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LIFE TECHNOLOGIES

Premium Quality Human Tissue Organoids
Produced in Microgravity



Startup
Universität
Zürich ^{UZH}

AIRBUS
Licensing Partner

 **esa** business incubation centre
Switzerland

 **ORBITAL
REEF**
Winner, Innovation Challenge



Prometheus is a start-up coming out of the **University of Zurich**



We have **proven technology** to grow high quality human tissue organoids under microgravity conditions



Our organoids have clear use cases in substantial markets

- As models in preclinical drug testing and in general life sciences research, an approx. US\$1 billion market set to expand
- In personalized medicine applications
- In regenerative medicine applications
- Regulatory tailwinds (e.g. U.S. FDA Modernization Act) will further drive demand



We are now raising up to **CHF 2 million** to set up our lab, hire commercial and R&D staff, and to produce first commercial product



PRE-CLINICAL DRUG DEVELOPMENT IS BROKEN

80%

*of drug
candidates
fail after entering
clinical trials¹*

US\$
1.4bn

*average est. cost
of developing a
successful new
drug²*

100
million

*estimated
number of
animals used in
testing every
year³*



REGENERATIVE MEDICINE IS BROKEN



106,000

people in the U.S. waiting for a life-saving organ transplant⁴



17

average number of people who die per day while on the waiting list⁴



WHY?

Today's R&D – basic research, disease models, drug development – is still based on 2D cell cultures and animal testing.

Animals are not humans



*Human cells and tissue
are not flat in vivo*



*We lack regenerative medicine
options with autologous tissues.*



OUR SOLUTION: ORGANOIDS FROM SPACE

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF COLLAPSING COSTS OF ACCESSING AND USING SPACE

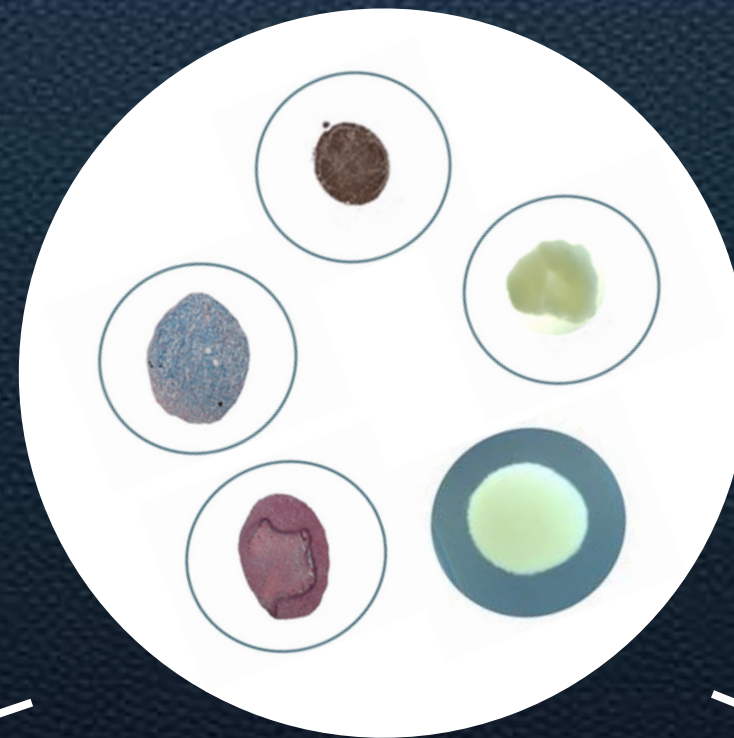
No scaffolds or matrices required – 100% natural human tissue

Uniform quality, allowing for
reproducible results

Microgravity facilitates self-
organization of organoids in 3D

Generated from autologous
adult stem cells

Better differentiation in microgravity



NOT REPLICABLE ON EARTH

*Cannot simulate
sustained microgravity
on Earth*



*Using scaffolds and
matrices introduces
foreign materials*



*Customers complain
that current terrestrially
available organoids have
severe shortcomings*



“

We find a tremendous amount of batch variation [among our suppliers] making standardization challenging – our most resource intensive drains involve the production of organoids”

(Merck R&D scientist)



A PROVEN TECHNOLOGY & PROCESS



Stem cell harvest
(bone marrow from adult
donors)



Proliferation and
differentiation initiation



Tissue / Organoid production
under microgravity
(self-assembly / incubation only)



Return to Earth for R&D
and testing customers



Developed by University of Zurich and Airbus, exclusively licensed to Prometheus.



Prevailed against 500 other ideas in an Airbus innovation competition.



CHF1.5MM internal investment over 3 years in R&D and space missions.



Simple, robust & scalable space production process (incubation only / "fly & forget").



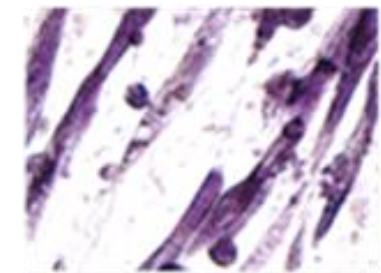
2 SUCCESSFUL ISS MISSIONS

SPACE X CRS-20, MARCH 2020 & SPACE X CRS-23, AUGUST

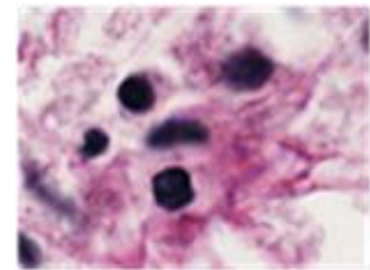
2021 172 organoids total

- Highly homogeneous/identical products
- 100% yield *(every cell culture resulted in an organoid)*
- Male & female donors – age 44–72 years
- Organoids viable for up to 2 months
- Tested in medically-certified hardware

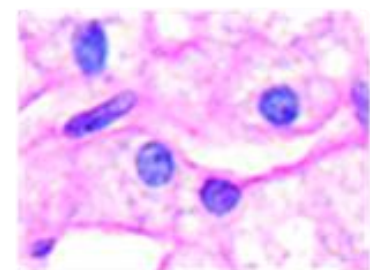
Liver Tissue –
2D on Ground



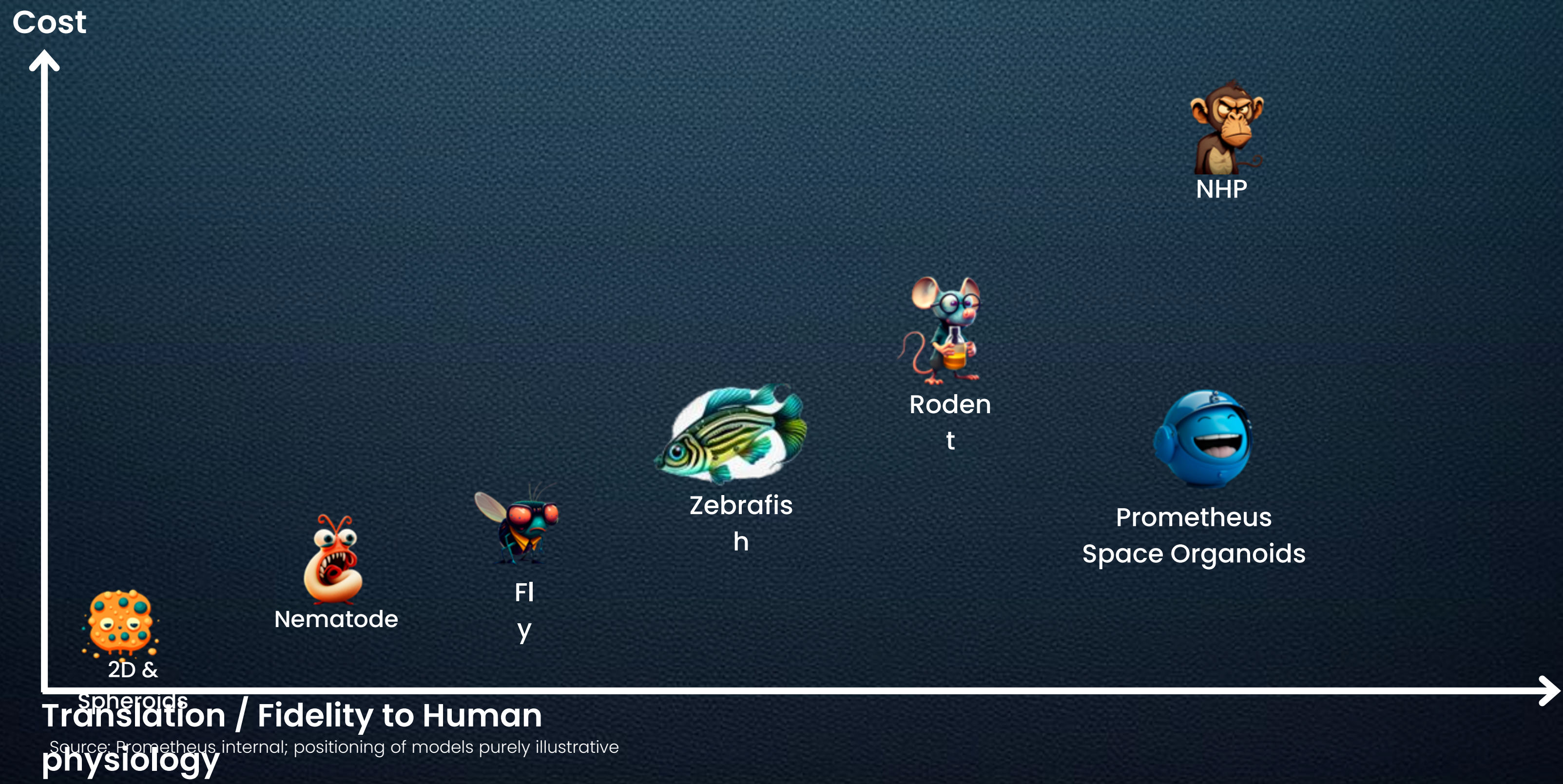
Prometheus
Space
Organoid



Textbook
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WE CAN DO BETTER THAN JUST ANIMAL MODELS



Source: Prometheus internal; positioning of models purely illustrative



**WHY IS NOW
THE RIGHT TIME?**



FDA MODERNIZATION ACT ALLOWS SUBSTITUTION OF ANIMAL MODELS

A BILL

To allow for alternatives to animal testing for purposes of drug and biological product applications.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “FDA Modernization Act 2.0”.

SEC. 2. ALTERNATIVES TO ANIMAL TESTING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act ([21 U.S.C. 355](#)) is amended—

(1) in subsection (i)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “preclinical tests (including tests on animals)” and inserting “nonclinical tests”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “animal” and inserting “nonclinical tests”; and

(2) after subsection (y), by inserting the following:

“(z) NONCLINICAL TEST DEFINED.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘nonclinical test’ means a test conducted in vitro, in silico, or in chemico, or a non-human in vivo test that occurs before or during the clinical trial phase of the investigation of the safety and effectiveness of a drug, and may include animal tests, or non-animal or human biology-based test methods, such as cell-based assays, microphysiological systems, or bioprinted or computer models.”.



PHARMA HAS TAKEN NOTICE

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AN AUDIENCE WITH | 16 February 2023

Mini-organs attract big pharma

Hans Clevers, head of Pharma Research & Early Development:
for organoids in drug discovery and development.

BIOTECH

Roche creates organoid research institute to shake up drug discovery and development

By Nick Paul Taylor • May 4, 2023 07:00am

Roche organoid



MARKET RESEARCH

“ [Potential to charge] at least 2x the [current market] price, with potential to name your own price”
(**Conclusion of market research**)

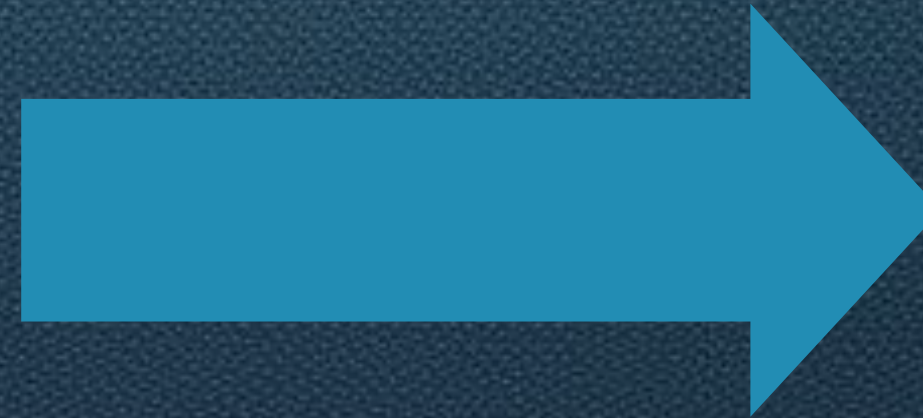
“ The lack of a [human] model with multicellular interaction is a major point of concern in the industry”
(**Merck**)

“ For regenerative medicines, there’s a huge gap between animals & humans. Organoids close this gap – they’re cheaper than non-human primates costing ~\$0.5M. Organoids accelerate pre-clinical research by ~6 months”
(**Moderna**)



GO-TO-MARKET

**PILOTS
2024**



**SCALE
2025 -**

- Deliver product to early adopters who test it and provide us with feedback
- Produce further, crisp data on our USPs, incl. to include in joint publications
- In discussions with several pilot customers

- Systematically approach and penetrate pharma and regenerative medicine customer groups
- Sequenced roll-out, in line with production capability and identified priorities



TAKING ADVANTAGE OF UPCOMING CAPACITY

≈20

Upcoming commercial microgravity

SPACEX

SPACE
FORGE

SIERRA
SPACE

platform

The
Exploration
Company

Inversion

ATMOS

OUTPOST

AXIOM
SPACE

Starlab

ORBITAL
REEF

VAST

GRAVITICS

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Microgravity platforms in which Prometheus affiliates are shareholders

\$30K

Commercial target price for launch & return of 1kg of mass



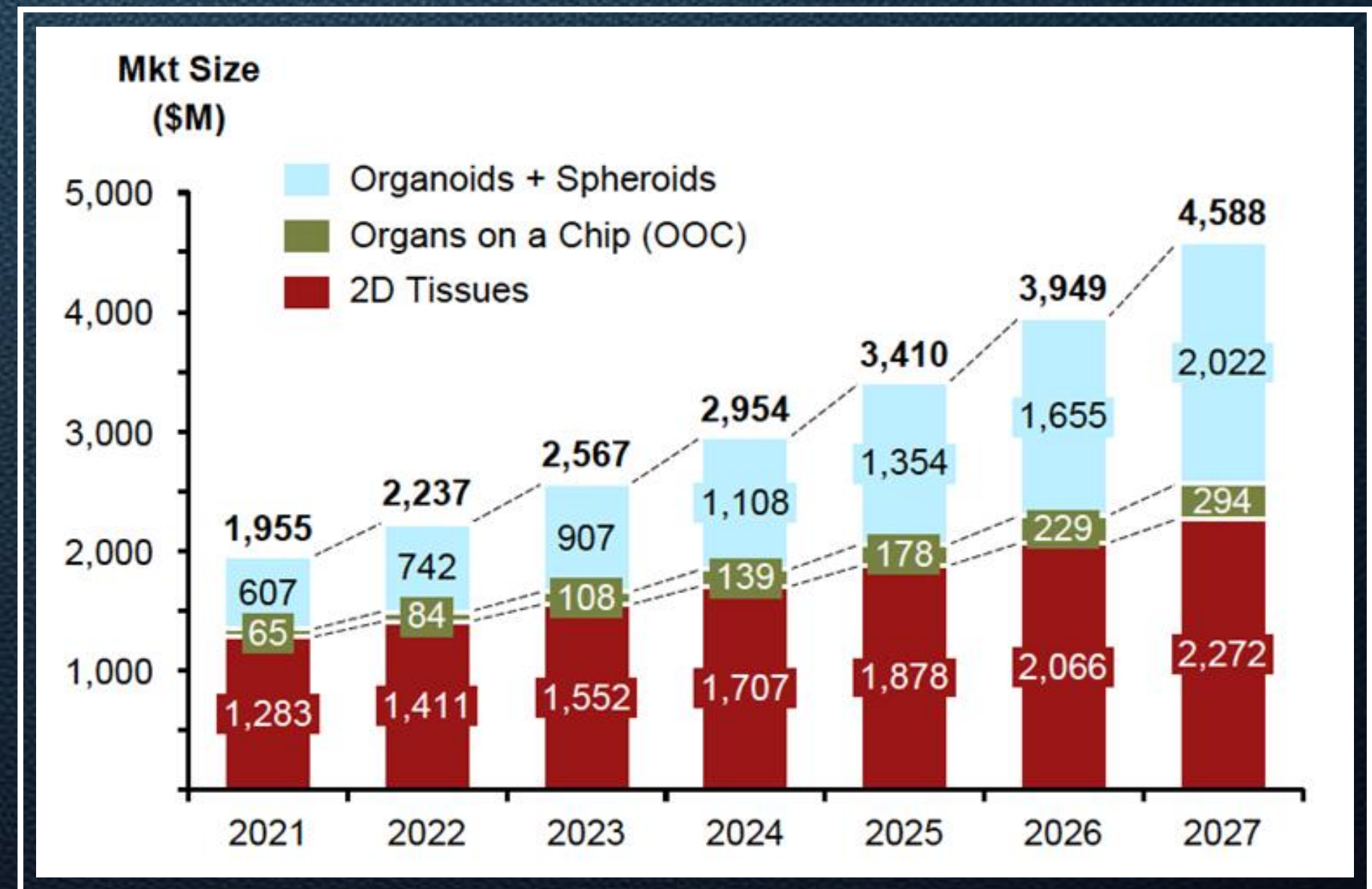
MARKET TEAM EXECUTION PLAN FINANCIALS



WE ADDRESS AN EXISTING MARKET AND AIM TO EXPAND IT

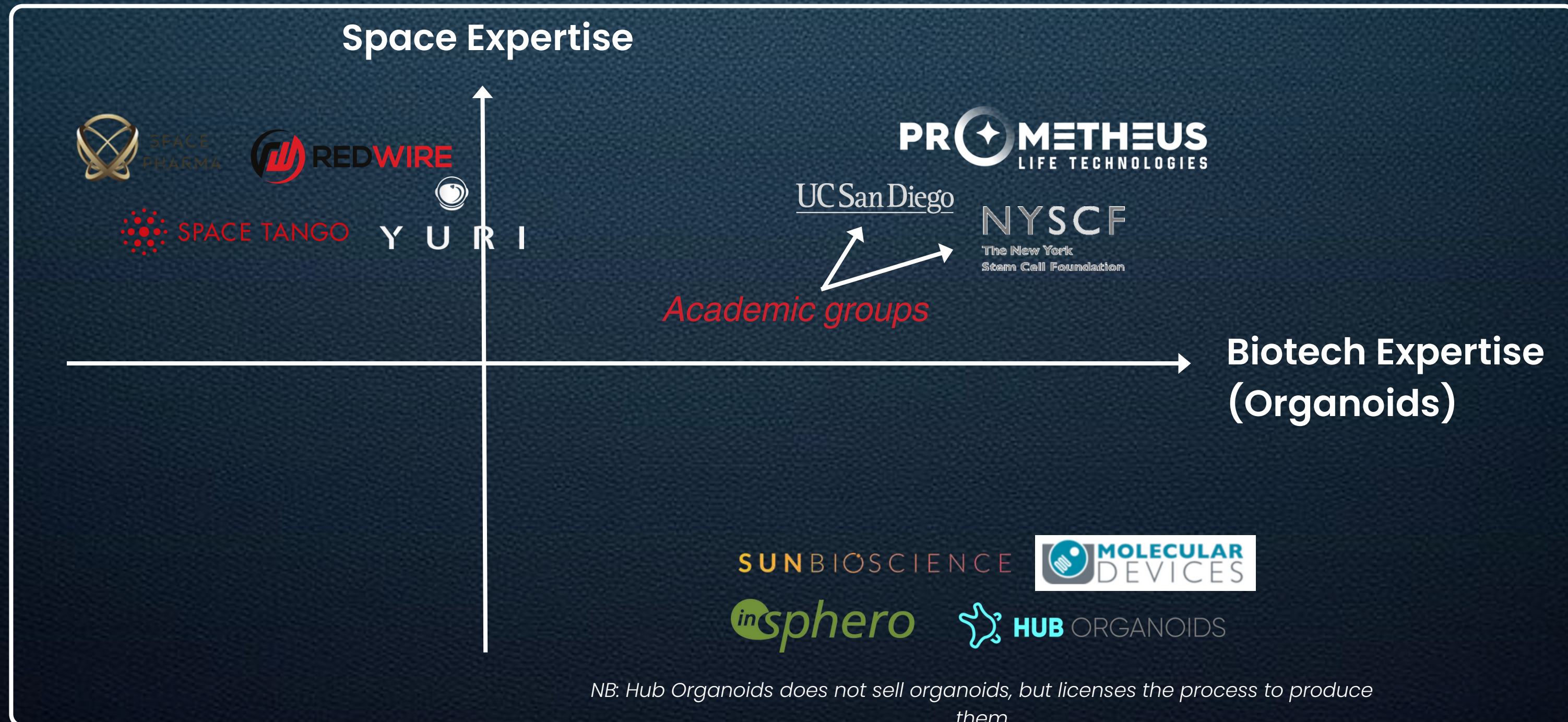
Multiple market research predictions of double-digit growth to a multi-billion market

- Source 1: 22.2% CAGR 2021-2027 (chart beside)⁵
- Source 2: 17.5% CAGR 2020-2027, from US\$723MM in 2019⁶
- Source 3: 22.1% CAGR 2020-2027, from US\$690MM in 2019⁷



OUR EXPERTISE

POSITIONS US TO LEAD THE MARKET



A FINANCIALLY SOUND BUSINESS MODEL EVEN PRIOR TO SCALING

Key Revenue Drivers

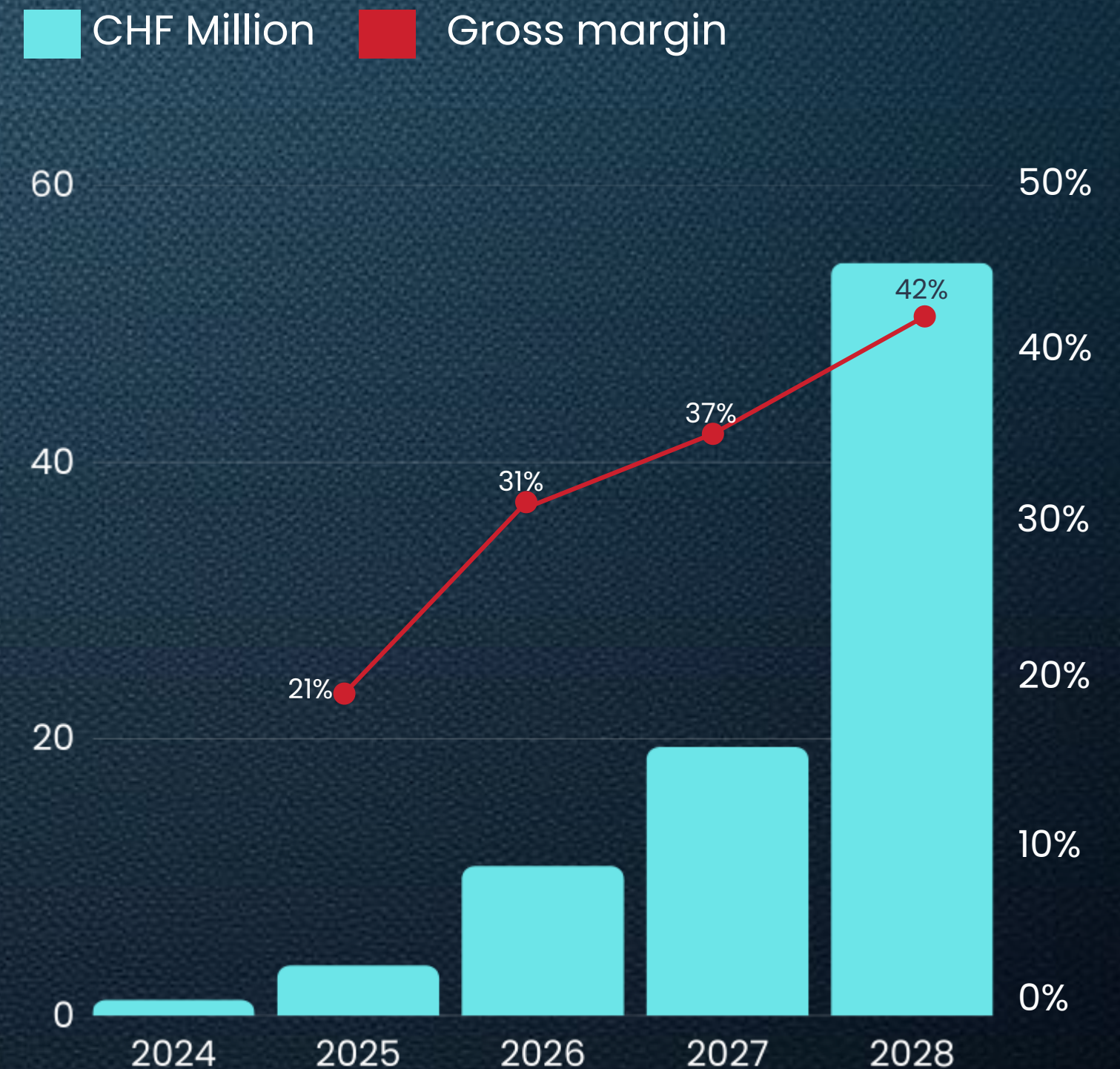
- Number of and price paid per organoid

Key Cost drivers

- Raw materials, labor, logistics
- Marketing
- R&D
- Typical opex items

Economies of scale and increasing automation will allow us to reduce every major cost-of-sales item when scaling up

Capital-light business model, due to use of third-party assets (labs, spacecraft / stations)



*Notes:

- Reflects space organoid business line only.
- Does not include ancillary products and services, terrestrial organoids, personalized and regenerative medicine products.
- 2024 revenue: our priority is to fly with beta-testing commercial customers, not to maximize revenue at this point.



OUR TEAM HAS THE BIOTECH, SPACE AND GENERAL BUSINESS EXPERTISE TO EXECUTE ON OUR BUSINESS PLAN



Raphael Roettgen, CFA
Co-founder & CEO
Space business, investment and entrepreneurial expertise



Cora Thiel, PhD
Co-founder & Acting CSO
Distinguished bio academic - developed our technology



TBA
Head of Sales - in recruitment
Experience in commercial role at pharma/biotech company



Swantje Christoffel, PhD
Research Scientist
Experienced scientist known to our founders



Célia Metry
Research Scientist
Experienced scientist known to our founders



Ecem Badruk
Business analyst



Jay Modi
Business analyst

Further in recruitment:
+ junior staff (business / commercial)
+ scientists / lab staff



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Prof. Oliver Ullrich, PhD MD
Co-founder, Senior Scientific Advisor & Shareholder

Distinguished bio academic – developed our technology



Liliana Layer, PhD
Co-founder, Scientific Advisor & Shareholder

Bio academic – worked with Prof. Dr. Ullrich & Dr. Thiel on our space missions



Aaron Kemmer
Entrepreneur-in-Residence

Pioneered in-space manufacturing as founder of Made In Space (acquired by Redwire)



Justin Karl, PhD
Chief Space Advisor

Decades of microgravity experimentation and payload experience



Catarina Santos, PhD MBA
Commercial Advisor

Senior commercial executive in the pharma sector with 15 years' experience

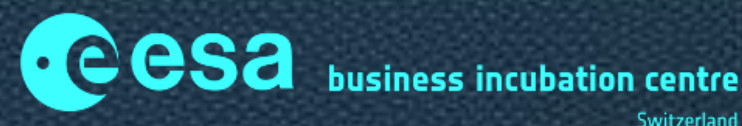


WINS SINCE FOUNDING IN DECEMBER 2022

#1 prize of Orbital Reef Innovation Challenge (US\$100k non-dilutive)



Accepted as incubatee at ESA Business Incubation Center (BIC) Switzerland (EUR200k non-dilutive)



Selected as a TOP 3 project for ESA Business Space Growth Network (BSGN) life sciences accelerator (amount TBD)



Global exclusive license for technology



EU office at ISU in Strasbourg, with local support (amount TBD)



Innosuisse InnoCheque grant, in cooperation with CSEM (CHF30k)



FUTURE PRODUCTS

ANCILLARY PRODUCTS TO CORE ORGANOID PRODUCT

- Terrestrial organoids
- Cryopreserved space organoids, for availability on demand

PERSONALIZED THERAPIES

- Personalized organoids for drug testing

REGENERATIVE

MEDICINE

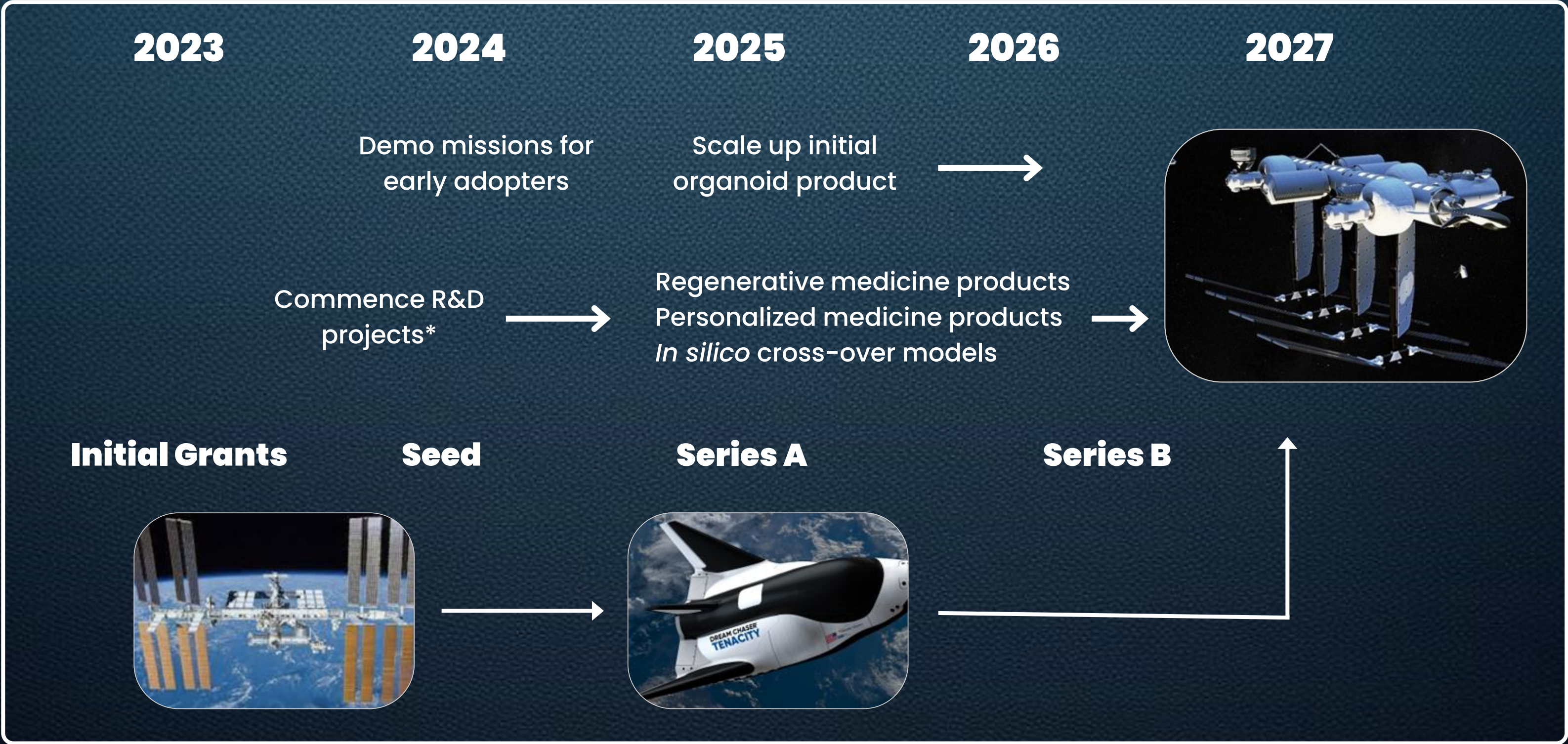
- Autologous replacement tissues
- New transplantation methods based on organoids

"IN-SILICO MODEL CROSS-OVER"

- Use our organoids to build up datasets to train *in silico* models
- "Disrupt ourselves"



ROADMAP TO LARGE-SCALE HUMAN TISSUE PRODUCTION IN ORBIT

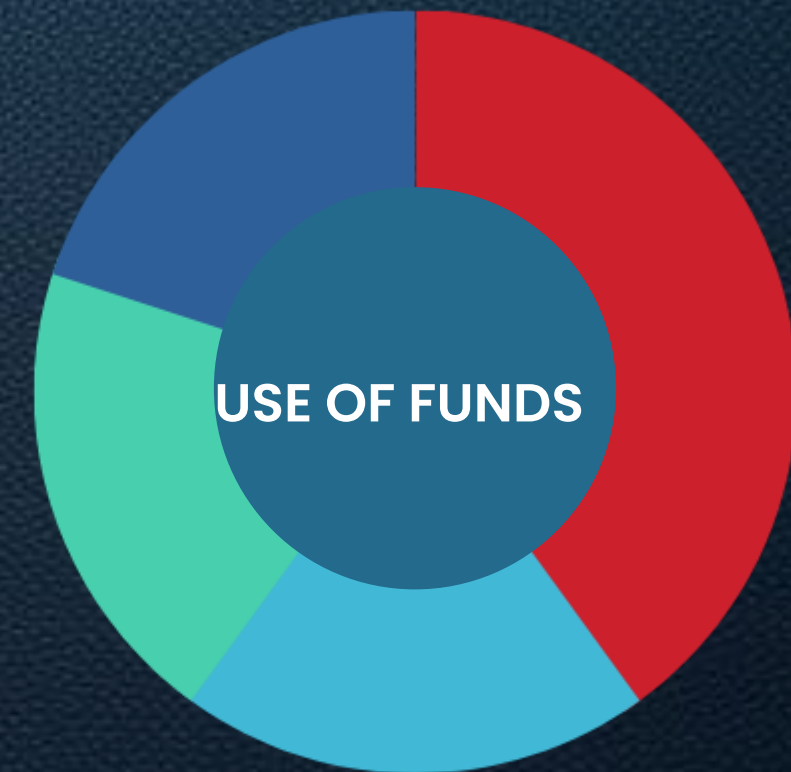


FUNDING ROUND

- Up to CHF2MM (approx. 50% left)
- From value-added VCs and/or family offices and angels
- Significant non-dilutive funding potential
 - >US\$300k won
 - Will apply for \$1MM+ in 2024
- Use of funds
 - Hiring business development, R&D staff
 - Set up R&D lab
 - Commercial pathfinder mission
 - Approx. 20 months' runway

Commercial demo mission
20%

Other opex
20%

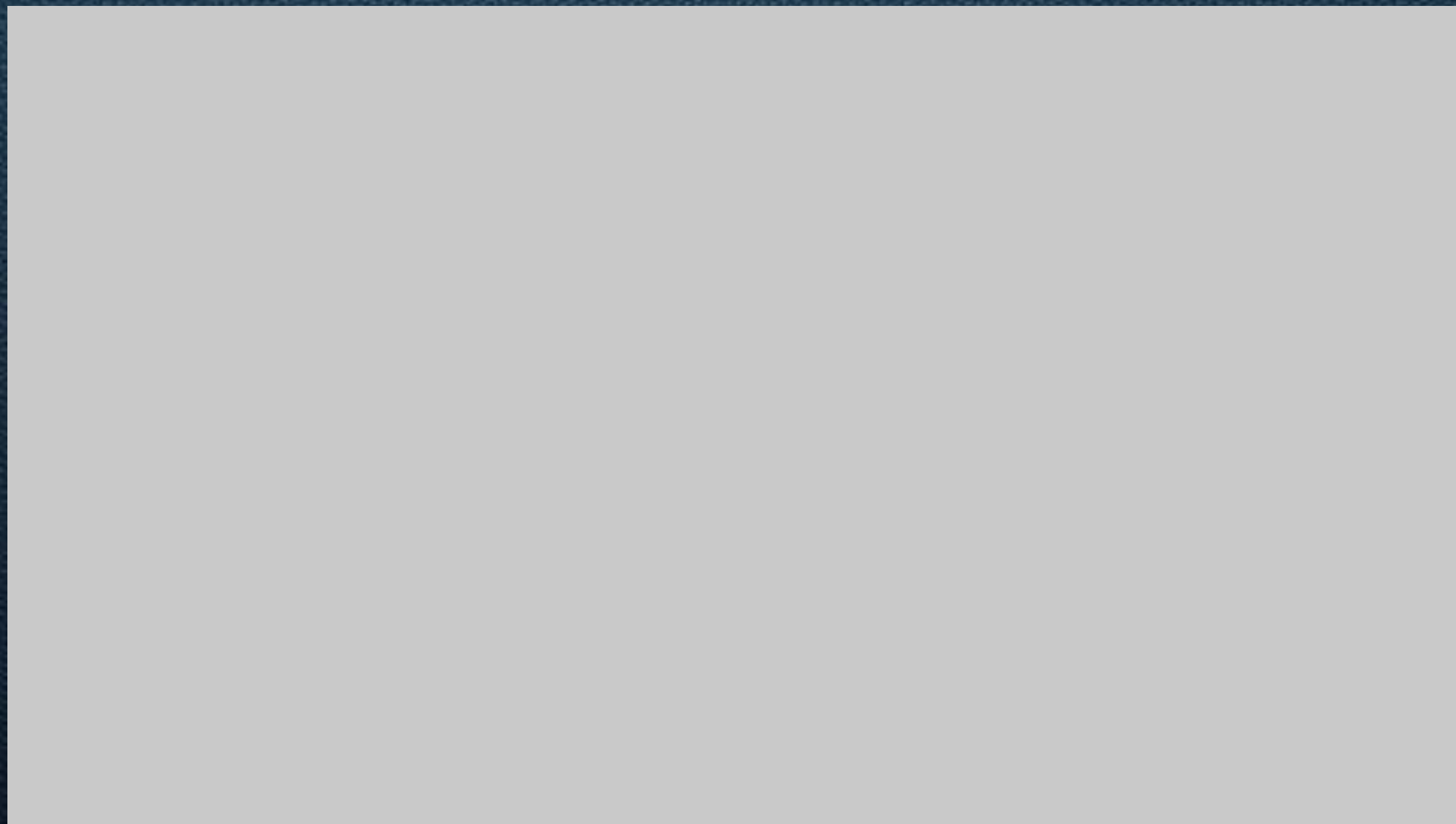


Business development
20%



Thank you!

TAKING BIOTECH TO NEW HEIGHTS



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VjNvEN-QgVM>



<https://plt.bio>



investors@plt.bio



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