



REVOLUTIONIZE YOUR DRUG DISCOVERY

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# About Us

- **Heligenics' proven breakthroughs in biotechnology power our GigaAssay™ to deliver high-quality biologic leads – at accelerated 4x speed!**
- **Our GigaAssay generates a MEGA-MAP™ activity and variant landscape**
- **Outpace the competition – Heligenics supercharges biologics discovery that is scalable at a significantly lower cost**

# Tackling Leukemia: A Massive Opportunity

- **21,000 new people are diagnosed annually in the US alone with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML), with a mortality of >11,000 per year**
- **Current clinical approaches and their limitations**
  - Today's treatment landscape includes chemotherapy, targeted therapies, and CAR-T – but **unmet needs remain**
  - Current IFN- $\alpha$ , a treatment molecule, **cures AML in mice** but is cytotoxic, unstable, and immunogenic – limiting its effectiveness over time
- **Challenges in new IFN- $\alpha$  drug development**
  - **High costs and long timelines** limit pre-clinical development
  - **Slow, tedious methods** are choking innovation and stalling lead discovery

# IFN- $\alpha$ Solution

## Biobetter for Leukemia

**GigaAssay: proprietary technology that drives market-shifting cost savings.**

- 4X faster
- 90%+ success in validation of lead<sup>1</sup> generation

| Market Opportunity            | Heligenics Solutions   |
|-------------------------------|--|
| <b>Increase potency</b>       | Rapidly pinpoint potent IFN- $\alpha$ variants from 100k+ leads to reduce dosing and side effects    |
| <b>Improved stability</b>     | Discover stable leads that reduce dosing – no guesswork  |
| <b>Reduced immunogenicity</b> | Engineered for immune stealth – maximize efficacy over time  |
| <b>Oral forms</b>             | Unlock oral delivery with innovative molecular tweaks and natural modifications                      |
| <b>Customized biologics</b>   | MEGA-Map landscapes reveal full variant activity 4x faster than conventional single-track technology |

<sup>1</sup>prioritized drug candidates

# Our GigaAssay Technology for Discovery of Next-Generation IFN- $\alpha$ Drug Leads

Our patented GigaAssay leverages Heligenics' technology to rapidly screen >100k IFN- $\alpha$  variants for precise, highly impactful results

- **Breakthrough efficiency: lower costs, faster launch**
- **Discovery and lead verification 4x faster than conventional methods**
  - Less than one year with GigaAssay vs US average of 4.5 years
  - Rapid asset validation: *A single GigaAssay will deliver up to 50 actionable leads in <1 year*
- **Tailored assays drive 90%+ projected clinical trial success**
- **GigaAssay accelerates lead validation with vast libraries and MEGA-Map landscapes**

# How? – With the GigaAssay

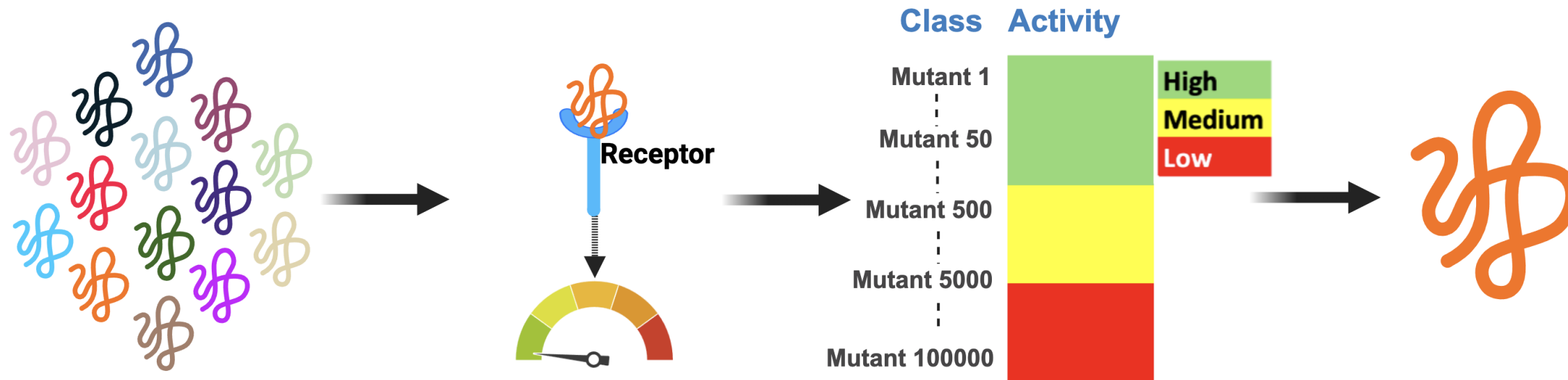
## 100k's of leads tested in human cells - *simultaneously*

>100k different IFN- $\alpha$  leads simultaneously

Cell-based GigaAssay measures bioactivity

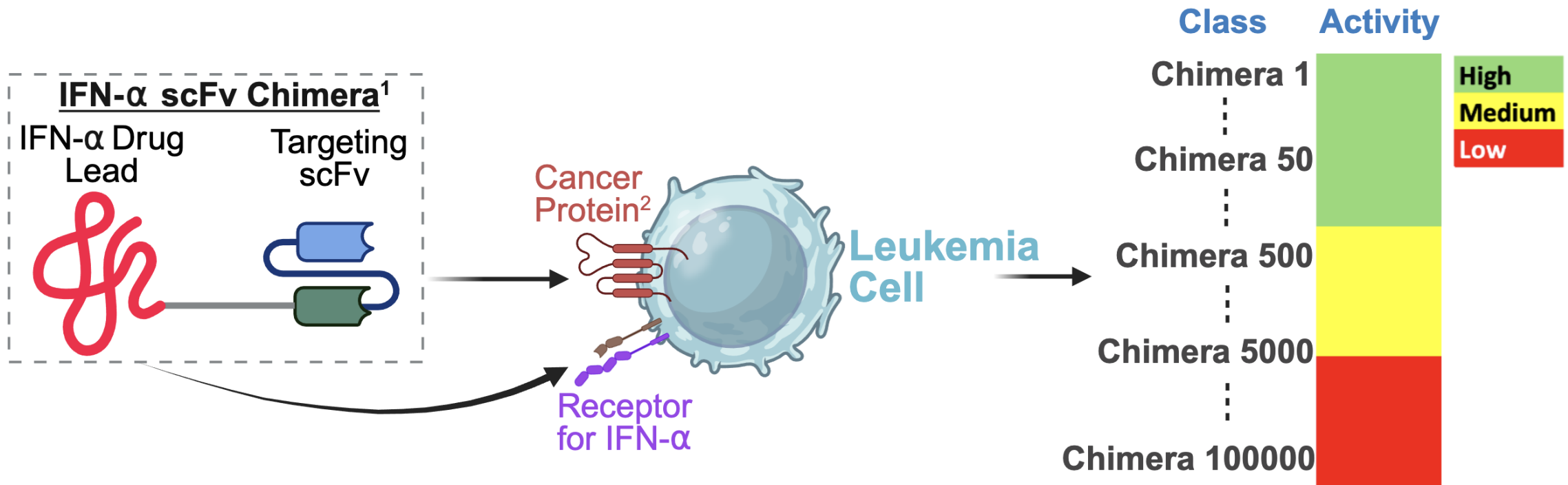
Visualize GigaAssay data output for bioactivity

Purify, verify, patent leads for clinical testing



# Targeting IFN- $\alpha$ to Leukemia (GigaAssay Phase II)

- Combine next-generation IFN- $\alpha$  with a targeting protein (scFv) to attack the source of the leukemia
- Reduces off-target side effects – limiting systemic toxicity



<sup>1</sup>Connect a drug lead and other protein(s) into one molecule

<sup>2</sup>Cancer proteins such as CD33, CD123, FLT-3, CLL-1



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# Appendix

## Key Surface Markers on AML Myeloblasts

| Marker                        | Function / Notes  | Therapeutic Targeting   |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| CD33                          | Highly expressed on most AML blasts                               | Target of <b>gemtuzumab ozogamicin</b> (Mylotarg, an antibody–drug conjugate)                 |
| CD123 (IL-3 receptor α chain) | Overexpressed on AML blasts and <b>leukemic stem cells (LSCs)</b> | Targeted in <b>clinical trials</b> (e.g., tagraxofusp, CD123 CAR-T, bispecifics)              |
| CD34                          | Marker of stem/progenitor cells, including LSCs                   | Used for <b>diagnosis/prognosis</b> ; less ideal for therapy due to expression on normal HSCs |
| CD117 (c-Kit)                 | Tyrosine kinase receptor on some AML subtypes                     | <b>KIT inhibitors</b> under investigation   |
| CD38                          | Variable expression   | Targeted in some AML studies (e.g., with daratumumab)   |
| CLL-1 (CLEC12A)               | Expressed on AML cells and LSCs but <b>not on normal HSCs</b>     | <b>Promising therapeutic target</b> (CAR-T, bispecifics)                                      |
| FLT3                          | Mutated in ~30% of AML; expressed on blasts                       | Targeted by <b>midostaurin, gilteritinib</b> (TKIs)   |
| TIM-3, CD47, CD70             | Immune checkpoint or immune evasion markers                       | Targeted by <b>emerging immunotherapies</b>   |

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