



COMMERCIALISATION DE LA RECHERCHE
Institut de recherche en immunologie et en oncologie

IRICoR – transformation avant-gardiste de la recherche en
thérapies innovantes

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From discovery to commercialization

For more patient-accessible cancer therapies



BUILDING VALUE AROUND INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO TREATING CANCER

TARGET IDENTIFICATION

TARGET VALIDATION

HIT IDENTIFICATION

HIT-TO-LEAD

LEAD OPTIMIZATION

PRE-CLINICAL STUDIES

CLINICAL STUDIES + DEVELOPMENT

PUBLICLY-FUNDED RESEARCH

PARTNER-READY ASSETS

Mission

To accelerate the discovery and commercialization of novel highly innovative therapies in oncology and related indications by establishing strong partnerships with industry

Vision

To be Canada's world leader in
Next Generation Cancer Drug Development

Attracting the best drug discovery projects
from Canada and abroad

Generating multiple opportunities
for academia - industry partnerships

Thriving within an integrated research
and entrepreneurial environment

Exerting a cultural shift in academia with
market pull-based innovation

Located in a World-Leading Research Institute

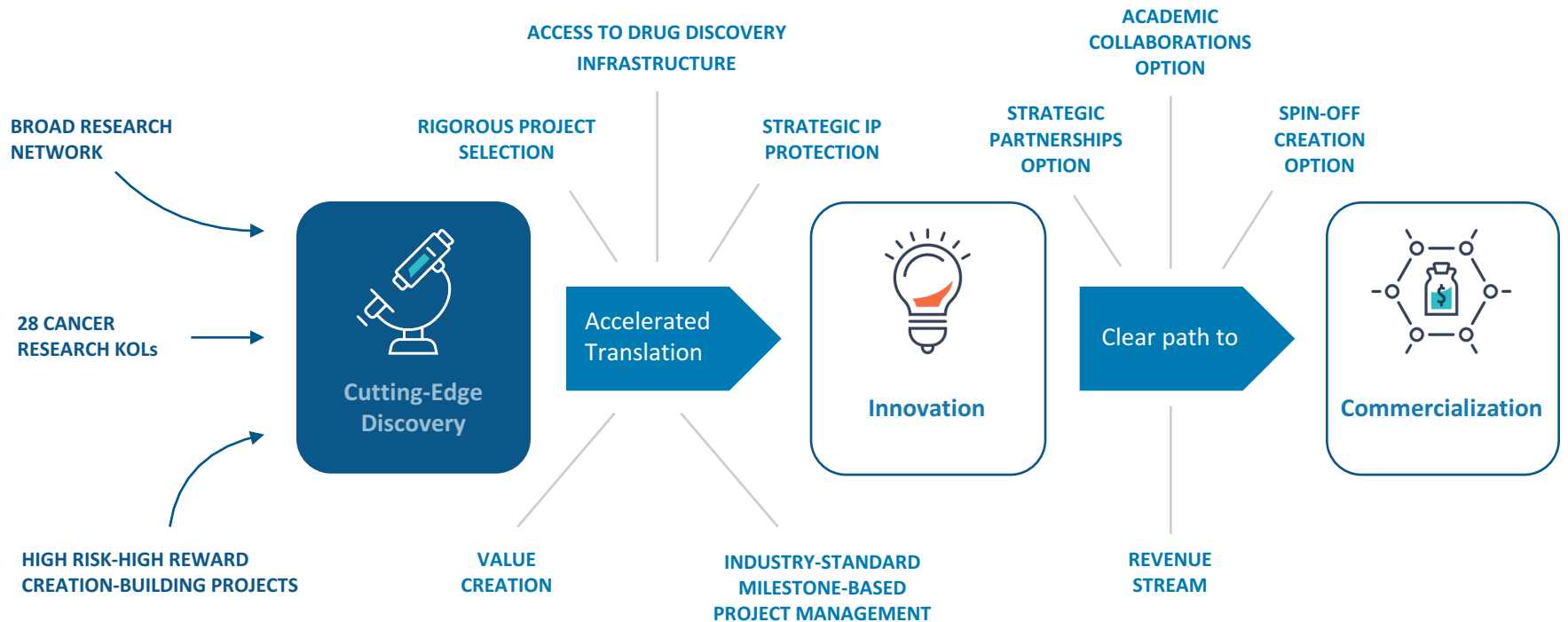
Privileged access to scientific networks across Canada and abroad



- Streamlined privileged access to IRIC, Bio-Pharmacy, UdeM Platforms
- Close links with University Institutes & affiliated centres (MILA, IVADO, CHUM, others)
- Proactive support of multi-institutional partnerships

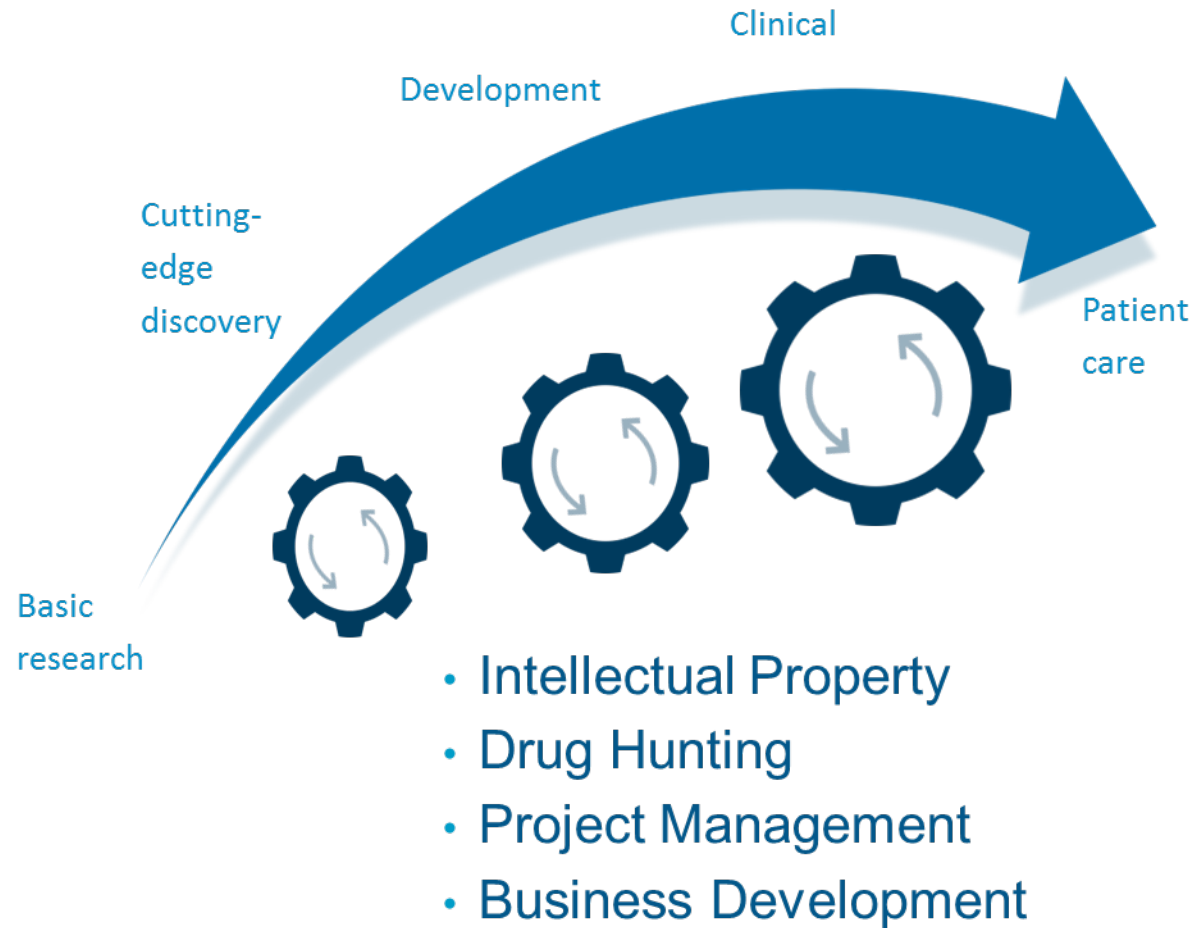
Hybrid Research-Business Model

Toward a clear path to commercialization



Project Maturation Support

Expertise to Academia and Early-stage Biotech

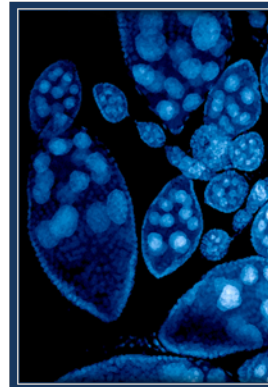


Technological Platforms

Access to the most disruptive technologies

DD Platforms

- IRIC's Core DD Unit
- Patient tissue banks
- Artificial intelligence
- Clinical centres
- Metabolomics
- Biomanufacturing
- Cell therapy
- CRISPR
- Genomics and Proteomics
- PDX



DD: Drug discovery/development

Privileged Access to Drug Discovery Infrastructure

IRIC's Core DD Unit - Medicinal Chemistry Expertise



STATE OF THE ART FACILITIES

State of the art facilities:
synthesis, purification, analysis



BIOPHARMACY COLLABORATION

Close collaboration with
Biopharmacy (UdeM)



MEDICINAL CHEMISTS

30 medicinal chemists
(~17 years industry experience): BMS,
Merck, AstraZeneca, Boehringer
Ingelheim, Shire, Pfizer, Wyeth



DEDICATED BIOLOGISTS

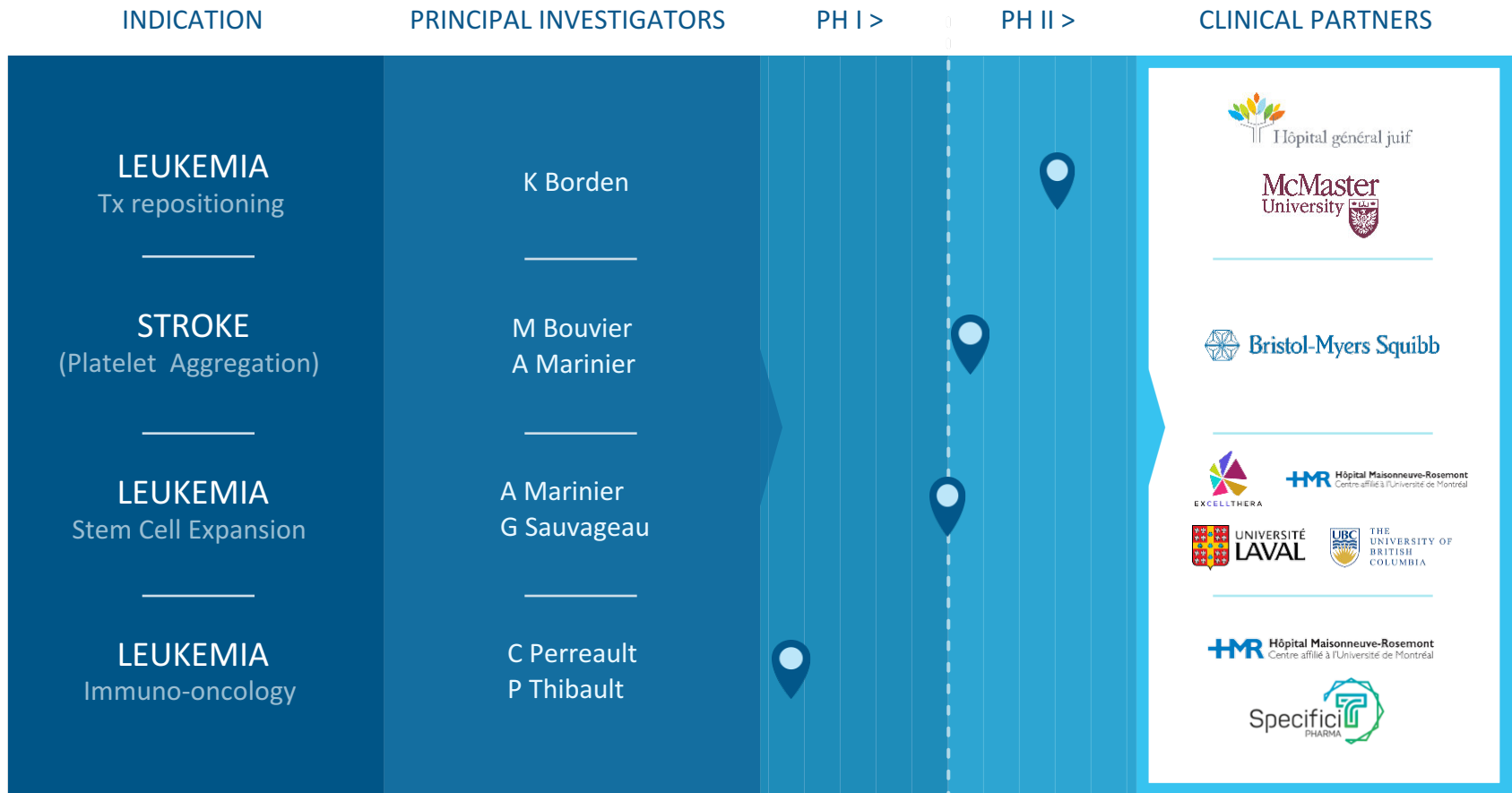
10 biologists dedicated to
medicinal chemistry activities



PROVEN EXPERTISE

Proven expertise in hit to lead and
lead optimization activities:
Delivered 3 molecules to the clinic

From Discovery to the Clinic



Prediction of patient-specific drug sensitivities

Leucegene Project

Objective: Explore the use of **deep learning algorithms** to exploit expression profiles (RNA-Seq) for the **prediction of patient-specific in vitro drug sensitivities**



- Collaboration with the MILA: Strong expertise in deep learning, led by Y Bengio.
- Built around exploitation of the Leucegene datasets
- 5,000 compounds tested against 20 leukemia patient samples
- Deep RNA-Seq and clinical characterization
- Exchange of anonymized chemical fingerprints

Strategizing Commercialization

Strategic Partnerships or Company Creation

Strategic Partnerships

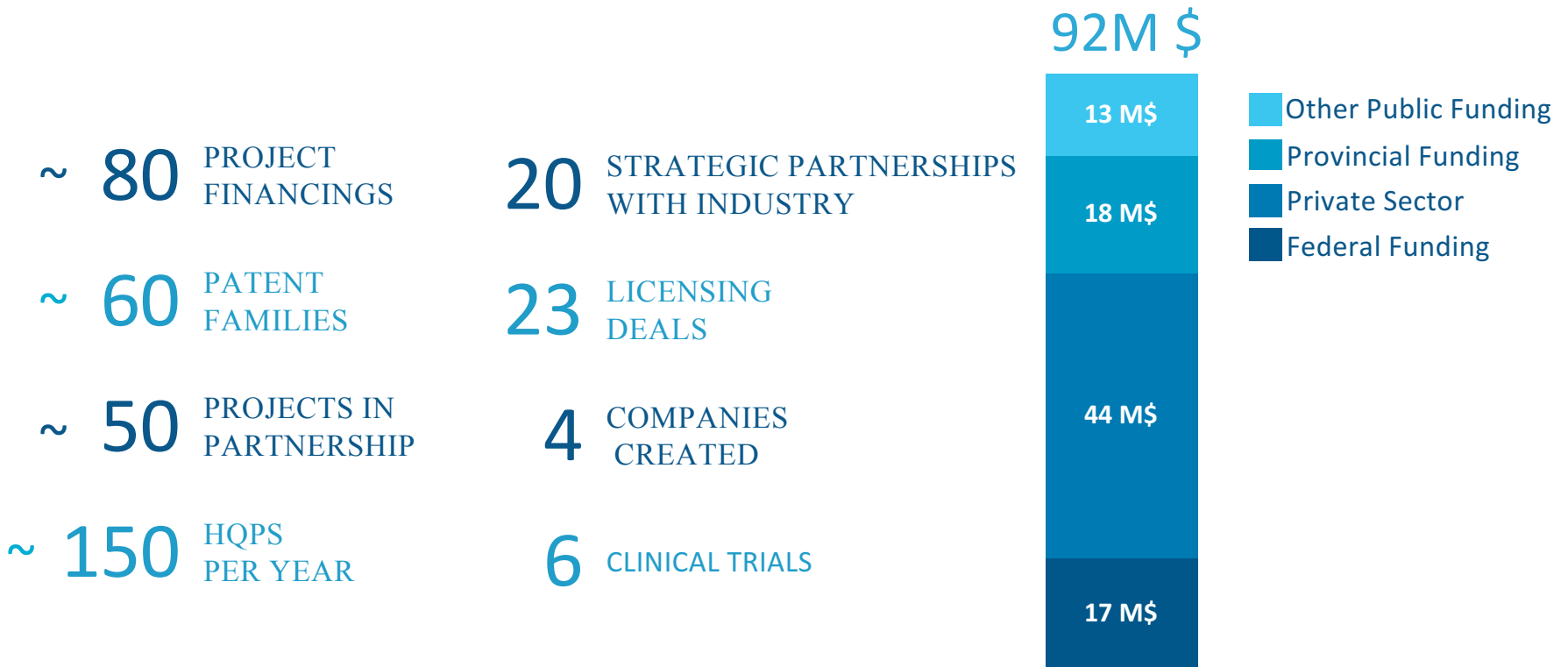


Company Creation



IRICoR 2008 to Date

FROM DISCOVERY TO INNOVATION



Sources of IRICoR funding
2008-to date

Selected milestones and deals

abbvie

March 2018

Collaboration to identify novel tumor specific antigens

imagia 

Feb 2018

Collaboration to identify imaging biomarkers that are linked to specific genetic mutations in cancer using AI

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PHARMA

Sep 2017

Collaboration to identify imaging biomarkers that are linked to specific genetic mutations in cancer using AI

AstraZeneca 

Apr 2017

AstraZeneca make available to IRICoR diversity sets of selected molecules from the AstraZeneca chemical compound library

 Bristol-Myers Squibb

Dec 2016

IRIC expands its medical chemistry core facility and announces the launch of Phase II clinical trials for a molecule jointly identified by IRIC and Bristol-Myers Squibb

 encycle
therapeutics

Oct 2016

Partnership to co-develop orally-bioavailable macrocycle drug to treat inflammatory bowel disease


THERAPEUTICS

Sep 2016

Expansion of the 2013 license and partnership agreement with Domain Therapeutics for new technologies - Domain Therapeutics NA created in Dec 2013


EXCELLTHERA

Jun 2015

Creation of ExCellThera, a NewCo Focused on stem cell expansion and gene therapy
Update: Phase I/II trial ongoing

 AmorChem

Jun 2014

\$2M investment in 2 Genome Québec/Genome Canada-funded large-scale personalized medicine projects (Total Funds: ~ \$25M)

Économie, Science et Innovation
Québec 

 Bristol-Myers Squibb

Feb 2014

Clinical trials initiated for PAR4 antagonist jointly identified by IRIC and BMS. \$13.9 investment by Quebec to support IRICoR oncology projects

 MERCK

Apr 2013

\$4M investment to catalyze the development of a pan-Canadian drug discovery initiative in collaboration with MaRS Innovation and CDRD

Case Study: Creation of ExCellThera

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Phase I/II clinical trial launched
18 patients treated to date



2016-2017

UM171-derived cell production development.
Revised manufacturing pre-CTA

Business modeling of NewCo
NewCo incorporated and patent granted



2014-2015

UM171 pre-clinical characterization,
GMP manufacturing

NewCo exploration



2013

Lead optimization – Identification of UM171

Funding support and Filing of US provisional
appl.



2012

HTS and Hit Identification – Phenotypic
screen on stem cell expansion in blood cells

Preliminary market assessment



2011

Case Study: Creation of SpecificiT

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Definition of the TSA Landscape



2017+

Automating manufacturing
Planning Phase II trial



2017

Phase I clinical trial



License Terms Negotiations with investors



2017

Proprietary know-how

Patent Filings and Patents Granted
NewCo Incorporation



2015-2017

Validation and optimization

Funding support and Patent filings



2012-2013

MIHA Identification

Funding and preliminary market
assessment



2010

At the heart of the drug discovery ecosystem

ACADEMIC COLLABORATORS



The Future - Increasing interactions between flagship programs to accelerate discovery and development



Accelerating discovery and commercialization of highly innovative therapies in oncology by strong partnerships with industry



Transforming early scientific innovations into business partnership opportunities



Extensive oncology research network
Centre of Excellence in Precision Therapeutics



One-stop shop for the development, translation and commercialization of ground-breaking cancer immunotherapies treatments


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Create synergies between its three main areas of expertise: business intelligence, operations research and AI



Consortium for Industrial Research and Innovation in Medical Technology



Federate researchers in the area of deep learning and machine learning for AI



Researchers, physicians, engineers patients, students, equipment vendors, and public health system stakeholders together to devise the medical technologies of tomorrow



Nanorobots laboratory
Direct bacteria carrying loads of chemotherapy drugs directly into a tumour



Foster innovative digital health ecosystems



Development of breakthrough tools and technologies that enhance biopharmaceutical R&D productivity

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