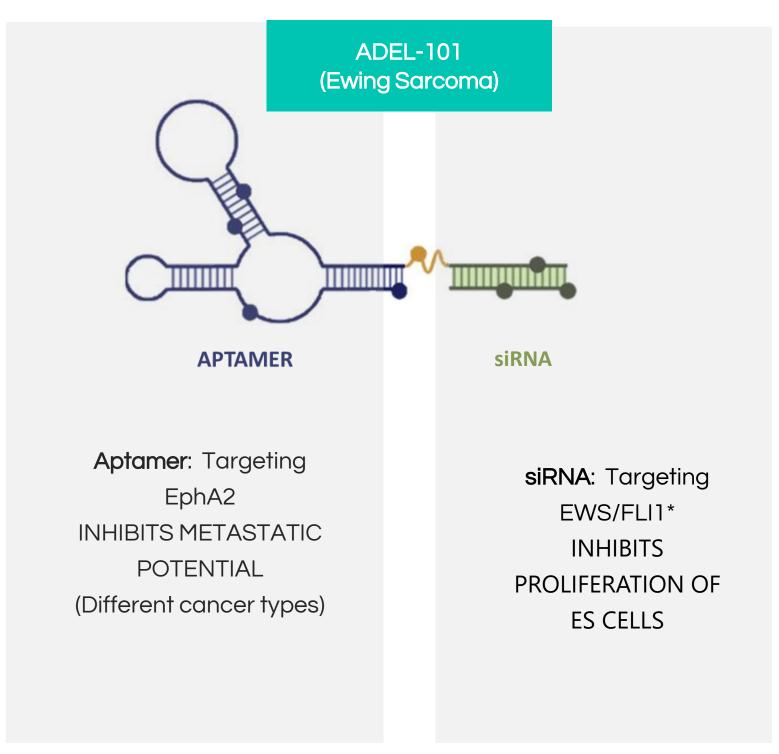


In the last 30 years, **no new therapies** specifically developed for **Ewing Sarcoma** have been approved by the FDA



Clinical benefits: Orphan Drug Designation (ODD), Fast Track and Market Exclusivity

## HOW

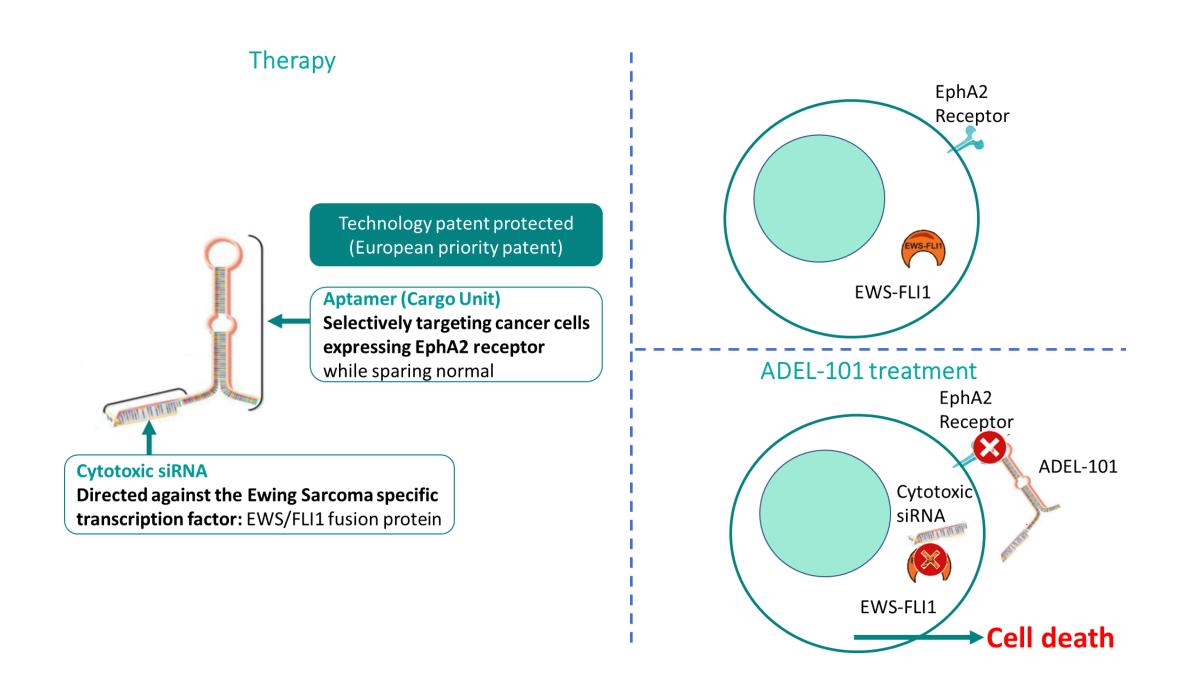


\*EWS/FLI1: oncogenic fusion – main driver of ES

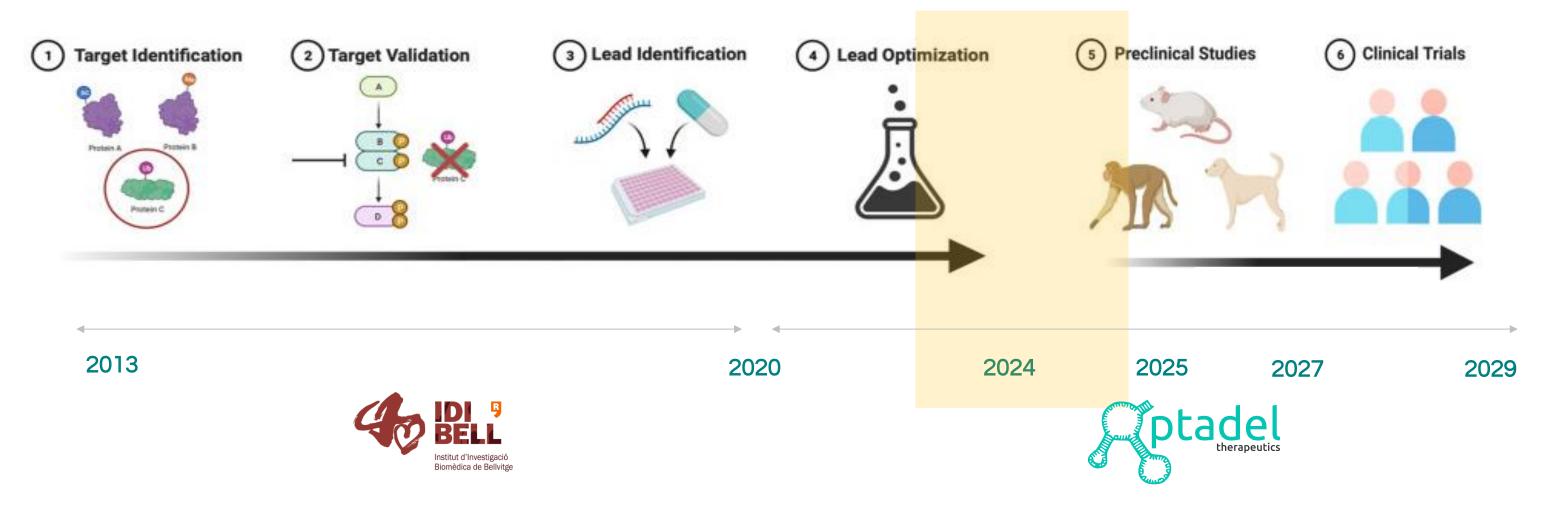


## PLATFORM VALIDATION: Ewing Sarcoma (ES)

## MoA

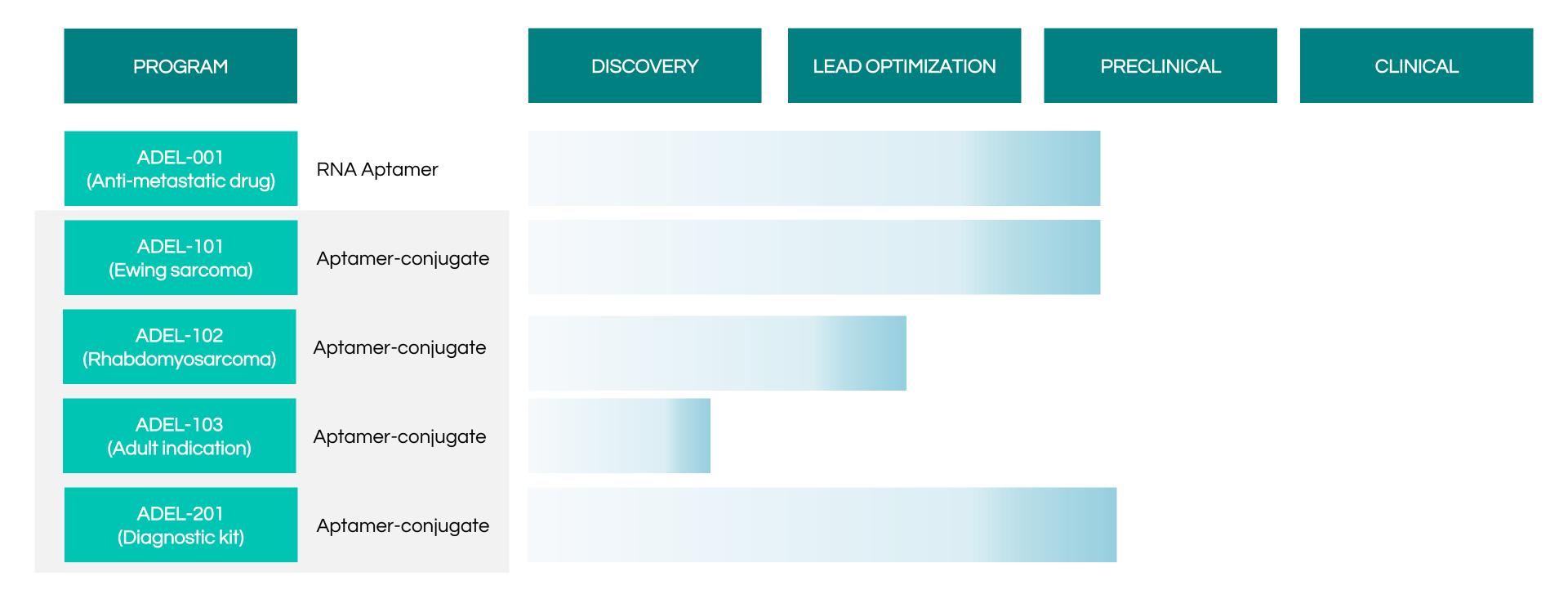


#### **SCIENTIFIC RESULTS**



- Aptamer targets the tumor with specificity
- Aptamer inhibits metastasis in Ewing Sarcoma and Rabdomyosarcoma animal models
- ApDC reduces tumor growth progression and metastasis in ES mouse model
- ApDC has not shown toxic effects in maximum tolerated dose studies in mice
- ApDC shows high stability (in vitro 50% human serum)
- Aptamer antimetastatoc efficacy also demonstrated in vitro in other cancer types (TNBC, pancreatic cancer, metastatic melanoma) POTENTIAL TO EXPAND TO ADULT INDICATIONS

#### **APTADEL'S PIPELINE STATUS**



#### **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

#### PATENT 1

Ownership: IDIBELL, F. ALBA and UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Priority date: June 2019

Status: licensed to APTADEL in exclusivity (2020).

Current stage: granted in China. Under examination in EU,

USA, Australia, Canada, Japan.

Covering use in diagnostic and therapeutics of cancer types

overexpressing EphA2

#### PATENT2

Ownership: APTADEL THERAPEUTICS

Priority date: August 2023

Current stage: PCT filled

Covering use and product (ApDC) in diagnosis, prognosis

and treatment of cancer types overexpressing EphA2

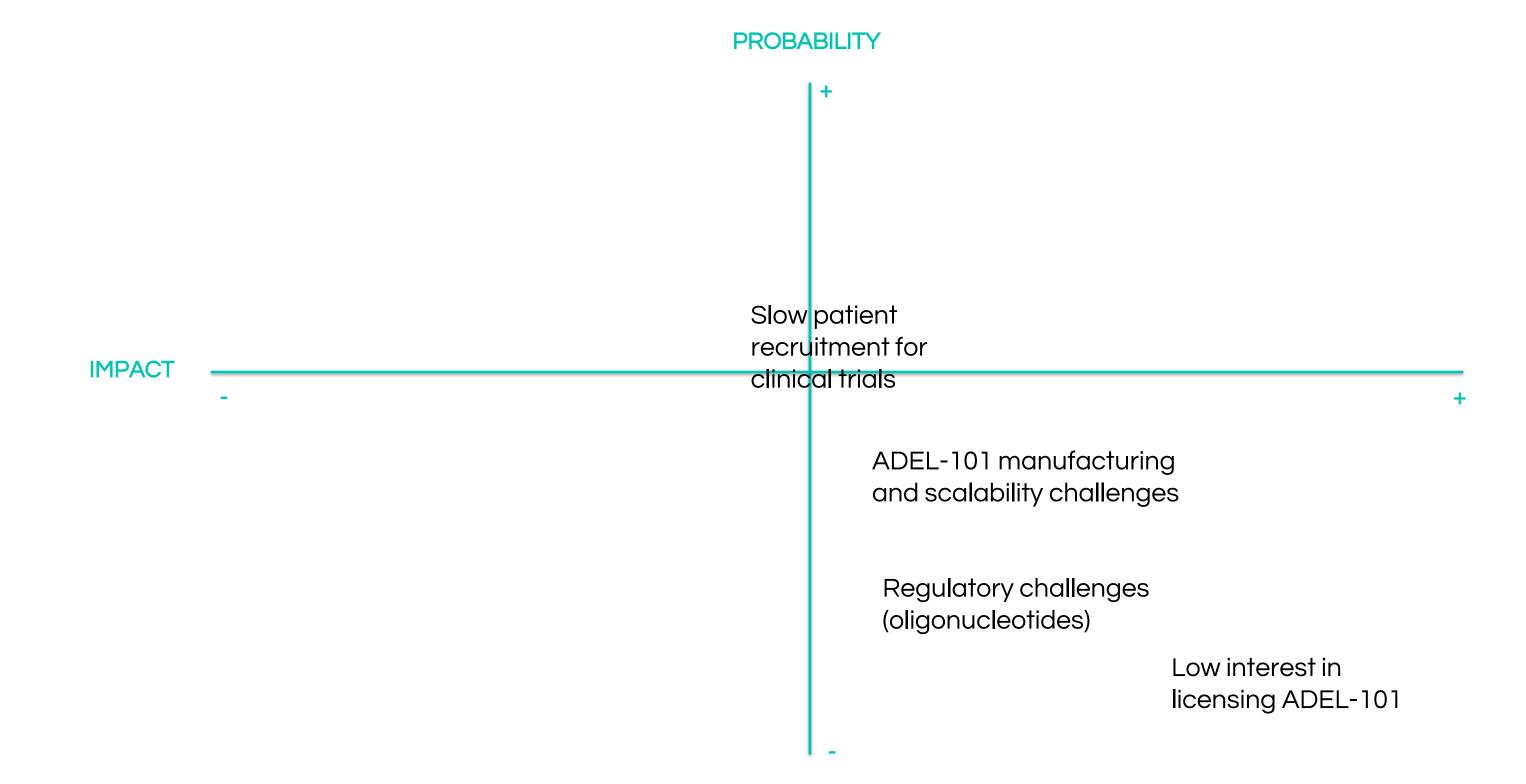
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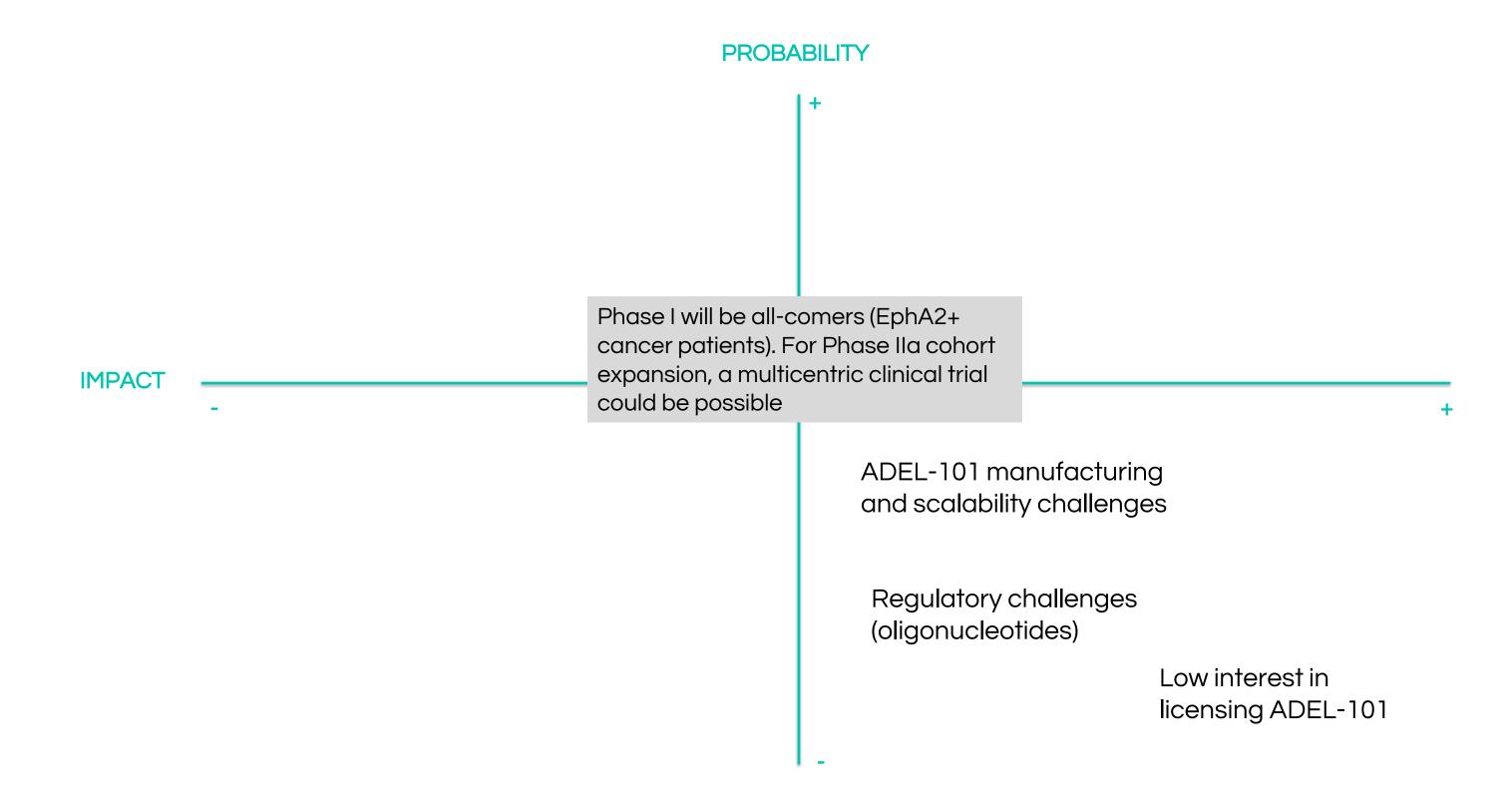
Positive Freedom to Operate analysis in relation to the commercialization of an RNA-aptamer directed to EphA2 for the treatment of Ewing's sarcoma.

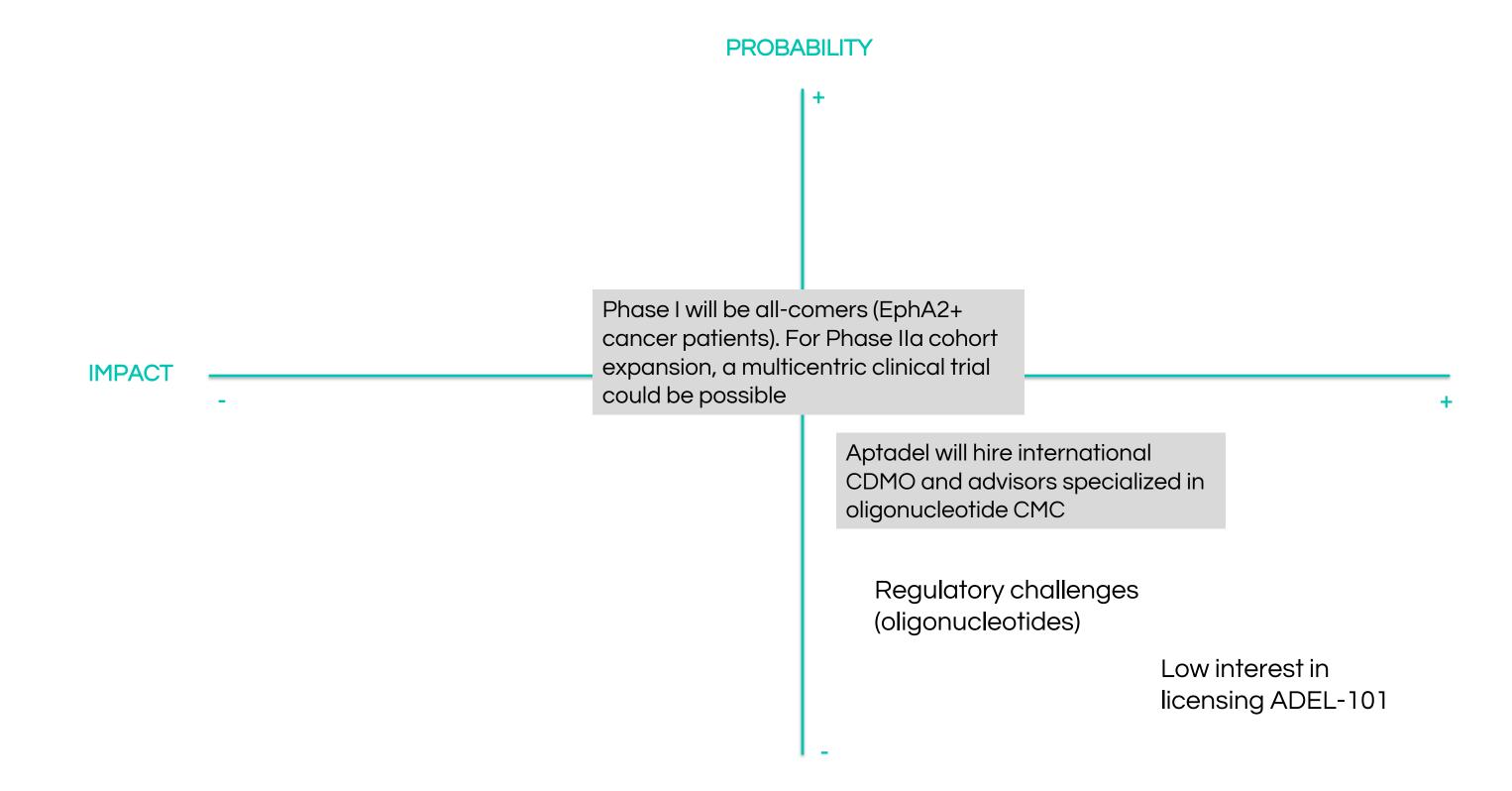
## **UNIQUE COMPETITIVE POSITION**

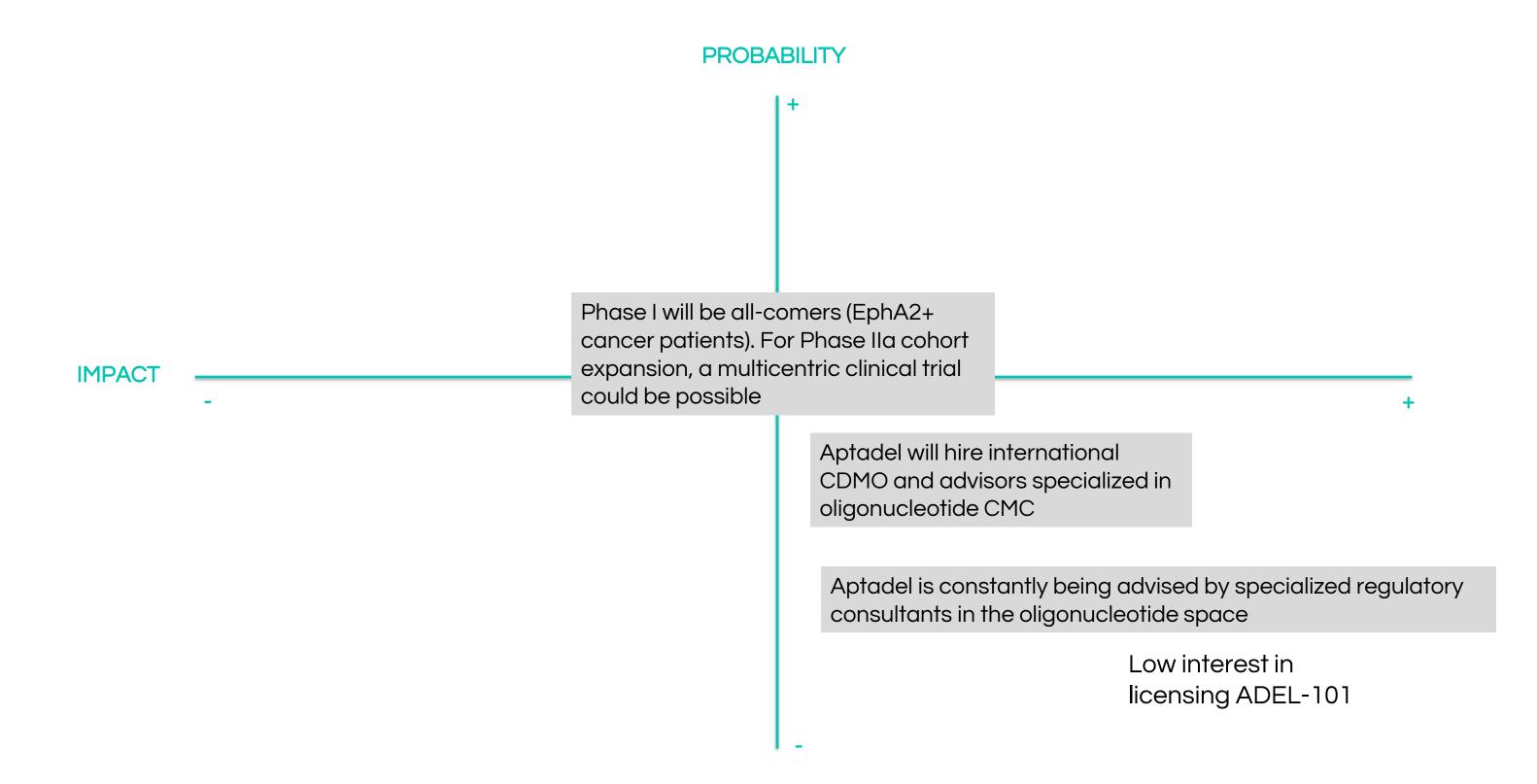


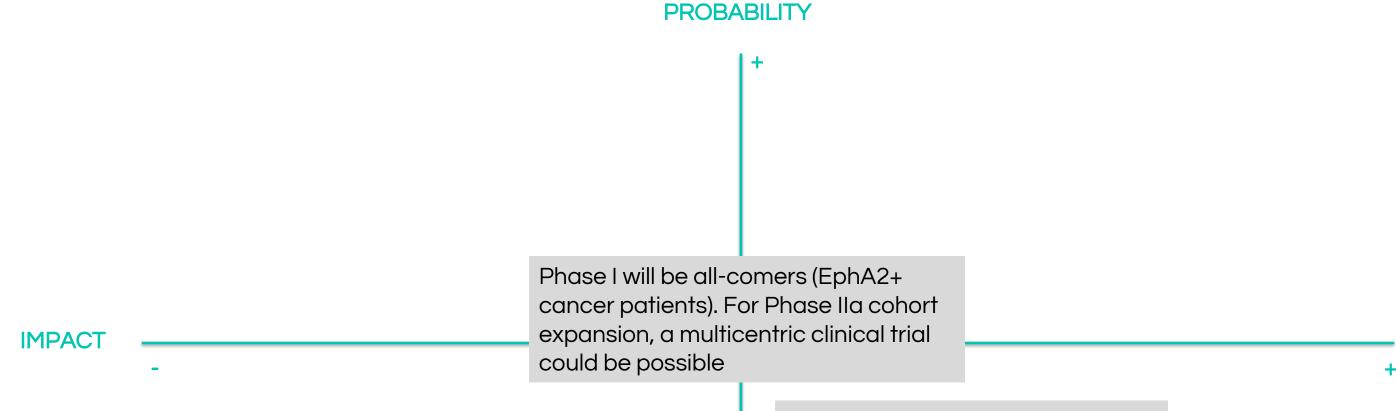
## **PITFALLS AND RISKS**











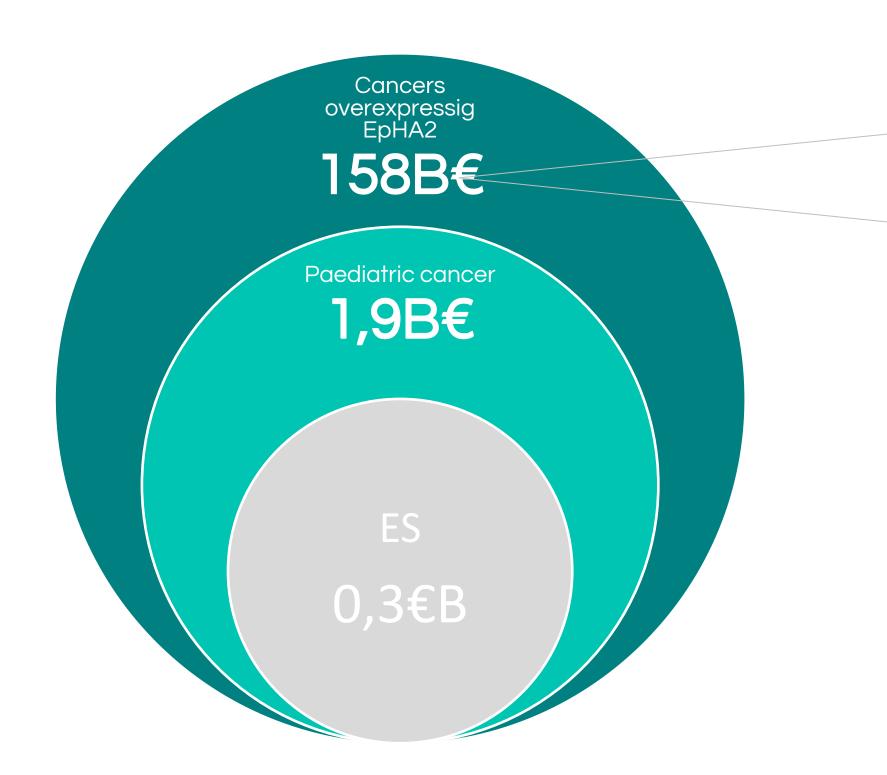
Aptadel will hire international CDMO and advisors specialized in oligonucleotide CMC

Aptadel is constantly being advised by specialized regulatory consultants in the oligonucleotide space

Aptadel's is already establishing conversations with big pharma companies. The commercialisation plan will be adapted with their feedback.

#### **MARKET OPPORTUNITY**

The potential of Aptadel's platform for generating new personalized candidates for different types of cancer is very high, with a significant impact on the metastatic processes of all solid tumors related to EphA2 and numerous \$B oportunities



- Prostate
- Breast
- Colorectal
- Cervical
- Melanoma
- Pancreatic
- Bladder
- Bone Sarcoma
- Glioblastoma
- Ovarian
- Esophageal
- Rhabdomyosarcoma
- Ewing Sarcoma

We are looking for a partner that will help us:

Taking ADEL-101 into clinical stage

Expand our product portfolio to adult indications.

#### APTADEL'S TEAM IS COMMITED TO FIGHT CHILDHOOD CANCER



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Nadia Pons COO



Oscar Martinez Academic Founder



Adrian Torres
Head of R+D



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Senior Scientist & PM



Laura Barbera
Lab Technician



Paloma Giangrande PhD

KOL RNA aptamers

drug development



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Juan Martin Liberal MD

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# Thank you

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