UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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): July 13, 2020

Gritstone Oncology, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-38663 (Commission File Number) 47-4859534 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

5959 Horton Street, Suite 300 Emeryville, California 94608 (Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (510) 871-6100

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:

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

	Trading	Name of each exchange
Title of each class	Symbol(s)	on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001	GRTS	The Nasdaq Global Select 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 July 13, 2020, Gritstone Oncology, Inc. (the "Company") hosted a teleconference and webcast during which it provided a clinical update on its ongoing Phase 1 studies of its immunotherapy product candidates GRANITE and SLATE, as well as discussing its Phase 2 study plans.

A copy of the presentation utilized by the Company during the teleconference and webcast is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

 Exhibit No.
 Description

 99.1
 Presentation, dated July 13, 2020

SIGNATURES

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

Date: July 13, 2020

GRITSTONE ONCOLOGY, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Jean-Marc Bellemin</u> Jean-Marc Bellemin Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer



Clinical Data Update & Near-term Phase 2 Plans

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Safe Harbor and Forward-Looking Statements

This presentation contains forward-looking statements including, but not limited to, statements related to our preclinical and clinical product candidates, GRANITE, SLATE, and our bispecific antibody program. All statements other than statements of historical facts contained in this presentation, including statements regarding the timing of immunogenicity and clinical data for GRANITE and SLATE, identification of development candidate for our bispecific antibody program, our future results of operations and financial position, business strategy, prospective products, availability of funding, clinical trial results, product approvals and regulatory pathways, timing and likelihood of success, plans and objectives of management for future operations, future results of current and anticipated products, and our ability to create value are forward-looking statements. Because forward-looking statements are inherently subject to risks, uncertainties and other important factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. The events and circumstances reflected in our forward-looking statements may not be achieved or occur and actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements.

Except as required by applicable law, we do not plan to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements contained herein, whether as a result of any new information, future events, changed circumstances or otherwise. For a further description of the risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ from those expressed in these forward-looking statements, as well as risks relating to the business of the company in general, see Gritstone's periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), including its Quarterly Report filed on May 7, 2020 and any current and periodic reports filed thereafter.

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Gritstone's GRANITE and SLATE product candidates - Dr Andrew Allen
Phase 1 Clinical Trial Data - Dr Daniel Catenacci
• Phase 2 Studies in Advanced Disease - Dr Andrew Allen
 GRANITE – advanced CRC & gastric cancer
- SLATE - post-CPI advanced NSCLC
Company Milestones - Dr Andrew Allen
• Q&A
- Drs Catenacci & Allen, joined by Gritstone Executive Leadership: Dr Rousseau (CMO),

Dr Jooss (CSO), Dr Yelensky (CTO) and Mr Bellemin (CFO)

Agenda

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Gritstone's Approach: Next Generation Cancer Immunotherapy Demands Excellence in Two Key Dimensions



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Gritstone's EDGE[™] Leads The Field in Neoantigen Identification



nature biotechnology

Deep learning using tumor HLA peptide mass spectrometry datasets improves neoantigen identification *Bulik-Sullivan, et. al. December 2018*

(12)	Unite Yelensky	d States Patent	(10) Patent (45) Date of	No.: f Paten	US 10,055,540 B2 t: Aug. 21, 2018
(54)	NEOANT MANUFA	IGEN IDENTIFICATION, CTURE, AND USE	8,287,883 B2 8,583,380 B2	10/2012 11/2013	Dubensky, Jr. et al. Stephan et al.
(71)	Applicant:	Gritstone Oncology, Inc., Emeryville, CA (US)	8,680,239 B2 8,741,556 B2 8,768,629 B2 8,796,414 B2	3/2014 6/2014 7/2014 8/2014	Mueller et al. Mann et al. Von Hoff et al. Johnston
(72)	Inventors:	Roman Yelensky, Newton, MA (US); Adnan Derti, Dedham, MA (US); Brendan Bulik-Sullivan, Cambridge, MA (US); Jennifer Busby, Burlington, MA (US)	8,821,864 B2 8,840,881 B2 9,017,666 B2 9,063,149 B2 9,084,747 B2 9,115,402 B2	9/2014 9/2014 1/2015 4/2015 6/2015 7/2015 8/2015	Von Kneber-Doeberitz et al. Jooss et al. Dubensky, Jr. et al. Shahabi et al. Shahabi et al. Hacohen et al.
(73)	Assignce:	Gritstone Oncology, Inc., Emeryville, CA (US)	9,161,974 B2 9,175,088 B2 9,194,004 B2 9,198,960 B2	10/2015 11/2015 11/2015 12/2015	Dubensky et al. Sahin et al. Sahin et al. Dubensky, Jr. et al.

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Gritstone Has Developed a Unique, Potent Platform for Delivering Antigens to the Immune System to Drive a Strong T Cell Response



Many Solid Tumor Patients Will Have Their Own Unique Neoantigens Enabling Personalized Immunotherapy - GRANITE



SLATE Delivers Shared Neoantigens To Selected Patients Using Gritstone's Prime/Boost Platform - Off-the-Shelf Therapy



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Efficacy of Neoantigen Immunotherapy: How Will it Manifest? Form of response to neoantigen immunotherapy likely different vs CPI alone where intra-tumoral T cells already present



PHASE ONE CLINICAL TRIAL DATA

Dr Dan Catenacci

Director GI Oncology Program Assistant Director of Translational Research Comprehensive Cancer Center University of Chicago

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GRANITE and SLATE Phase One Studies Are Very Similar



GRANITE and SLATE: Treatment of Previously Treated Metastatic Patients

	GRANITE (n=10)	SLATE (n=19)
Age (mean, range)	59 (38-76)	58 (33-83)
Gender (Female/Male)	4/6	12/7
# of doses		
ChAdV	11	19
SAM	44	39
Nivolumab (IV)	61	58
Ipilimumab (SC)	14	47
Tumor Types		
NSCLC	1	6
Microsatellite stable (MSS)-CRC	5	6
Gastroesophageal adenocarcinoma (GEA)	4	0
Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma	N/A	5
Ovarian adenocarcinoma	N/A	1
Ampullary adenocarcinoma	N/A	1
Prior anti-PD(L)1 therapy	1	6

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GRANITE Therapy is Well Tolerated with TRAEs Indicative of an Immune Response to the Vaccine

Response to the Vaccine No DLTs; TRAEs all Grade 1/2 with exception of Grade 3 Hyperthyroidism in 1 patient and self-limiting, asymptomatic Grade 3 CK elevation in 1 patient

Treatment-related adverse events (TRAEs) after ChAdV or SAM

Safety	n = 10 (all patients treated with concurrent nivolumab)									
	ChAdV (1	x10 ¹² vp)			SAM					
	No SC IPI (n=5)	With SC IPI (n=5)		30 ug (n=3)	100 ugª (n=2)	100 ug + SC IPI (n=2)	300 ug + SC IPI (n=2)			
Treatment-related adverse events	3									
Fever	4	3		1		1				
Injection-site reactions	1	4		1	1	-	•			
Fatigue	1	1		1		1				
Skin rash	1			1	-	1	· · · ·			
Anorexia	-	1		-	-	1				
Chills	-			-	-	1	•			
CK Elevation	-			1		-				
Congestion		1								
Diarrhea				1		1				
Hot flashes		1		-						
Hyperthyroidism				-	-	1				
Hypotension				1	-					
Infusion-related reaction				-	1	-				
Myalgia		1			1					
Pruritus	-			1	-					
Vomiting				-	-	1	-			

^a One patient did not receive SAM boosts

Data cut-off 6/30/2020

Fever is the Only SAE Associated with GRANITE Neoantigen Vaccination

All serious adverse events (SAEs) after ChAdV or SAM

Safety	n = 10 (all patients treated with concurrent nivolumab)									
	ChAdV (1	1x10 ¹² vp)								
	No SC IPI (n=5)	With SC IPI (n=5)		30 ug (n=3)	100 ug ^a (n=2)	100 ug + SC IPI (n=2)	300 ug + SC IPI (n=2)			
SAEs	SAEs									
Abdominal pain	1º	-		-	-	-	-			
Fever	1 ^b	-		1 ^b	-	-	-			
Bradycardia	-	-		1 ^{c,e}	-	-	-			
Heart Failure	-	-		1 ^{c,e}	-	-	-			
Hyperthyroidism				-	-	1 ^d	-			
Respiratory Failure	-	-		-	-	1 ^{d,e}	-			

Grade 5 respiratory failure resulted from patient's altered mental status (checkpoint inhibitor-induced acute thyrotoxicosis), with associated aspiration pneumonia, respiratory failure leading to patient death and is not related to vaccine treatment

^a One patient did not receive SAM boosts

^b Occurring in the same patient

° Occurring in the same patient

d Occurring in the same patient Not treatment-related

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SLATE Therapy is Well Tolerated with TRAEs Indicative of an Immune Response to the Vaccine

Treatment-related adverse events (TRAEs) after ChAdV or SAM

	n = 19 (all patients treated with concurrent nivolumab)									
	ChAdV (1	1x1012 vp)		SAM						
	No SC IPI (n=2)	With SC IPI (n=17)		30 ug (n=2)	30 ug + SC IPI (n=4)	100 ug + SC IPI (n=6)	300 ug + SC IPI (n=6ª)			
Treatment-related adverse events										
Fever		7			1	2	5			
Fatigue		6			-	1	2			
Diarrhea	-	2			-	1	1			
Nausea		2			-	1	1			
Pruritus	1	1			1	1				
Chills	-	2			-	-	1			
Vomiting		2			-		1			
ALT increased		1			-		1			
AST increased		1			-		1			
Myalgia		2			-					
Neutropenia		1			-		1			
Rash	-	-		1	-	1	-			
Anorexia	-	-			1	-				
Arthralgia		1			-					
Dizziness				1						
Dry skin				1						
Gait disturbance				1						
Generalized weakness				1						
Headache		1			-					
Injection site reaction		1			-					
Insomnia		1			-	-				
Myositis	-	1		-	-	-	-			
Night Sweats	-	1			-					
Rhabdomyolysis		1			-					
Thrombocytopenia		-			-		1			

· All grade 1/2 with exception of:

- one patient with grade 3 fever after 300 μg SAM + SC IPI; resolved with acetaminophen
- one patient with reversible grade 3 ALT and grade 4 AST elevation attributed to nivolumab (DLT
- one patient with grade 3 neutropenia and thrombocytopenia
- one patient with grade 3 rhabdomyolysis
- Two DLTs after ChAdV in combination with nivolumab and ipilimumab (1 each of CPI-induced autoimmune hepatitis and myositis)

^a 1 patient discontinued after ChAdV due to autoimmune myositis

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SLATE SAEs: Mostly attributable to CPI, no other clear pattern

All serious adverse events (SAEs) after ChAdV or SAM

Safety	n = 19 (all patients treated with concurrent nivolumab)								
	ChAdV (1	1x10 ¹² vp)		SAM					
	No SC ipi (n=2)	With SC ipi (n=17)		30 ug (n=2)	30 ug + SC IPI (n=4)	100 ug + SC IPI (n=6)	300 ug + SC IPI (n=6 ^r)		
SAEs									
Abdominal pain	-	-		-	-	-	1ª		
Acute kidney failure	-	1 ^{a,b}				-	•		
Anemia	-	-		-	1 ^{a, f}	-	-		
ALT elevation	-	1¢		-	-	-	-		
AST elevation	-	1°		-	-	-	-		
Cervical fracture	-	-		1 ^a		-			
Fever	-	1º		-	-	-	10.9		
Hypotension	-	-		-	1 ^{a, f}	-			
Myositis	-	1º		-	-	-	-		
Nausea	-	-		-	1 ^{a,b}	1 ^{a,d}	-		
Neutropenia	-	-		-	-	-	10.9		
Right Frontal Brain Metastasis	-	1 ^a		-	-	-	-		
Rhabdomyolysis	-	1º		-	-	-	-		
Small bowel obstruction	-	-		-	1 ^{a,b}	-	-		
Vomiting	-	-		-	-	1 ^{a,d}	-		

a Not treatment-related ^b Occurring in the same patient Occurring in the same patient
 ^f Occurring in the same patient

⁹ One patient not treated with nivolumab or ipilimumab in combination with SAM

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^c Occurring in the same patient ^d Occurring in the same patient







G6: Data not available due to lack of sample

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Do Therapy-Induced Neoantigen-Specific T Cells Traffic to the Tumor? T Cell Receptor (TCR) Sequence Analysis Can Address This



G3: Joint Expansion of Neoantigen Reactive CD8 T cells in the Blood and Tumor On Treatment Indicates Vaccine Driven Tumor T cell Infiltration

27 TCR β s were expanded on-treatment in neoantigen-peptidestimulated PBMCs, 5 of which infiltrated the tumor 40 TCR β s significantly expanded in the on-treatment tumor biopsy, 5 of which also expanded in PBMCs





GRANITE: No DLTs and frequent treatment beyond apparent radiologic progression



G2 (DL1): Prolonged disease-free period on therapy after surgery



G3 (DL1): NSCLC Patient with Progression on Prior CPI - Evidence of Tumor Control (Clinical Benefit, ctDNA Control) Until T Cell Decline



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G3 (DL1): Slow Expansion of Lung Nodules on CT Imaging with Cavitation and No New Lesions



G3

ctDNA May Help Understand Tumor Biology when CT Scans Uninformative

Advanced melanoma patients treated with CPI can show pseudoprogression - ctDNA changes may identify these patients



G8 (DL3): Clear Evidence of Clinical Benefit in MSS-CRC Patient



Prior Therapy

FOLFOX/bev FOLFIRI/bev (6 months)



Clinical status

· 112+ days on study, clinically feeling well

Tumor response

 Best overall response: SD at week 16 (one liver lesion stable, all other lesions shrinking)

TMB = 7 mutations/MB

T-cell response

• T cells induced with prime and further increased with boost

ctDNA kinetics

 Increase in ctDNA levels at 1 month correlating with CEA spike followed by decrease with loss of some variants (16 of 20 total variants detected)



G8 (DL3): Lung CT Shows Transient Lesion Expansion at Week 8 (T Cell Infiltration?) then Contraction (Slide 1 of 2)



Multiple lung lesions increasing in size at 8 weeks and shrinking at 16 weeks below baseline

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G8 (DL3): Lung CT Shows Transient Lesion Expansion at Week 8 (T Cell Infiltration?) then Contraction (Slide 2 of 2)



Multiple lung lesions increasing in size at 8 weeks and shrinking at 16 weeks below baseline **G8**

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G8 (DL3): Large Liver Lesion Unchanged in Size (but LFTs Normalized)

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Mixed response of two target liver lesions with one stable and one decreasing in size



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GRANITE Conclusions to Date

- · Data to dose level 3 show good tolerability
 - Vaccine elicits transient fever and injection site reaction as expected
 - Customary CPI-induced immune-related adverse events
- Strong, consistent induction of killer CD8+ T cells, specific to multiple neoantigens, which have now been shown to accumulate in tumor (in 2/2 patients studied to date)
- Dose/intensity level 1 efficacy data suggest induction of disease control, perhaps more durable in the adjuvant-like context
 - Early tumor lesion expansion observed -consistent with T cell infiltration and proliferation in tumor
- Dose/intensity level 2 data suggest that since development of T cell response (and thus, presumably, any consequent benefit) takes multiple weeks, patients about to progress and die within a few weeks are unlikely to benefit from this form of immunotherapy
- Dose/intensity level 3 data very encouraging no disease progression observed clear clinical benefit ongoing in metastatic colorectal cancer patient (MSS genotype)
- More MSS-CRC patients under study at dose/intensity level 4





SLATE: CD8+ T Cells Consistently Induced Against Multiple KRAS Driver Mutations but *ex vivo* ELISpot Positive in Subset of Patients Only

SLATE drives detectable CD8+ T cell responses against single neoantigens



SLATE: TP53^{mut} Neoantigens Seem Immunodominant - Although Rarer than KRAS^{mut} Neoantigens, they Drive Strong CD8+ T Cell Responses

Responses to 3/3 TP53 mutations tested to date; mutations presented by 3 different Class I HLA alleles



SLATE: Patients with NSCLC (All of Whom Progressed on Prior IO) Have Largest Degree of Clinical Benefit



S2 S2 (DL1): Good Clinical Response to Therapy with ctDNA Reduction and Minor Tumor Shrinkage on CT Scan



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Weeks post Prime

S2 (DL1): Increased Immune Infiltration, Including CD8+ T Cells, Observed in Post Treatment Biopsy



S2 (DL1): Good Clinical Response to Therapy with ctDNA Reduction and S2 Minor Tumor Shrinkage on CT Scan



*Sum of longest diameters of two target lesions

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S3 (DL2): Sustained Clinical Benefit in Patient after Progression on Front-Line Pembrolizumab-Chemotherapy



· KRAS G12C mutation not detected at any timepoint



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Weeks post Prime

SLATE Conclusions to Date

- Data to dose level 4 show good SLATE tolerability with expected CPI-induced immune-related adverse events
- RP2D at highest evaluated dose in Phase 1 (dose level 4)
- Strong, consistent induction of CD8+ T cells to some neoantigens (TP53 mutations) which display features of immunodominance
- Less consistent induction of CD8+ T cells to KRAS neoantigens which are less immunodominant
- Evidence of clinical benefit and minor but sustained tumor shrinkage in multiple NSCLC patients with KRAS G12C mutations who had progressed on prior CPI therapy; no patients with TP53 mutations treated yet

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PHASE TWO STUDIES IN ADVANCED DISEASE

Dr Andrew Allen

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GRANITE Phase 2 Begins 2H20: Pursue Colorectal Cancer Signal & Continue to Study Gastric Cancer Strong Efficacy Signal with Single-Arm Trial if Multiple Responses Observed in MSS-CRC



SLATE Phase 2 Begins 2H20 With Focus on Post-IO NSCLC

Pursue signals observed in dose escalation (KRAS^{mut} & TP53^{mut}) and optimize epitope cassette



SLATE Optimization: Repeating Epitopes Within the Vaccine Antigen Cassette Strongly Increases Antigen-Specific T-cell Response

Key issues are epitope competition and epitope immunodominance



Future Step: Assess Adjuvant Immunotherapy in Stage II/III NSCLC



*Forde et al (2018) NEJM; **Goldstraw et al (2016) JTO; ***Antonia et al (2018) NEJM

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CONCLUSIONS & COMPANY MILESTONES

Dr Andrew Allen

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GRANITE & SLATE IMMUNOTHERAPY

Demonstrating clear signals of efficacy - now driving into phase 2 trials to establish path to registration

- Phase 1 trials with intensive translational medicine elements generating substantial insights series of "N of 1" clinical trials informing program development
- · GRANITE is demonstrating clear signals of efficacy
 - At intensity/dose level 1, consistent & strong CD8+ T cell induction with evidence of disease control
 - At intensity/dose level 3, no disease progression in treated patients to date and clear clinical benefit emerging in patient with metastatic MSS-CRC
 - Intensity/dose level 4 patients (including MSS-CRC) underway now
- GRANITE will advance rapidly into phase 2 single-arm cohorts in advanced MSS-CRC and gastric cancer (where CPI have low utility)
- SLATE neoantigens sorting into immunodominant versus non-dominant classes the former driving strong, consistent CD8+ T cell responses; the latter less consistently so
 - TP53 mutations (immunodominant, common in ovarian cancer) to be studied immediately using current SLATE neoantigen cassette in current clinical trial
 - KRAS mutations (non-dominant) to be studied in post-CPI NSCLC patients, using both current neoantigen cassette (building on clinical signals) and an optimized version 2 neoantigen cassette that increases T cell response to KRAS mutations in pre-clinical models



	GRTS: Sequential Data Readout	s Over	Next	18 Mor	nths	1
	Anticipated Miles	stones				
		2H20	1H21	2H21	1H22	
	GRANITE Phase 1 Dose Level 4 Data	\bigcirc				
	Bispecific Antibody DC Nomination	\bigcirc				
	SLATE Phase 2 TP53 ^{mut} & KRAS ^{mut} Cassette 1 Data		\bigcirc			
	GRANITE Phase 2 MSS-CRC Data			0		
	GRANITE Phase 2 Gastric Cancer Data			\bigcirc		
	SLATE Phase 2 Post-IO NSCLC Cassette 2 Data			\bigcirc		
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