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## **Introductions**

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- Jenn Lachey, Chief Scientific Officer
- Christopher Rovaldi, Chief Operating Officer



# Harnessing the Powerful Biology of the TGF-β Superfamily

- Clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel therapeutics that target the TGF-β superfamily
- Leveraging our extensive experience in TGF-β superfamily protein structure, function and protein engineering to generate a clinical pipeline of differentiated therapeutics:

### Hematology

KER-050: Modified activin receptor IIA (ActRIIA) ligand trap

- Designed to address ineffective hematopoiesis by modulating TGF-β superfamily signaling
- Potential to correct multiple cytopenias in patients with MDS and myelofibrosis (MF)

KER-047: Activin receptor-like kinase-2 (ALK2) inhibitor

- Designed to address anemias resulting from iron imbalance
- Potential to treat iron-refractory iron deficiency anemia (IRIDA), iron deficiency anemia and other diseases

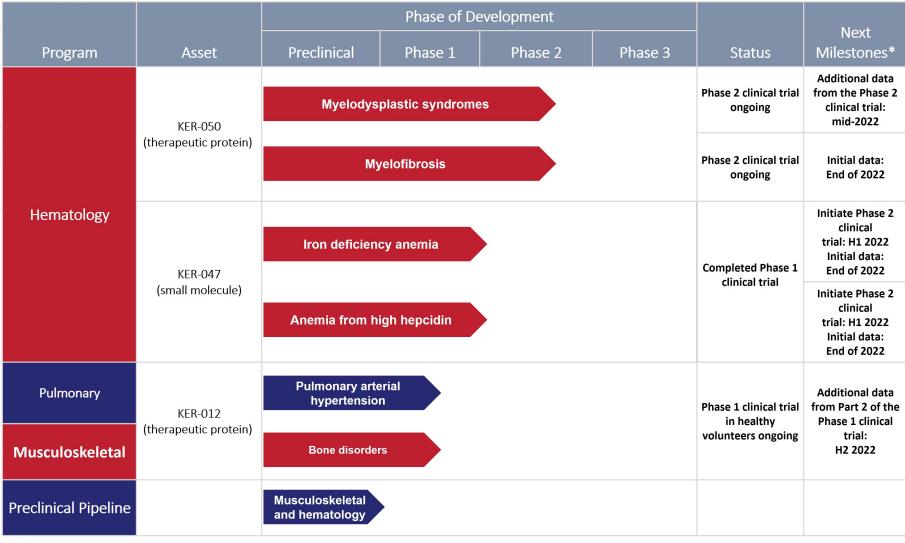
### **Pulmonary and Musculoskeletal**

KER-012: Modified activin receptor IIB (ActRIIB) ligand trap

- Designed to inhibit vascular remodeling and bone loss
- Potential to treat pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) and bone loss in osteogenesis imperfecta and osteoporosis



# Keros is Developing Differentiated Clinical Assets in Hematological and Musculoskeletal Disorders

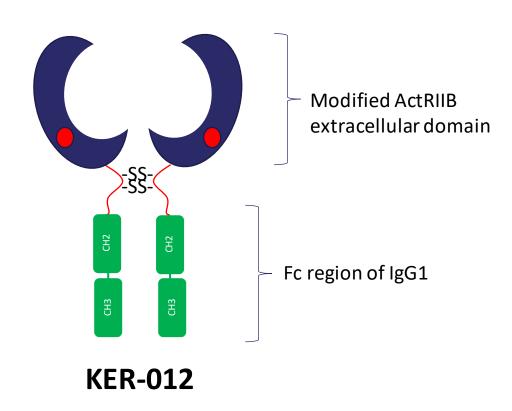






## **KER-012** is Designed to Address PAH and Bone Disorders

- KER-012 is a proprietary, wholly-owned, investigational ligand trap
  - Modified ActRIIB fused to the Fc region of IgG1
- KER-012 is designed to bind and inhibit activins and SMAD 2/3 signaling
- In preclinical studies, a research form of KER-012 (RKER-012):
  - Reduced inflammation, fibrosis and vascular remodeling in a rat Sugen/hypoxia model of PAH
  - Increased trabecular bone volume, bone volume fraction, trabecular number, trabecular thickness and reduced trabecular separation in the Sugen/hypoxia rat model
  - Did not increase red blood cells (RBCs) in rodents or cynomolgus monkeys in single and multiple dose studies
- Phase 1 clinical trial in healthy postmenopausal volunteers is ongoing



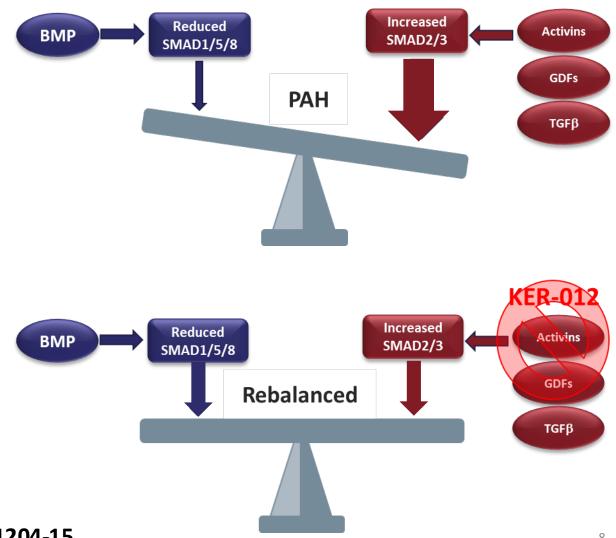


# Role of TGF-β in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension

Pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) is a debilitating disorder characterized by elevated pulmonary vascular resistance, resulting in diminished oxygenation, impaired cardiac output, and right ventricle (RV) overload

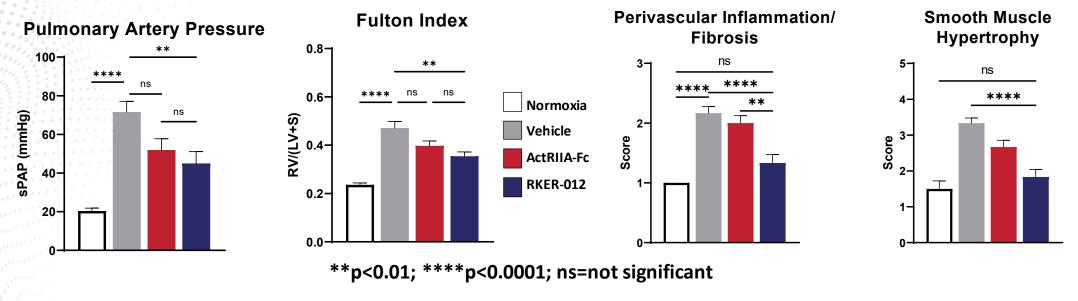
PAH is associated with imbalanced TGF-ß superfamily signaling, including insufficient SMAD 1/5/8 signaling\*

A third-party Phase 2 clinical trial demonstrated that rebalancing SMAD signaling by inhibiting ligands that bind ActRIIA provided benefit but was accompanied by a potentially dose-limiting increase in red blood cells (RBCs)\*



# RKER-012 Reduced Pulmonary Arterial Pressure and Right Ventricle (RV) Hypertrophy in a Rat PAH Model

In a head-to-head preclinical study, ActRIIA-Fc and RKER-012 demonstrated activity in the Sugen/hypoxia rat model of PAH:

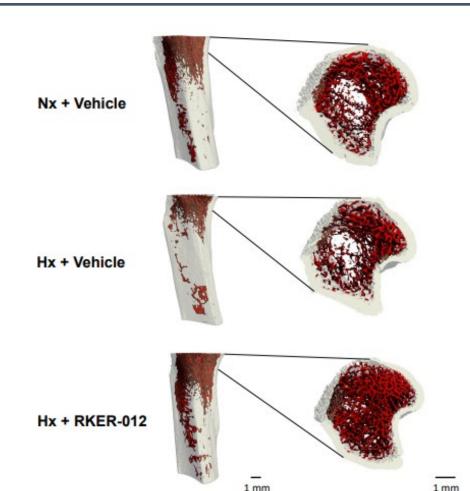


- Hypoxic rats were dosed with vehicle, ActRIIA-Fc (10 mg/kg) or RKER-012 (10 mg/kg), twice weekly for three weeks
  - Normoxic rats were dosed with vehicle
- Relative to vehicle-treated hypoxic rats, RKER-012:
  - Statistically significantly reduced RV hypertrophy and pulmonary arterial pressure
  - Statistically significantly reduced lung inflammation, fibrosis and smooth muscle hypertrophy
  - RKER-012 consistently showed a trend towards improved activity relative to ActRIIA-Fc in this preclinical study



### RKER-012 Prevented Bone Loss in a Rat PAH Model

- In a separate preclinical study, RKER-012 demonstrated activity in improving bone mass in the Sugen/hypoxia rat model of PAH
  - Hypoxic rats were dosed with vehicle or RKER-012 (20 mg/kg), twice weekly for four weeks
  - Normoxic rats were dosed with vehicle
- Hypoxic rats dosed with vehicle exhibited decreased bone volume, bone volume fraction and trabecular number, and increased trabecular separation compared to normoxic controls
- RKER-012 prevented loss of bone volume, bone volume fraction, trabecular number, and reduced trabecular separation that was observed in vehicle-treated hypoxic rats
- Taken together, we believe this preclinical data suggests that:
  - RKER-012 potentially inhibited activins and growth differentiation factor ligands (GDFs), which are negative regulators of bone
  - Inhibition of activins and GDFs also potentially facilitated signaling of bone morphogenetic proteins (BMPs), factors that promote bone growth
  - RKER-012 protected rats from PAH-induced bone loss



(Left) Representative three-dimensional of the tibia demonstrating trabecular architecture is reduced in Hx + Vehicle compared to Nx + Vehicle and Hx + RKER-012. (Right) Transverse cross section of the proximal tibia depicting trabecular (red) and cortical (opaque) bone; Scale bar = 1 mm.



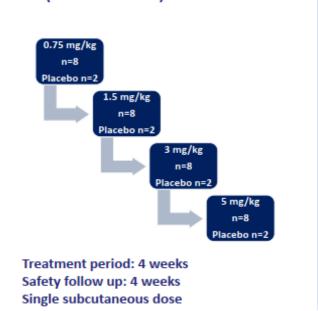


A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo Controlled, Two-Part, Dose-Escalation Phase 1 Clinical Trial to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability, Pharmacokinetic, and Pharmacodynamic Effects of KER-012 in Healthy Post Menopausal Women

# Phase 1 Clinical Trial of KER-012 in Healthy Post-Menopausal Women

Ongoing randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, two-part Phase 1 clinical trial to evaluate single and multiple ascending doses of KER-012 in healthy post-menopausal women

Phase 1 Clinical Trial Design: Multiple Ascending Dose Part 1: Single Ascending Dose (Double-blinded) (Double-blinded)



0.75 mg/kg Placebo n=2 1.5 mg/kg Placebo n=2 4.5 mg/kg Placebo n=2 Treatment period: 12 weeks

Safety follow up: 4 weeks Three subcutaneous doses

(28 days apart)

Part 1 endpoints: safety, pharmacokinetics (PK) and biomarkers

Part 2 endpoints: safety, PK, biomarkers and total body scan by dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry (DXA)

**Status**: Completed; topline data shared in this presentation

**Status**: Part 2 ongoing; expected to report data in H2 2022



# **Key Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria**

#### Inclusion:

- Postmenopausal female aged 45 to 70 years (inclusive) at screening
  - NOTE: Postmenopausal is defined as ≥ 6 months of spontaneous amenorrhea OR 6 weeks postsurgical bilateral oophorectomy with or without hysterectomy
- Serum follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) levels > 40 IU/L

### **Exclusion:**

- Clinically significant (as determined by the investigator) cardiac, endocrinologic, hematologic, hepatic, immunologic, metabolic, urologic, pulmonary, neurologic, dermatologic, psychiatric, renal, and/or other major disease
- History of osteoporosis or any past treatment for osteoporosis
- Hormone replacement therapy (i.e., estrogen, or estrogen plus progesterone) within 3 months prior to dosing or plans to begin hormone replacement therapy at any time during the study. Local estrogen therapy for vaginal atrophy is permitted
- Systemic glucocorticoid therapy for more than 1 month within 6 months before screening
- Medications that may affect muscle function, including muscle anabolic agents and high intensity statins, within 3
  months prior to dosing (moderate stable doses of statins are permitted)
- Antiresorptive and anabolic osteoporosis treatments within 1 year prior to dosing



# **Demographics and Disposition (Part 1 SAD)**

	PBO (N=8)	0.75 mg/kg (N=8)	1.5 mg/kg (N=8)	3.0 mg/kg (N=8)	5.0 mg/kg (N=8)	All Subjects (N=40)
Age, years mean (range)	56.0 (48 – 60)	58.3 (52 -70)	54.9 (50 - 59)	57.8 (50 - 66)	59.3 (53 - 68)	57.2 (48 - 70)
Race, n (%) White Multiple*	8 (100) 0	8 (100) 0	8 (100) 0	7 (87.5) 1 (12.5)	8 (100) 0	39 (97.5) 1 (2.5)
<b>Weight, kg</b> mean (SD)	68.4 (10.09)	71.6 (9.60)	67.5 (8.05)	68.1 (9.49)	67.1 (10.35)	68.6 (9.19)
FSH, IU/L mean (SD) [range] at Screening at C1D1	88.9 (16.34) [62, 107] 70.4 (28.91) [18, 105]	75.5 (19.87) [56, 112] 53.3 (28.16) [26, 103]	95.0 (22.93) [64, 133] 86.5 (16.64) [64, 109]	77.9 (26.31) [60, 127] 49.5 (23.65) [21, 92]	91.0 (35.02) [45, 146] 87.1 (35.49) [63, 162]	85.6 (25.02) [45, 146] 68.9 (30.18) [18, 162]
%chg from SCRN	-16.9 (35.65) [-83.2, 11.9]	-31.9 (23.02) [-58.3, 1.1]	-7.7 (8.78) [-18.3, 7.1]	-33.3 (24.57) [-83.5, 2.6]	4.4 (17.71) [-17.0, 40.0]	-17.7 (26.38) [-83.5, 40.0]
Disposition						
Completed Study, n (%)	8 (100%)	8 (100%)	7 (87.5%)	8 (100%)	8 (100%)	39 (97.5)
Discontinuation, n (%)	0	0	1** (12.5%)	0	0	1** (2.5)

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<sup>\*</sup> More than one race was reported.

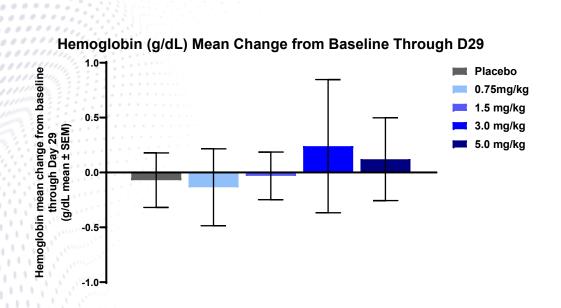
<sup>\*\* 1</sup> subject prematurely discontinued after receiving KER-012 due to withdrawal of consent.

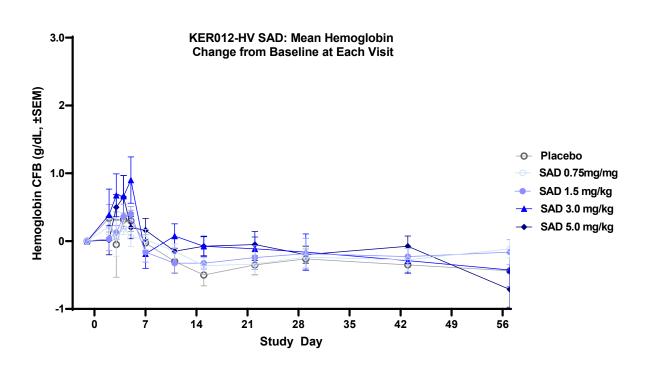
# Safety, Tolerability and PK (Part 1 SAD)

- KER-012 was generally well tolerated at doses up to 5 mg/kg when administered as a single dose
- There were no serious adverse events observed in Part 1
- The majority of adverse events observed in Part 1 were mild in severity (CTCAE Grade 1)
- No clinically meaningful changes in hemoglobin (Hgb), RBCs or reticulocytes were
  observed at doses up to 5 mg/kg when administered as a single dose
- PK parameters were generally dose proportional with increasing doses



# No Clinically Meaningful Change in Hgb Observed with KER-012 Administration of up to 5 mg/kg

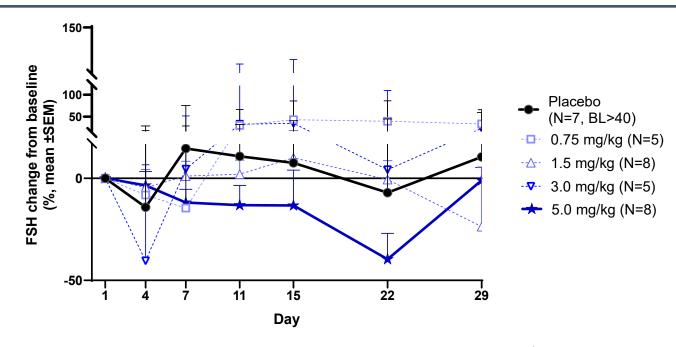




 Single dose of KER-012 was not associated with clinically meaningful changes in Hgb at all doses in Part 1 of this trial



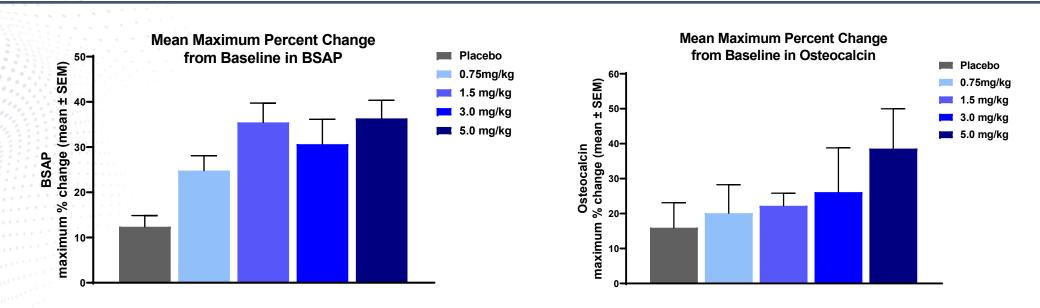
# KER-012 Administration Resulted in 40% Mean Decrease in FSH at 5 mg/kg Dose



- As per the study protocol, only participants with baseline FSH <u>></u>40 IU/L were included in the analysis for the changes in FSH with KER-012 treatment
  - Some of the participants that met the <u>></u>40 IU/L criteria for FSH at screening dropped below the inclusion criteria at baseline
- A single dose of 5 mg/kg resulted in a 40% mean decrease in FSH on Day 22



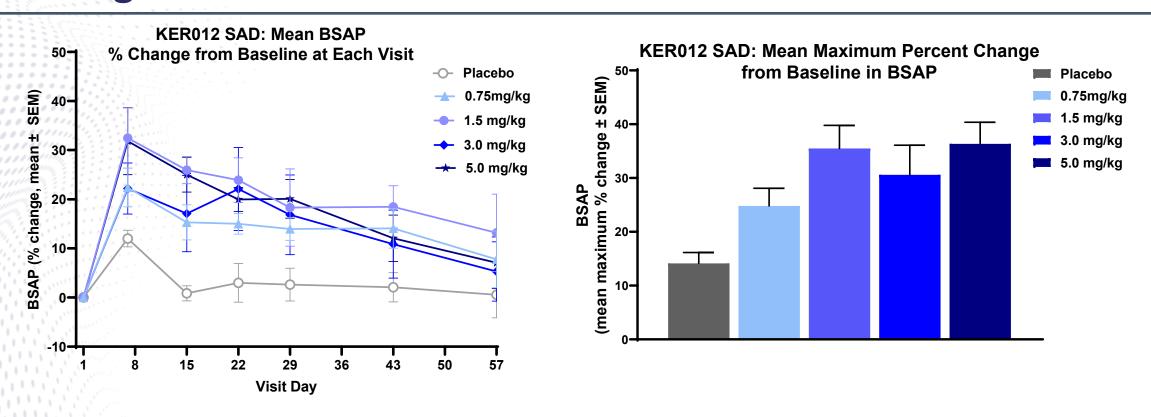
## Robust Increase in Markers of Bone Formation Observed



- KER-012 is designed to inhibit activins and GDFs in the bone, which we believe potentially results in reduced SMAD 2/3 signaling and increased signaling of bone morphogenetic protein (BMP) pathway (SMAD1/5/8)
  - The increased BMP signaling potentially promotes bone formation through activation/recruitment of bone forming osteoblasts and repression of osteoclasts
- Increased serum markers of osteoblast activity were observed in trial participants who were administered **KER-012** 
  - Including bone specific alkaline phosphatase (BSAP), procollagen type 1 N-terminal propeptide (P1NP) and osteocalcin



# Observed Mean Maximal Increase in BSAP at Doses of 1.5 mg/kg and Higher



- A single 0.75 mg/kg dose of KER-012 elicited a 25% mean maximum increase in BSAP, which is supportive of osteoblast activation/recruitment in bone
- A 35% mean maximum increase in BSAP was observed following a single 1.5 mg/kg dose of KER-012

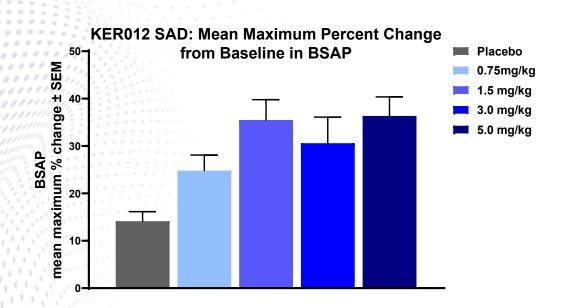


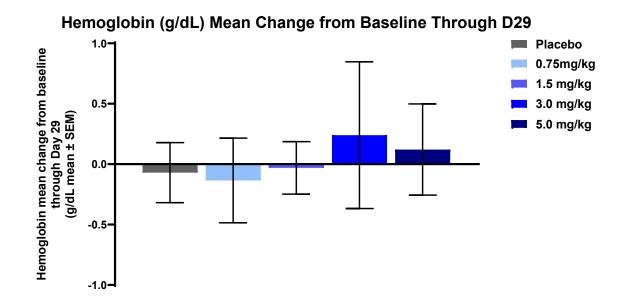
## **KER-012 Part 1 SAD Summary**

- KER-012 was generally well tolerated at all doses up to 5 mg/kg when administered as a single dose in healthy
  postmenopausal women
- KER-012 was associated with generally dose proportional exposure
- Maximal target engagement was observed following a single 5 mg/kg dose of KER-012 (40% mean reduction in FSH on Day 22)
- No clinically meaningful changes in Hgb or RBCs were observed at doses up to 5 mg/kg when administered as a single dose
- Robust changes in markers of bone formation were observed, starting at the lowest dose of 0.75 mg/kg
- Mean maximal increases in BSAP as high as 35% were observed at the higher dose cohorts (1.5, 3 and 5 mg/kg), which is similar to the mean maximal increase observed with other ligand traps, including KER-050
- The observed KER-012-mediated increases in BSAP are consistent with restoration of BMP signaling; Keros believes this supports the development of KER-012 as a potential treatment for patients with PAH, which is associated with reduced BMP signaling
- Keros believes the preclinical data and data from Part 1 of its ongoing Phase 1 clinical trial support that KER-012 has the
  potential to treat patients with PAH without a potentially dose-limiting red blood cell effect, if approved



# KER-012 Elicited Maximum Increases in Bone-Specific Alkaline Phosphatase (BSAP)

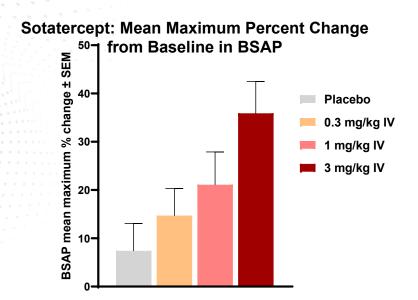




- Increasing doses of KER-012 was observed to elicit maximal target engagement
  - Observed FSH decrease of up to 40%
  - Observed increases in BSAP, P1NP and osteocalcin
- Mean maximal increases in BSAP were observed at the higher dose cohorts (1.5, 3 and 5 mg/kg) with a single dose of KER-012
- No clinically meaningful changes in hemoglobin were observed following single doses of KER-012 ranging from 0.75 to 5.0 mg/kg



# Sotatercept Increased BSAP Concurrently with Observed Increases in Hemoglobin in a Third-Party Phase 1 Clinical Trial\*



Dose (iv) (mg/kg)	Placebo	0.3	1.0	3.0
Max change in Hemoglobin (g/dL)	0.4	1.7	1.7	2.4
Standard Deviation	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.7

- Results from a third-party single ascending dose Phase 1 clinical trial of sotatercept in healthy postmenopausal women was previously reported\*
- Dose dependent increases in BSAP were observed with sotatercept\*
- Sotatercept elicited mean maximal target engagement in BSAP at 3.0 mg/kg (i.v.)\*
- Treatment with a single dose of sotatercept resulted in sustained increase in hemoglobin\*



## **KER-012: Next Steps**

- Part 2 of this trial (multiple ascending dose) is ongoing; expected to report data in H2 2022
  - Expect to confirm SAD biomarkers and include changes in bone mineral density by dualenergy x-ray absorptiometry
- Keros expects to initiate a Phase 2 clinical trial of KER-012 in PAH patients following the completion of the Phase 1 clinical trial
  - Keros expects to announce the design of this Phase 2 clinical trial in early 2023



# **Anticipated Key Milestones**\*

### **KER-050**

Announce additional data from Phase 2 trial in MDS Mid-2022 (EHA 2022)

• Announce initial data from Phase 2 trial in myelofibrosis End of 2022

### **KER-047**

Initiate Phase 2 trial in IDA
 H1 2022 (initial data end of 2022)

• Initiate Phase 2 trial in IRIDA H1 2022 (initial data end of 2022)

### **KER-012**

Announce additional data from Part 2 of Phase 1 trial
 H2 2022

Announce design of Phase 2 trial in PAH
 Early 2023



