

ACCELERATING ACADEMIC BIOTECH

### **Autobahn Labs Overview**

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## Autobahn Labs is an accelerator for the translation of novel academic science



### Our Mission

To accelerate academic breakthroughs into transformational therapies

### Our Investors





### How We Operate

- 1 Identify the most innovative ideas in academic biotech
- 2 Validate therapeutic hypotheses in capital-efficient manner
- 3 Transform academic science into de-risked drug candidates

# Autobahn transforms academic research into de-risked drug programs



#### Our differentiation

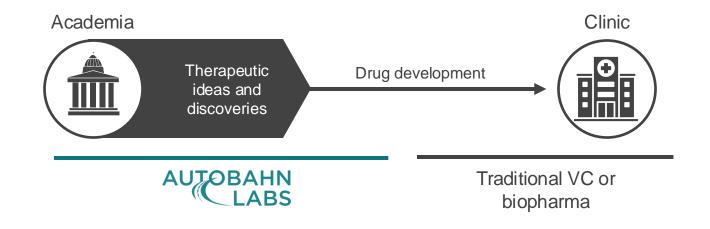
**Early-stage investment.** We invest in first-in-class therapeutics sourced from leading academic institutions

**Master agreements.** Pre-negotiated economic terms enable rapid program initiation and win/win scenarios for all stakeholders

**Academic partnerships.** Long-term university relationships are built on a commitment to detailed feedback and transparency

**Preferred CRO partner.** Charles River Lab's investment provides priority access to best-in-class drug discovery capabilities

#### We invest earlier than traditional VC or biopharma



# Our investment model is capital efficient and focused on value creation through key preclinical milestones





#### **Initial Investment**

Up to \$1M in < 1 year
Independently de-risk novel
academic therapeutic hypothesis

**Target druggability** through hit identification and validation

Tractable hypothesis to advance drug discovery campaign



#### Follow-on investment

#### Up to \$5M

Preclinical data package completion & nomination of advanced lead

**Tranched funding** dependent on achievement of key experimental go/no-go criteria

Lead compound with *in vivo* PoC and AL-owned IP



#### **Partnering strategy**

Flexible & creative partnering strategy across investment timeline

**Autobahn value creation:** Series A raised around development candidate or IP licensed under partnership

Spinout, license or asset co-development

# Autobahn leverages master agreements and university relationships



#### **Our University Ecosystem**



















#### Master agreements at 9 top-tier partner institutions

- · Long-term relationships are built for discovery of novel targets before public disclosure
- Pre-negotiated, favorable economic terms enable rapid program initiation

#### **Sourcing Strategies**

**Collegial TTO relationships** Champions for Autobahn at universities, bridge to PIs

Campus presence & engagement On-site visits, participation in university accelerators, and commitment to thorough feedback

**University Fellows** On-campus trainees plugged into new discoveries

**Search algorithms** Identify first-in-class opportunities, KOLs and highly-networked Pls

## We evaluate first-in-class therapeutic proposals across therapeutic areas and modalities



#### **Search & Evaluation Criteria**

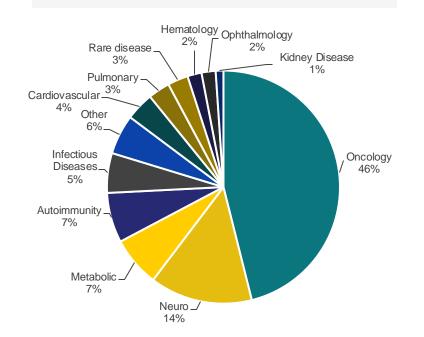
**First-in-class opportunity** Promising new target or novel therapeutic approach against well-validated target

**High unmet need** Well-defined patient population with insufficient standard-of-care

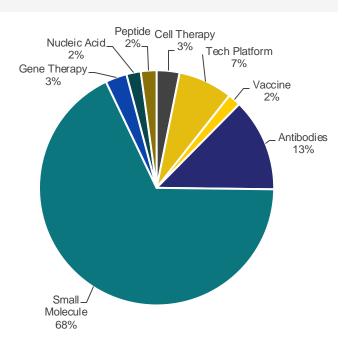
**Key opinion leader** PI with demonstrated accomplishment in the therapeutic area

Clear go/no-go Well-defined experiment to independently validate therapeutic hypothesis for <\$1M





#### **Modality**



Autobahn has screened 900+ proposals since inception in 2020

### Our diligence workflow



**Preliminary** 



- Intro call with no requirement for a polished deck or project proposal
- Initial proposal triage followed by working session with full Autobahn core team
- Present proposal to extended Autobahn science team for real-time feedback

Advanced



- Identify and address key diligence questions to comprehensively understand opportunity
- Present to SAB for feedback from folks with 20-40 years of drug discovery experience
- Identify key preclinical experiments to de-risk therapeutic hypothesis and maximize value

**Final** 



- Build workplans in collaboration with academic and strategic (e.g., CRL) partners
- Clear go/no-go preclinical inflection points to trigger tranched funds
- BoD pitch and final decision before program launch

# Leveraging our relationship with Charles River Labs to drive drug discovery programs forward at industry standard



#### **Equity Investor Benefits**

- Priority Access: Direct connection to top industry teams.
- Discounted FTE Rates: Cost-effective resource utilization.

#### **Strategic Benefits**

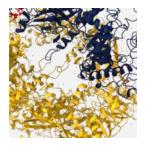
- Single Point of Contact: Streamlined communication from target ID to IND
- **BoD Collaboration:** CRL's active role in workplan development enhances project alignment

#### **Operational Excellence**

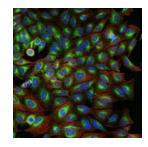
- **Executive Oversight:** Ensures strategic alignment and timely project deliverables
- Global Coverage: Efficient execution across all CRL sites and affiliates



Target discovery & validation
Human genomics / bioinformatics /
RNAi / CRISPR



**Hit-finding & optimization** Small molecule to biologics



In vitro biology
Mechanisms to assays



*In vivo* pharmacology PD, efficacy & phenotyping



Translational biomarkers In vivo & ex vivo tools



**Safety** Pharmacology to IND

### Our preclinical portfolio spans disease areas and modalities



	Lead Indication	Target	Modality	Institution	In vitro PoC¹	<i>In vivo</i> PoC¹	Novel Chemical Matter	Early lead	IP Filed	Status
Late-stage Program	Type 1 diabetes	IRE1α	<b>***</b>	UCSF	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	LO & DC nomination
	MDS-associated anemia	CHRM4	<del>-</del>	CSHL	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	LO & DC nomination
Early-stage Program	Solid tumors	Undisclosed	1	CSHL	✓	✓	✓	<b>√</b>		LO
	Solid tumors	Undisclosed	<b>**</b>	Non-partner	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			Target Validation
	Solid tumors	Undisclosed	<b>***</b>	ВСН	✓					Hit ID
Equity   Investment	Molecular glue platform <sup>2</sup>	Multiple	- <b>6</b>	UCSD spinout			<b>√</b>			H2L
Out-License	Surgical bleeding	Plasmin		UCLA	<b>√</b>	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	BD outreach

**Key:** Small molecule Peptide Monoclonal antibody

## Our team of drug hunters has extensive experience across disease areas and modalities



Core Team



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# Our scientific advisors and investors have a strong track record in developing and advancing therapeutic programs



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