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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 12, 2024

AVALO THERAPEUTICS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-37590
(Commission File Number)

45-0705648
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

540 Gaither Road, Suite 400, Rockville, Maryland 20850
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (410) 522-8707

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.001 Par Value	AVTX	Nasdaq Capital Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging Growth Company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On November 12, 2024, Avalo Therapeutics, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that the Company has received \$69.4 million in gross proceeds from the full exercise of the warrants issued in a March 2024 private placement. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

As of November 8, 2024, Avalo has 10,463,633 shares of common stock outstanding and 24,895.92 shares of Series C Preferred Stock outstanding. Each share of Series C Preferred Stock is convertible into 1,000 shares of common stock, subject to beneficial ownership limitations.

On November 12, 2024, the Company posted on its website an updated investor presentation (the “Investor Presentation”). The Investor Presentation will be used from time to time in meetings with investors. A copy of the Investor Presentation is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated November 12, 2024.
99.2	Investor Presentation.
104	The cover pages of this Current Report on Form 8-K, formatted in Inline XBRL.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AVALO THERAPEUTICS, INC.

Date: November 12, 2024

By: /s/ Christopher Sullivan

Christopher Sullivan
Chief Financial Officer



Avalo Therapeutics Receives \$69.4 Million in Proceeds from the Full Exercise of Private Placement Warrants

- *Proceeds from the full exercise of warrants issued in the first quarter of 2024 private placement bring the total gross proceeds from the transaction to \$185 million*
- *Cash runway expected into at least 2027*

WAYNE, PA AND ROCKVILLE, MD, November 12, 2024 – Avalo Therapeutics, Inc. (Nasdaq: AVTX), a clinical stage biotechnology company focused on the treatment of immune dysregulation, today announced that it has received \$69.4 million in gross proceeds from the full exercise of the warrants issued in a March 2024 private placement.

"We appreciate the outstanding support of our investors by fully exercising their warrants from the private placement earlier this year. While our primary focus remains on the execution of our Phase 2 LOTUS trial in hidradenitis suppurativa, we are excited to expand the AVTX-009 program into additional inflammatory indications," said Dr. Garry Neil, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board. "We are hard at work identifying our next indication, the launch and execution of which will benefit from our improved cash position and extended cash runway."

The warrants were issued as part of the private placement in March 2024 that was led by Commodore Capital and TCGX, with participation from BVF Partners, Deep Track Capital, OrbiMed, Petrichor, and RA Capital Management. 11,967,526 warrants were issued and all have been exercised at an exercise price of \$5.796933 per underlying share of common stock, resulting in gross proceeds to Avalo of \$69.4 million and the issuance of 781,259 shares of common stock and 11,186.267 shares of series C non-voting convertible preferred stock. As of November 8, 2024, Avalo has 10,463,633 shares of common stock outstanding and 24,895.92 shares of series C preferred stock outstanding. Each share of series C preferred stock is convertible into 1,000 shares of common stock, subject to certain beneficial ownership limitations.

About Avalo Therapeutics

Avalo Therapeutics is a clinical stage biotechnology company focused on the treatment of immune dysregulation. Avalo's lead asset is AVTX-009, an anti-IL-1 β mAb, targeting inflammatory diseases. Avalo also has two additional drug candidates, which include quisovalimab (anti-LIGHT mAb) and AVTX-008 (BTLA agonist fusion protein). For more information about Avalo, please visit www.avalotx.com.

About AVTX-009

AVTX-009 is a humanized monoclonal antibody (IgG4) that binds to interleukin-1 β (IL-1 β) with high affinity and neutralizes its activity. IL-1 β is a central driver in the inflammatory process. Overproduction or dysregulation of IL-1 β is implicated in many autoimmune and inflammatory diseases. IL-1 β is a major, validated target for therapeutic intervention. There is evidence that inhibition of IL-1 β could be effective in hidradenitis suppurativa and a variety of inflammatory diseases in dermatology, gastroenterology, and rheumatology.

About the LOTUS Trial

The LOTUS Trial is a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group Phase 2 trial with two AVTX-009 dose regimens to evaluate the efficacy and safety of AVTX-009 in approximately 180 adults with moderate to severe hidradenitis suppurativa. Subjects will be randomized (1:1:1) to receive either one of two

dosing regimens of AVTX-009 or placebo during a 16-week treatment phase. The primary efficacy endpoint is the proportion of subjects achieving Hidradenitis Suppurativa Clinical Response (HiSCR75) at Week 16. Secondary objectives include but are not limited to: proportion of patients achieving HiSCR50 and HiSCR90 as well as change from baseline in: International HS Severity Score System (IHS4), draining fistula count, abscess and inflammatory nodule (AN) count and patients achieving at least a 30% reduction on a numerical rating scale in Patient's Global Assessment of Skin Pain (PGA Skin Pain). The number of patients with anti-drug antibodies, safety, and tolerability will be assessed. For additional information this trial ([NCT06603077](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT06603077)), please visit www.clinicaltrials.gov.

About Hidradenitis Suppurativa

Hidradenitis suppurativa (HS) is a chronic inflammatory skin condition characterized by painful nodules, abscesses, and tunnels that form in areas of the body such as the armpits, groin, and buttocks, severely impacting the quality of life of affected individuals.¹ HS is often underdiagnosed or misdiagnosed and therefore estimates of HS vary between 0.2-1.7% of the population worldwide.²⁻⁵ The exact cause of HS is not fully understood but is believed to involve a combination of genetic, hormonal, and environmental factors. While advances in treatment have been made, limited treatment options are available. IL-1 β plays a crucial role in the inflammatory cascade underlying HS, contributing to tissue damage, inflammation, and disease progression. Given the involvement of IL-1 β in the inflammatory process of HS, we believe therapies that target IL-1 β offer a potential treatment option for HS.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release may include forward-looking statements made pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts. Such forward-looking statements are subject to significant risks and uncertainties that are subject to change based on various factors (many of which are beyond Avalo's control), which could cause actual results to differ from the forward-looking statements. Such statements may include, without limitation, statements with respect to Avalo's plans, objectives, projections, expectations and intentions and other statements identified by words such as "projects," "may," "might," "will," "could," "would," "should," "continue," "seeks," "aims," "predicts," "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "estimates," "intends," "plans," "potential," or similar expressions (including their use in the negative), or by discussions of future matters such as: the intended use of proceeds from the warrant exercise; drug development costs, timing of trials and trial results and other risks, including reliance on investigators and enrollment of patients in clinical trials; reliance on key personnel; regulatory risks; integration of AVTX-009 into our operations; general economic and market risks and uncertainties, including those caused by the war in Ukraine and the Middle East; and those other risks detailed in Avalo's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, available at www.sec.gov. Actual results may differ from those set forth in the forward-looking statements. Except as required by applicable law, Avalo expressly disclaims any obligations or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in Avalo's expectations with respect thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any statement is based.

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Corporate Presentation

November 2024

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- Topline Data expected 2026



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Expected cash runway into at least 2027

Avalo Management Team

175+ Years of Experience in Biotech/Pharma

A proven track record of successful leadership, product development, and commercialization in pharma and biotech



Garry A. Neil, MD
Chief Executive Officer
Chairman of the Board



Mittie Doyle, MD
Chief Medical Officer



Chris Sullivan
Chief Financial Officer



Paul Varki
Chief Legal Officer



Colleen Matkowski
SVP, Global Regulatory Affairs,
Quality Assurance



Dino C. Miano, PhD
SVP, CMC,
Technical Operations

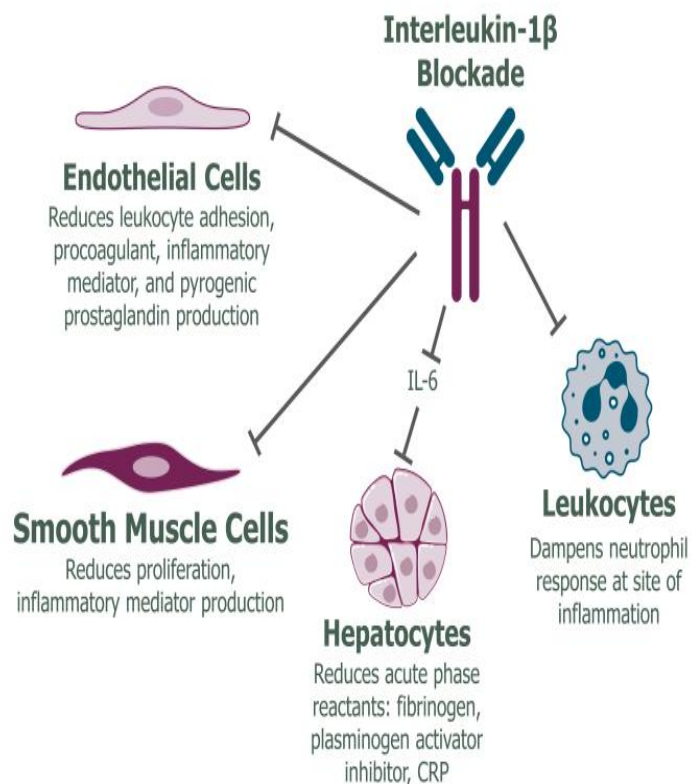


Lisa Hegg, PhD
SVP, Program Management, Corporate
Infrastructure, Clinical Operations



IL-1 β Is Increasingly Recognized as a Master Regulator of Inflammation

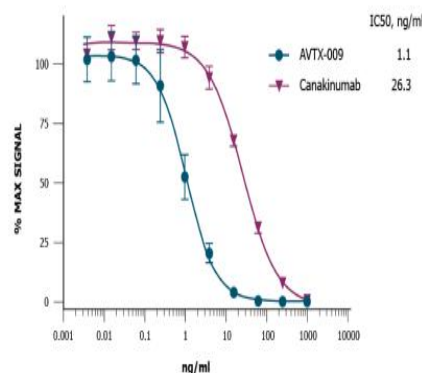
- IL-1 β is a central driver of the inflammatory process¹ and activates immune cells that generate proinflammatory cytokines including:
 - IL-6
 - TNF- α
 - IL-17
- IL-1 β is involved in the pathogenesis of many autoimmune and autoinflammatory diseases
- Inhibition of IL-1 β has been shown to be effective and safe in a variety of inflammatory diseases, including hidradenitis suppurativa¹⁻³



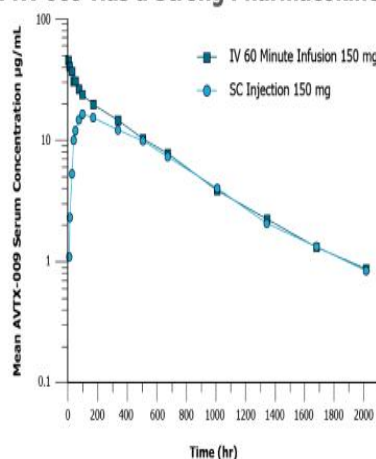
AVTX-009 Is a Highly Potent and Specific Inhibitor of IL-1 β

- Originally developed by Eli Lilly^{1,2}
- AVTX-009 exhibits superior potency compared to ILARIS® (canakinumab) in vitro
 - Higher affinity for IL-1 β : K_D of <3 pM vs. 60 pM canakinumab³
- Stable 150 mg/mL dosage formulation⁴
 - Suitable for subcutaneous and intravenous administration
 - Initial presentation will be a prefilled syringe, post-approval plan to provide as an autoinjector
- Clinical experience: 245 patients studied in phase 1 and phase 2 trials^{2,4-7}
 - Significant and rapid lowering of inflammatory biomarkers after a single dose in clinical trials
 - Excellent tolerability and safety at all doses up to 180 mg weekly
- Potency and half-life expected to support Q4W or less frequent dosing

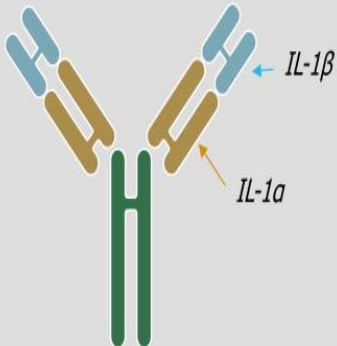
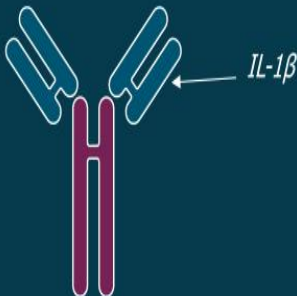
AVTX-009 Has Higher Potency than Canakinumab



AVTX-009 Has a Strong Pharmacokinetic Profile



AVTX-009 Has High Affinity, High Bioavailability, and Long Half-Life

	Lutikizumab ^{1,2}	AVTX-009 ³
		
IL-1 β K _D (pM)	44	<3
Subcutaneous bioavailability	46%	73%
Half-life	10-14 days	19 days

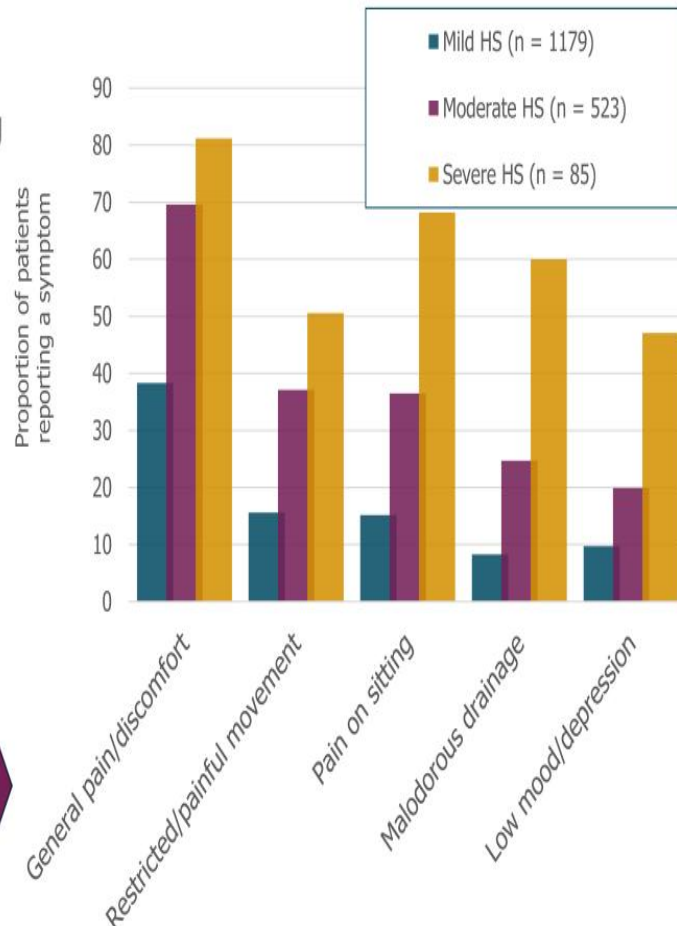
Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS)

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Hidradenitis Suppurativa: a Chronic Disease with a High Unmet Need

- Hidradenitis suppurativa is a chronic, often debilitating inflammatory skin disease that causes painful lumps, abscesses, and tunnels to form under the skin
- **Current treatments include:**
 - Antibiotics
 - Retinoids
 - Steroids
 - Cosentyx, Humira

Despite treatment, a large proportion of patients still report significant and life-disrupting symptoms¹



HS Causes Severe Pain and High Patient Burden

- Pain is a frequently overlooked aspect of HS^{1,2}
- Even patients with “mild” disease report high levels of pain^{3,4}
- This pain interferes with everyday life, sleep, and even movement²
- IL-1 β blockade has been shown to reduce pain in multiple inflammatory conditions⁵

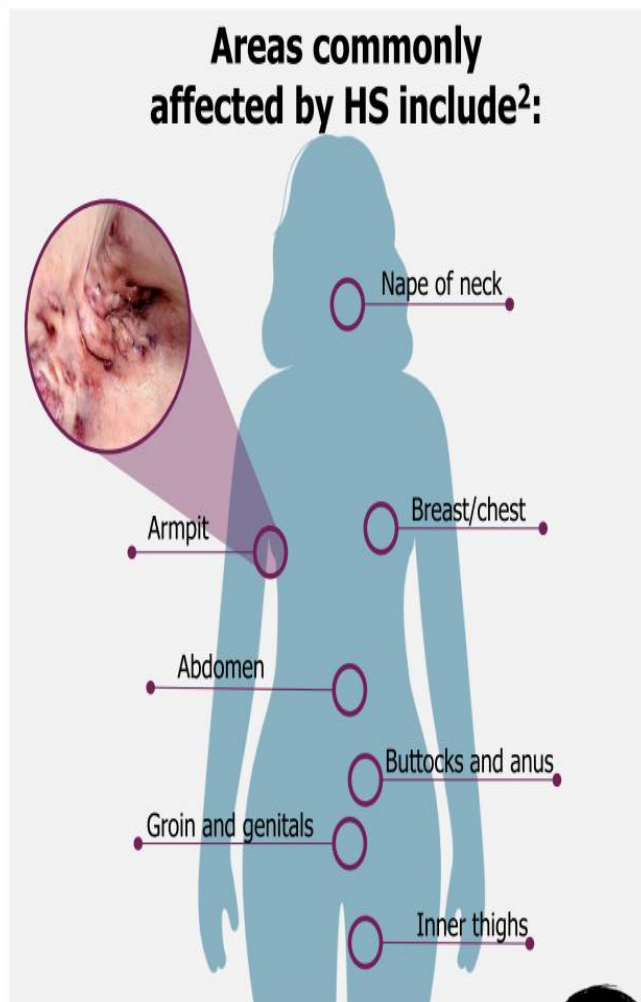
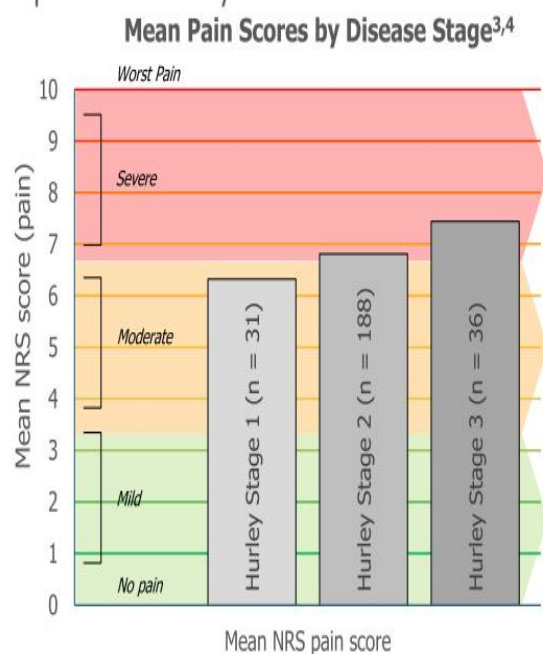


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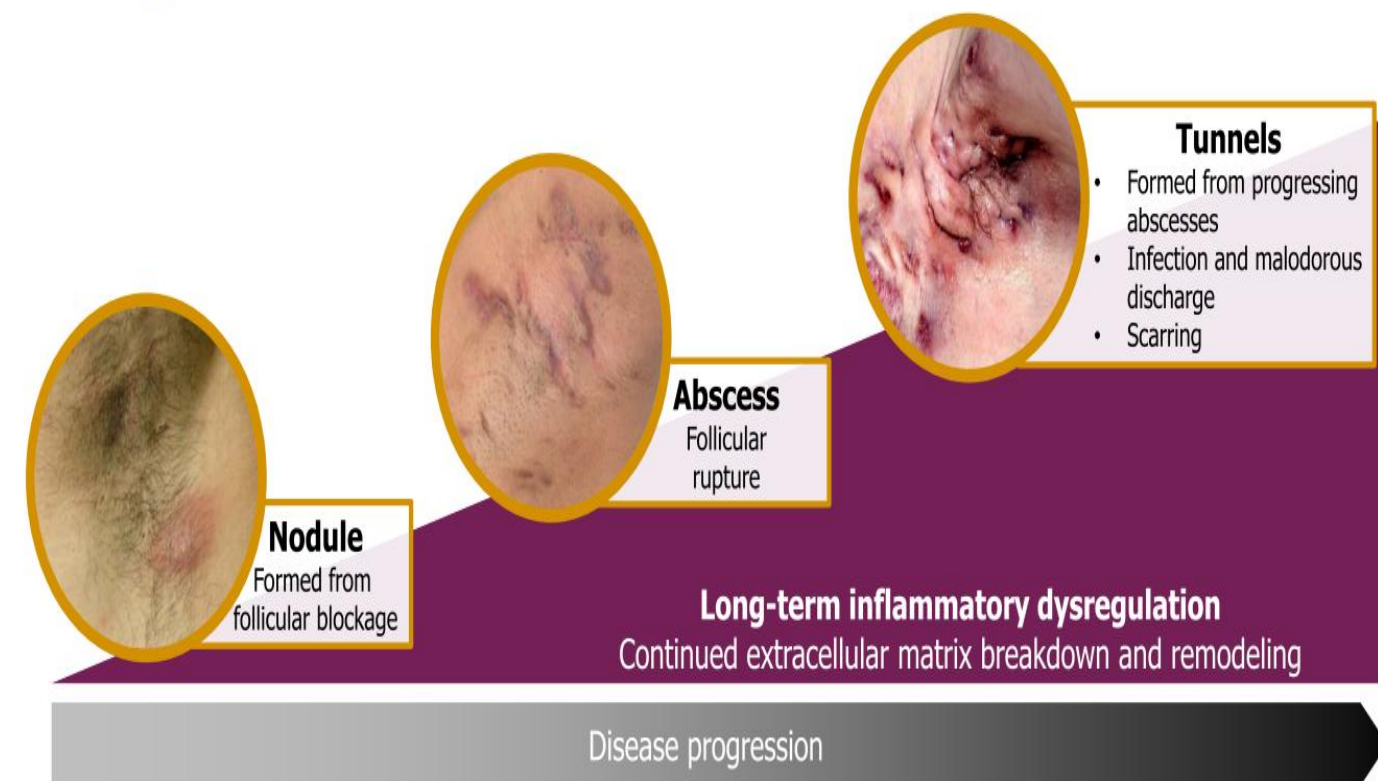
HS, hidradenitis suppurativa; IL, interleukin.

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Chronic Inflammation in Hidradenitis Suppurativa Progresses to Tissue Destruction



Hidradenitis suppurativa patients need a potent and targeted anti-inflammatory treatment

Diagnosed and Treated HS Population is Projected to Grow Substantially into a \$9.5B+ Market by 2035¹

2023

US Base Data

2035

US Projected

MARKET DRIVERS

Overall HS prevalence²

3.3 million

3.5 million

(0.5% US population CAGR)

Potential Market Opportunity

Overall prevalence of HS of 3.3M expected to grow to 3.5M

HS diagnosed and treated³

1.0 million

1.6 million

(4% HS diagnosis CAGR)³

Total Addressable Market

Number of patients with HS diagnosed and treated will grow significantly from 30% to 45% of the total population, driven by new development and visibility with HCPs and patients

Moderate-to-severe HS⁴

320,000

513,000

Segment Addressable Market

Increased recognition of disease leads to 60% growth of identified moderate to severe HS

Receiving biologics⁵

105,000

(33% on biologics in 2023)

205,000

(40% on biologics in 2030)³

Treated Addressable Market

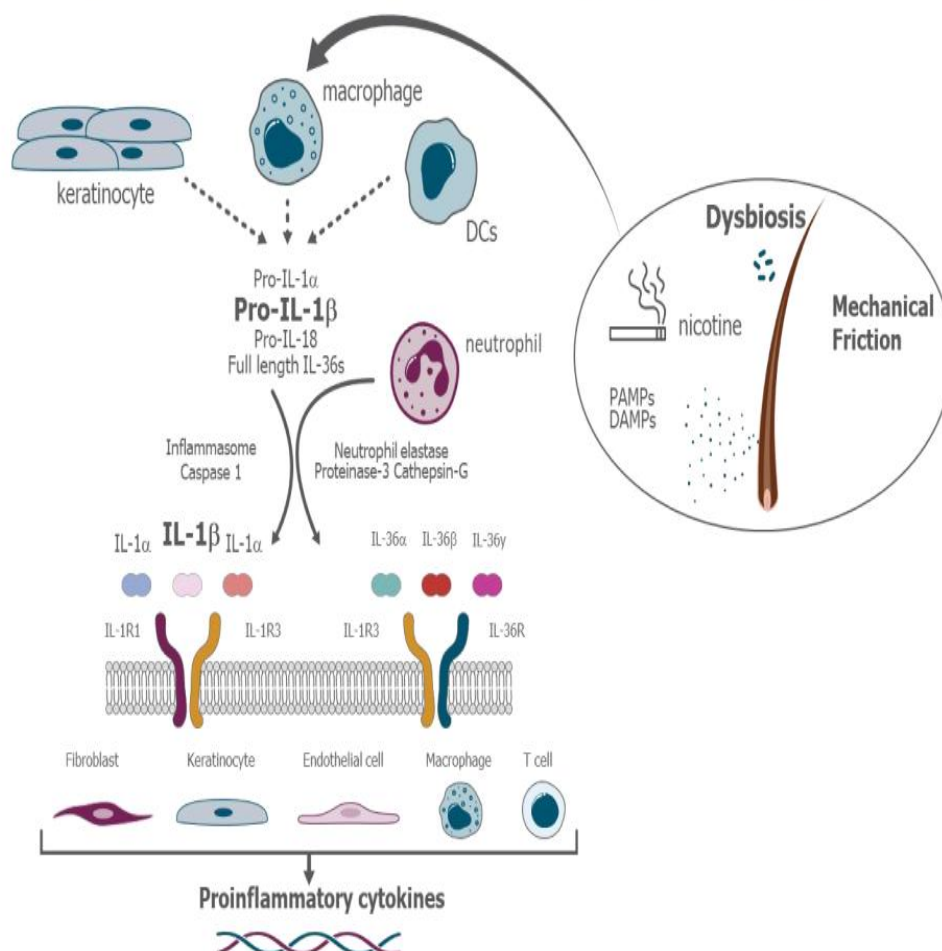
New approvals will lead to more patients being given biologics, increasing from 30% to 40% share of segment, evidenced by the recent quickly growing use of Cosentyx in HS post-approval

¹² HS diagnosis and treatment rates and biologic treatment rates are expected to increase over time.
CAGR, compound annual growth rate; HCP, healthcare provider; HS, hidradenitis suppurativa; US, United States.
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IL-1 β is Strongly Implicated in the Pathophysiology of HS¹

- The inflammatory cascade in HS is triggered by various external stimuli including:
 - Smoking
 - Dysbiosis
 - Mechanical stress
- IL-1 β is a key driver of the inflammatory cascade that leads to the destruction of the pilosebaceous unit
- HS patients exhibit increased IL-1 β levels in lesional skin^{2,3}
- Clinical benefit for HS has been observed with anti-IL-1 drugs⁴



Hidradenitis Suppurativa Patients Often Have Other Comorbidities That Could Impact Treatment



Warnings and Precautions in Commonly Used Immunologic Drugs



- Serious infection
- Opportunistic infection
- Risk of malignancy
- Thrombosis
- Blackbox warning: All-cause mortality



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Anti-IL-17^{3,4}

- Serious infection
- IBD exacerbation
- Suicidal ideation (Bimzelx)

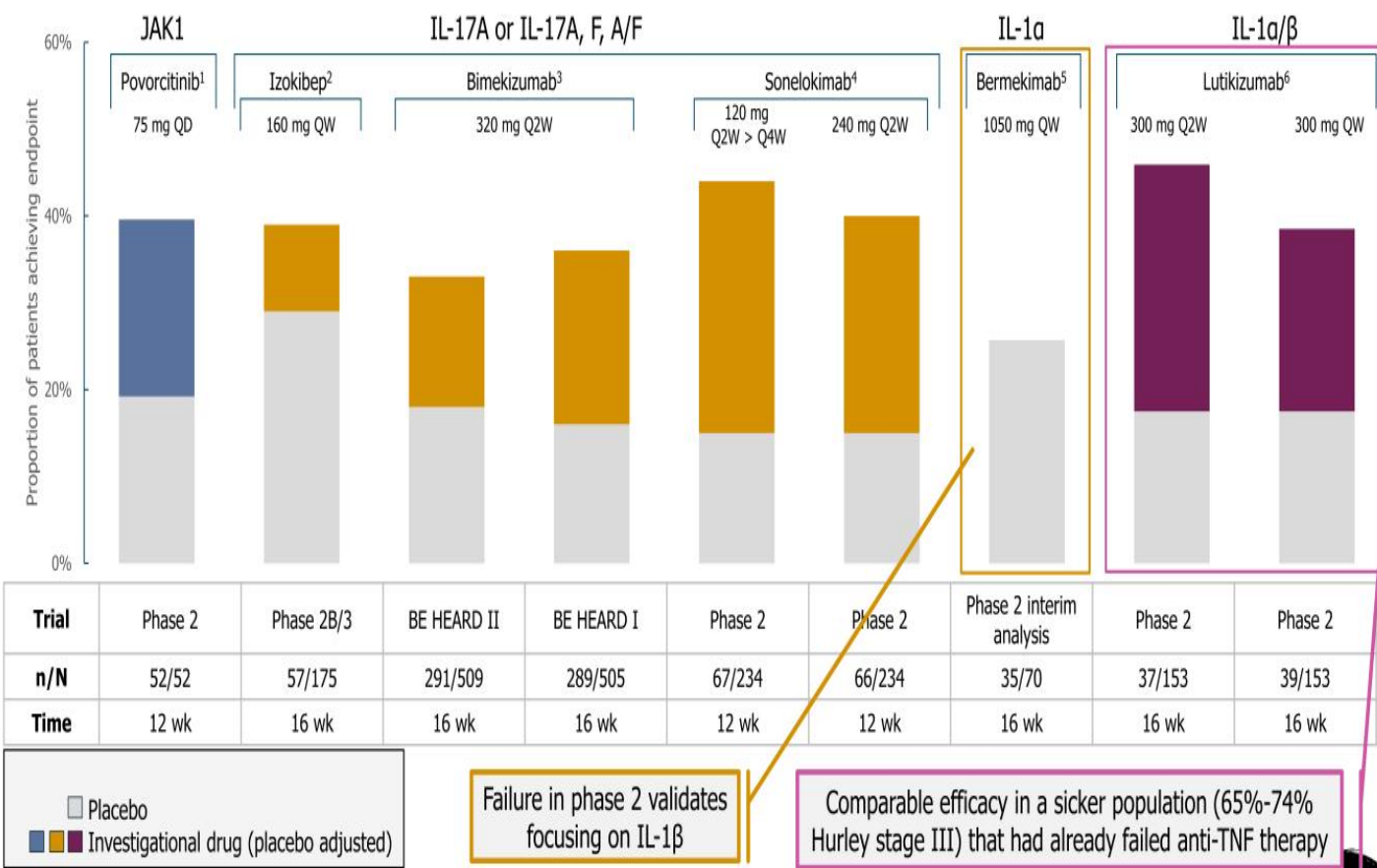


Anti-IL-1 β ⁵/IL-1^{6,7}

- Serious infection
- Opportunistic infection (isolated cases with Ilaris)

Previous Clinical Trials Validate and Derisk Our MOA

HiSCR75



Phase 2 LOTUS Trial in Hidradenitis Suppurativa (AVTX-009-HS-201, NCT06603077)

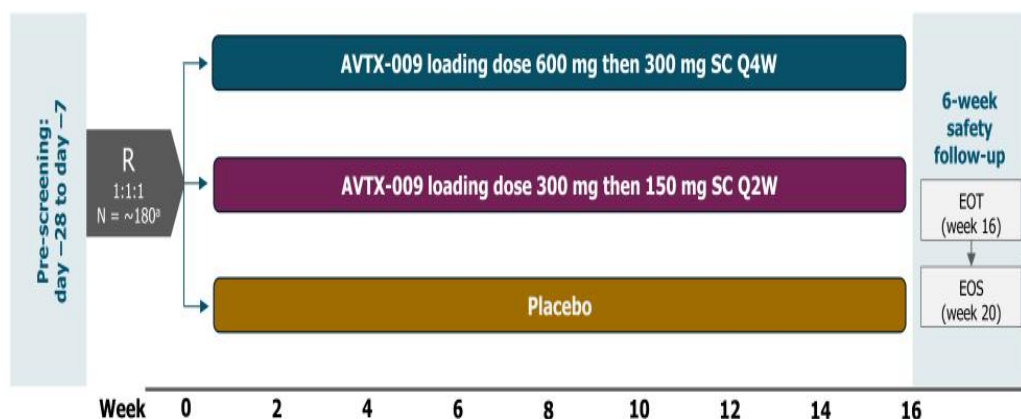
Efficacy and Safety of AVTX-009 Treatment in Participants With Hidradenitis Suppurativa

Primary Study Endpoint

Primary Endpoint: Percentage of participants achieving HiSCR75 at 16 weeks

Key Inclusion Criteria

- HS for at least 6 months prior to baseline
- Total AN count of ≥ 5 at baseline
- HS lesions must be present in at least 2 distinct anatomic areas
- At least one HS lesion that is Hurley stage II or III
- Enrollment of patients who have not failed anti-TNF therapy (naïve or exposed) will be capped at 40%



Key Secondary/Exploratory Endpoints

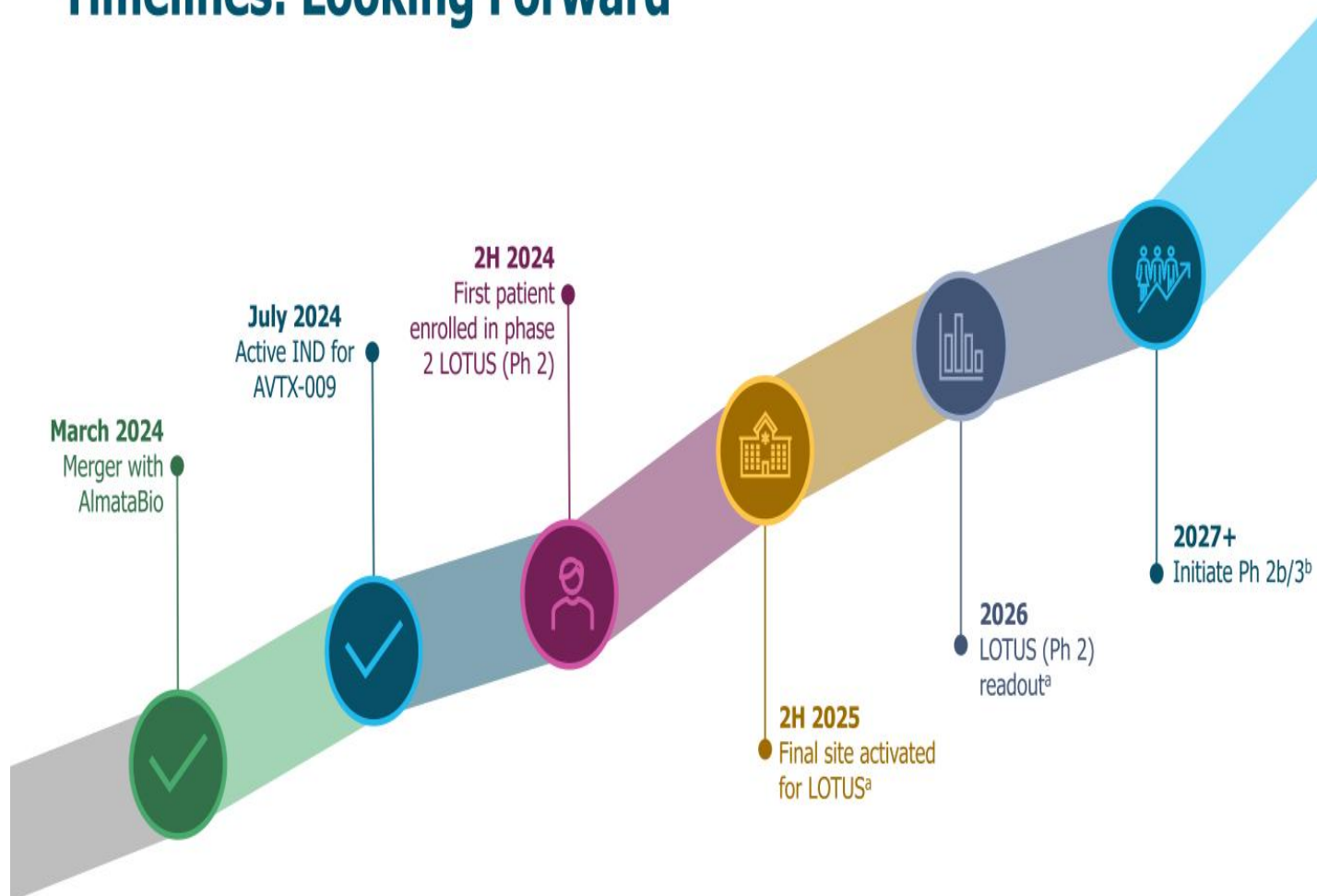
Key Secondary Endpoints:

- TEAEs
- HiSCR50, HiSCR90
- International HS Severity Score System (IHS4)
- AN count, draining fistula count
- Patient's Global Assessment of Skin Pain (PGA Skin Pain) (NRS30)
- Percentage of subjects with flares
- ADA

Exploratory Endpoints:

- PK
- HiSQOL, DLQI, PHQ-9
- Biomarkers:
 - CRP
 - IL-6
 - Potentially other biomarkers

Timelines: Looking Forward



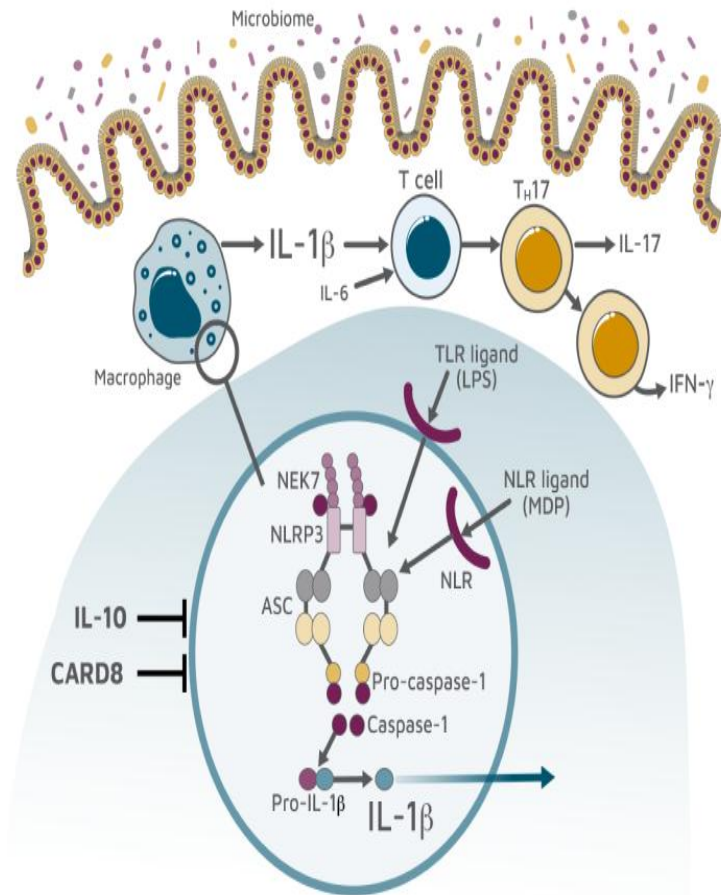
Potential Additional Indications

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Role of IL-1 β in IBD

- IL-1 β plays a central role in inflammation in IBD¹
 - IL-1 β is a key cytokine produced upon inflammasome activation
 - Dysregulated inflammasome activation has been implicated in the pathogenesis of Crohn's disease
- IL-1-driven stromal–neutrophil interactions define a subset of patients who do not respond to current therapies^{2,3}
- There is an observed overlap of patients that have IBD and HS^{4,5}



Recent IL-1 Trial Initiations in IBD

- The goal of IBD therapeutics is remission, yet only a minority of IBD patients obtain remission with current therapies
- AbbVie is currently conducting studies to evaluate lutikizumab, a dual variable domain IL-1 α /1 β antagonist as monotherapy in ulcerative colitis and in combination with Skyrizi in Crohn's Disease

“...we believe lutikizumab has the potential to be used in combinations to provide transformational levels of efficacy in IBD. We plan to evaluate combo approaches with lutikizumab and Skyrizi...in Crohn's. Our Phase 2 studies in IBD are expected to begin later this year.”

- Roopal Thakkar, MD
SVP, Global Therapeutics
Chief Medical Officer
AbbVie 4Q23 Earnings Call Transcript

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There is an opportunity for greater efficacy for patients with IBD with AVTX-009 as a monotherapy and in combination with anti-IL-23

Executive Summary

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Avalo Capitalization and Cash Position

As of November 8, 2024

Number of shares

Common Stock	• Common shares outstanding ¹	10.5M
Assuming Conversion of Preferred Stock	• Preferred stock ¹	24.9M
Adjusted Share Count	• Adjusted common shares outstanding ^{1,2}	35.4M
Adjusted Market Capitalization	• Stock price	\$13.31
	• Adjusted market capitalization	\$470.6M

Cash of approximately \$82 million as of September 30, 2024 with subsequent receipt of \$69.4M of warrant exercise proceeds in 4Q 2024, provides expected runway into at least 2027

