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## **Company Overview**

- MyMD is developing novel immunotherapies focused on aging disorders and autoimmune diseases
- Two drug candidates
  - MYMD-1, a clinical-stage immunometabolic regulator
  - SUPERA-R1, a preclinical patented synthetic cannabidiol derivative
- Phase 2 clinical trials at Johns Hopkins University in Q1 2021
- # peer-reviewed publications from distinguished institutions, including <u>The Journal of Immunology</u> and the <u>Journal of</u> <u>Neuroimmunology</u>, by researchers from Johns Hopkins University, with additional pending publications
- Management team come from renowned organizations including Johns Hopkins University, IQVIA, etc.

#### **Management Team**

Adam Kaplin, M.D., Ph.D. Chief Scientific Officer of MyMD Pharmaceuticals

Chris Chapman, M.D. President & Chief Medical Officer of MyMD Pharmaceuticals

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Jude Uzonwanne

Director of Investor Relations for MyMD Pharmaceuticals

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# Peer Reviewed Published Data



### The Journal of Immunology

MYMD-1, a Novel Immunometabolic Regulator, Ameliorates Autoimmune Thyroiditis via Suppression of Th1 Responses and TNF- $\alpha$  Release



### Journal of Neuroimmunology

MYMD-1, a Novel Alkaloid Compound, Ameliorates The Course of Experimental Autoimmune Encephalomyelitis

### MYMD-1: At A Glance

A first-in-class drug being developed to treat autoimmune and age-related diseases, including extending the human lifespan

#### Seeks to Target the cause, not the symptoms

• Eliminates the underlying source of inflammation (immunometabolic dysregulation leading to the production and release of unwanted TNF-α), before symptoms even begin. By inhibiting initial production of TNF-α before release, there's no need to chase down and control its damage.

#### Non-toxic

• At doses used, there is minimal impact expected on cell viability, as opposed to significant detrimental side effects triggered by leading alternative molecules.

#### Small enough to reach the brain

• At only about 146 Daltons, We believe MYMD-1 is the first oral TNF-*a* regulator capable of crossing the blood-brain barrier, which should enable it to address Alzheimer's and other brain-related diseases.

## Age-Related Diseases

- Age-related diseases such as heart disease, cancer, Alzheimer's disease, rheumatoid arthritis and diabetes are immunometabolic diseases
- 80% of older adults have at least one chronic disease, and 77% have at least two
- The market for drugs treating aging is estimated to reach \$87.2 billion by 2024
- The U.S. and global population aged 65+ is 52 million and 700 million, respectively

## Autoimmune Diseases

- 23 million Americans suffer from autoimmune diseases
- There are more than 80 autoimmune diseases, including diabetes, multiple sclerosis, lupus and rheumatoid arthritis
- Diabetes affects 12.2 million Americans aged 60+
- The global drug market for autoimmune diseases is estimated at \$100 billion
- The diabetes care drugs market reached \$69.7 billion in 2019

### SUPERA-1R: At A Glance

A drug platform based on a patented synthetic derivative of cannabidiol (CBD) that targets numerous key cannabinoid receptors, being developed to address pain, anxiety, sleep disorders and seizures

#### Potentially more effective than Epidiolex

• Early studies show it is potentially 7-8 times more effective than Epidiolex or plant-derived CBD in reducing MAO-A and MAO-B (which play a role in substance addiction) in a dose-dependent manner.

#### Similar safety profile to plant-based CBD

 Initial studies have demonstrated that SUPERA-1R has a similar safety and toxicity profile to plantbased CBD.

#### **Robust platform**

• Complete platform for supporting multiple indications. De-risked commercialization as compared to other drug candidates. FDA's declared receptiveness to moving forward in this space. Positioned to become a prescription drug alternative to unregulated CBD.

## The Science of Immunometabolic Regulation

- MYMD-1 is being developed as an immunometabolic regulator designed to regulate the release of inflammatory cytokines, including tumor necrosis factor-α (TNF-α).
- Immunometabolic regulation is the science of regulating inflammatory cytokines, including TNF- $\alpha$ , to prevent and treat age-related and autoimmune diseases.
- TNF-α blockers are first generation drugs designed to treat immunometabolic dysfunction.
- TNF-α blockers are the most prescribed drugs by revenue, globally \$40 billion per year (e.g. Humira, Enbrel and Remicade).

MYMD-1 is seeking to be the next generation immunometabolic regulator



# **Projected Pipeline**



