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For the Month of April 2023

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# **Immunocore Holdings plc**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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#### INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

This Report on Form 6-K (this "Report") of Immunocore Holdings plc (the "Company"), excluding Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the Company's registration statement on Form F-3ASR (File No. 333-264105) and the Company's registration statements on Form S-8 (File Nos. 333-255182, 333-265000 and 333-271164) and to be a part thereof from the date on which this Report is filed, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

Exhibit 99.1 to this Report is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

## INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT ON FORM 6-K

#### Press Release

On April 18, 2023, the Company issued a press release announcing its presentation at the 2023 American Association for Cancer Research Annual Meeting ("AARC 2023") of new KIMMTRAK data, confirming the Company's hypothesis of an association between longer overall survival and early circulating tumor DNA reduction. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report.

Data Presented at the AARC 2023 Conference

Circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) reduction by week 9 was observed in 88% of metastatic uveal melanoma (mUM) patients treated as first-line (Phase 3 clinical trial) and 71% in previously treated patients (Phase 2 clinical trial); in both trials, this reduction was associated with longer overall survival (OS). ctDNA clearance was also higher in first-line patients (37%) compared to second-line patients (13%). ctDNA clearance in the Company's Phase 3 clinical trial was associated with 84% 1-year OS. In both trials, the association between ctDNA reduction and longer OS was also observed in patients with best RECIST response of progressive disease (PD), indicating that RECIST responses underestimate tebentafusp's clinical benefits, and that ctDNA may be a better predictor of longer OS than radiographic response.

The final analysis of the data obtained by the Company from the Phase 2 clinical trial in previously treated mUM, after 46 months of follow-up, showed a median OS of 16.8 months – consistent with previous data updates. Later in 2023, the Company intends to provide an OS update from the IMCgp100-202 Phase 3 clinical trial.

The third poster provided a pooled analysis from the Company's three clinical trials in 12 mUM patients with orbital disease. This collated data showed that tebentafusp demonstrated preliminary signals of activity in intra-ocular lesions, supporting KIMMTRAK's use in patients with unresectable uveal melanoma.

The fourth poster shared *in vitro* data potentially explaining how tebentafusp may lead to OS benefit even in tumors with heterogenous gp100 expression.

#### Forward-Looking Statements

This Report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended, including, without limitation, statements regarding the therapeutic potential and expected clinical benefits of our product candidates, including overall survival benefit, including in tumors with heterogeneous gp100 expression; expectations that ctDNA reduction from tebentafusp is associated with overall survival benefit; expectations indicating that RECIST responses underestimate tebentafusp's clinical benefits and that ctDNA may be a better predictor of longer OS than radiographic response; expectations regarding the development of the Company's pipeline and the design, progress, timing, scope and results of the Company's existing and planned clinical trials, including the timing of an OS update from the Phase 3 IMCgp100-202 trial. The words "may," "might," "will," "could," "would," "should," "expect," "plan," "anticipate," "intend," "believe," "expect," "estimate," "seek," "predict," "future," "project," "potential," "continue," "target" and similar words or expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. Any forward-looking statements in this Report are based on management's current expectations and beliefs and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and important factors that may cause actual events or results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by any forward-looking statements contained in this Report, including, without limitation, risks associated with: the risk that the results of preclinical studies and early results from clinical trials may not be predictive of future clinical trial results; the impact of worsening macroeconomic conditions and the ongoing and evolving COVID-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine or global geopolitical tension on the Company's business, strategy, financial position and anticipated milestones, including the Company's ability to conduct ongoing and planned clinical trials; the Company's ability to obtain and maintain regulatory approval of its product candidates; the Company's ability to obtain clinical supply of current or future product candidates or commercial supply of KIMMTRAK or any future approved products, including as a result of supply chain disruptions; the Company's ability and plans to launch, market and sell KIMMTRAK or any future approved products, to continue to establish and expand a commercial infrastructure; the Company's ability to successfully expand the approved indications for KIMMTRAK, or obtain marketing approval for KIMMTRAK in additional geographies in the future; the delay of any current or planned clinical trials, whether due to the COVID-19 pandemic, patient enrollment delays or otherwise; unexpected safety or efficacy data observed during preclinical studies or clinical trials and the Company's ability to successfully

demonstrate the safety and efficacy of its product candidates and gain approval of its product candidates on a timely basis, if at all; competition with respect to market opportunities; actions of regulatory agencies, which may affect the initiation, timing and progress of clinical trials or future regulatory approval; the Company's ability to obtain, maintain and enforce intellectual property protection for KIMMTRAK or any product candidates it is developing; the Company's need for and ability to obtain additional funding on favorable terms or at all, including as a result of worsening macroeconomic conditions such as rising inflation and interest rates, bank failures, volatility in the capital markets and related market uncertainty, the COVID-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine and global geopolitical tension; and the success of the Company's current and future collaborations, partnerships or licensing arrangements. These and other risks and uncertainties are described in greater detail in the section titled "Risk Factors" in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 20-F, as supplemented by its most recent filings that the Company has made or may make with the SEC in the future. Any forward-looking statements represent the Company's views only as of the date of this Report and should not be relied upon as representing its views as of any subsequent date. The Company does not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, except as may be required by law.

## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.		Description	
<u>99.1</u>	Press Release dated April 18, 2023.		

## **SIGNATURES**

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 18, 2023

## IMMUNOCORE HOLDINGS PLC

By: /s/ Bahija Jallal, Ph.D.

Name: Bahija Jallal, Ph.D. Title: Chief Executive Officer

## **IMMUNOCORE**

Immunocore presents new KIMMTRAK data confirming association between early ctDNA reduction and longer overall survival

*In the Phase 3 trial, early on-treatment ctDNA reduction was strongly associated with longer overall survival (OS)* 

Median 46 months follow up from Phase 2 trial confirms median OS of 16.8 months, with landmark OS rates approximately double historical rates in metastatic uveal melanoma population

(OXFORDSHIRE, England & CONSHOHOCKEN, Penn. & ROCKVILLE, Md, 18 April 2023) <u>Immunocore Holdings plc (Nasdaq: IMCR)</u>, a commercial-stage biotechnology company pioneering the development of a novel class of T cell receptor (TCR) bispecific immunotherapies designed to treat a broad range of diseases, including cancer, infectious diseases and autoimmune conditions, has presented four posters with KIMMTRAK (tebentafusp-tebn) data in HLA-A\*02:01 patients with metastatic uveal melanoma (mUM), at the 2023 American Association for Cancer Research Annual Meeting 2023.

"KIMMTRAK is now approved in over 30 countries and delivering benefit to hundreds of patients. The Phase 3 trial data presented at AACR confirms that ctDNA reduction from tebentafusp is strongly associated with survival benefit," said David Berman, Head of Research and Development of Immunocore. "We are also proud to share the almost 4-year follow-up from the Phase 2 trial, which now represents the largest and longest follow-up on survival and safety from any TCR therapy to date."

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The final analysis from the Phase 2 trial in previously treated mUM, after 46 months of follow-up, showed a median OS of 16.8 months – consistent with previous data updates. The landmark OS rates from the trial were approximately double historical rates in this patient population, as reported in two meta-analyses<sup>1,2</sup>. Later in 2023, the Company intends to provide an OS update from the Phase 3 trial. At the time of primary analysis in 2020, the median OS was 21.7 months for patients treated with KIMMTRAK, versus 16.0 months for those treated with investigator's choice.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Rantala ES, Hernberg M, Kivela TT. Overall survival after treatment for metastatic uveal melanoma: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Melanoma Res. 2019; 29:561-568.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Khoja L, Atenafu EG, Suciu S, et al. Meta-analysis in metastatic uveal melanoma to determine progression free and overall survival benchmarks: an international rare cancers initiative (IRCI) ocular melanoma study. Ann Oncol. 2019; 30:1370-1380



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#### Poster details

**Title:** Early ctDNA reduction is associated with better overall survival in the Ph 3 trial of tebentafusp in previously untreated

metastatic uveal melanoma

Presenting author: Ryan Sullivan

Session: Liquid Biopsies: Circulating Nucleic Acid and Circulating Tumor Cells 1

Title: Long-term survival follow-up of tebentafusp in previously treated metastatic uveal melanoma

**Presenting author:** Joe Sacco **Session:** Phase II Clinical Trials 2

**Title:** Evidence of tumor response in orbital lesions treated with tebentafusp in metastatic uveal melanoma patients

**Presenting author:** Marcus Butler

**Session:** Late breaking research: clinical research 1/ Endocrinology

Title: Melanoma patients with high and low target-expression can benefit from TCR-CD3 bispecifics through direct and indirect

mechanisms of tumor control **Presenting author:** Esra Güç

**Session:** Combination Immunotherapies 2

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### **About KIMMTRAK®**

KIMMTRAK is a novel bispecific protein comprised of a soluble T cell receptor fused to an anti-CD3 immune-effector function. KIMMTRAK specifically targets gp100, a lineage antigen expressed in melanocytes and melanoma. This is the first molecule developed using Immunocore's ImmTAC technology platform designed to redirect and activate T cells to recognize and kill tumor cells. KIMMTRAK has been approved for the treatment of HLA-A\*02:01-positive adult patients with unresectable or metastatic uveal melanoma in the United States, European Union, Canada, Australia, and the United Kingdom.

## About Phase 2 IMCgp100-102 Trial

IMCgp100-102 (NCT02570308) was an open-label, multi-center, single-arm trial of the safety and efficacy of tebentafusp in patients with previously treated mUM. The trial included 127 HLA-A\*02:01+ 2L+ mUM patients, treated with tebentafusp at the recommended Phase 2 dose of 68mcg following intra-patient dose escalation of 20 mcg (week 1) and 30 mcg (week 2). The primary endpoint was overall response rate (ORR), with secondary objectives being overall survival (OS) and safety in 127 patients who had enrolled after progressing on one or more prior therapies.



### About Phase 3 IMCgp100-202 Trial

IMCgp100-202 (NCT03070392) is a randomized pivotal trial that evaluated overall survival (OS) of KIMMTRAK compared to investigator's choice (either pembrolizumab, ipilimumab, or dacarbazine) in HLA-A\*02:01-positive adult patients with previously untreated mUM. KIMMTRAK demonstrated an unprecedented OS benefit with a Hazard Ratio (HR) in the intent-to-treat population favoring KIMMTRAK, HR=0.51 (95% CI: 0.37, 0.71); p< 0.0001, over investigator's choice (82% pembrolizumab; 13% ipilimumab; 6% dacarbazine).

#### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS), which may be serious or life-threatening, occurred in patients receiving KIMMTRAK. Monitor for at least 16 hours following first three infusions and then as clinically indicated. Manifestations of CRS may include fever, hypotension, hypoxia, chills, nausea, vomiting, rash, elevated transaminases, fatigue, and headache. CRS occurred in 89% of patients who received KIMMTRAK with 0.8% being grade 3 or 4. Ensure immediate access to medications and resuscitative equipment to manage CRS. Ensure patients are euvolemic prior to initiating the infusions. Closely monitor patients for signs or symptoms of CRS following infusions of KIMMTRAK. Monitor fluid status, vital signs, and oxygenation level and provide appropriate therapy. Withhold or discontinue KIMMTRAK depending on persistence and severity of CRS.

#### **Skin Reactions**

Skin reactions, including rash, pruritus, and cutaneous edema occurred in 91% of patients treated with KIMMTRAK. Monitor patients for skin reactions. If skin reactions occur, treat with antihistamine and topical or systemic steroids based on persistence and severity of symptoms. Withhold or permanently discontinue KIMMTRAK depending on the severity of skin reactions.

## **Elevated Liver Enzymes**

Elevations in liver enzymes occurred in 65% of patients treated with KIMMTRAK. Monitor alanine aminotransferase (ALT), aspartate aminotransferase (AST), and total blood bilirubin prior to the start of and during treatment with KIMMTRAK. Withhold KIMMTRAK according to severity.

#### **Embryo-Fetal Toxicity**

KIMMTRAK may cause fetal harm. Advise pregnant patients of potential risk to the fetus and patients of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with KIMMTRAK and 1 week after the last dose.

The most common adverse reactions ( $\geq$ 30%) in patients who received KIMMTRAK were cytokine release syndrome, rash, pyrexia, pruritus, fatigue, nausea, chills, abdominal pain, edema, hypotension, dry skin, headache, and vomiting. The most common ( $\geq$ 50%) laboratory abnormalities were decreased lymphocyte count, increased creatinine, increased glucose, increased AST, increased ALT, decreased hemoglobin, and decreased phosphate.

For more information, please see full Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC) or full U.S. Prescribing Information (including BOXED WARNING for CRS).



#### About Immunocore

Immunocore is a commercial-stage biotechnology company pioneering the development of a novel class of TCR bispecific immunotherapies called ImmTAX – Immune mobilizing monoclonal TCRs Against X disease – designed to treat a broad range of diseases, including cancer, autoimmune, and infectious disease. Leveraging its proprietary, flexible, off-the-shelf ImmTAX platform, Immunocore is developing a deep pipeline in multiple therapeutic areas, including five clinical stage programs in oncology and infectious disease, advanced pre-clinical programs in autoimmune disease and multiple earlier pre-clinical programs. Immunocore's most advanced oncology TCR therapeutic, KIMMTRAK, has been approved for the treatment of HLA-A\*02:01-positive adult patients with unresectable or metastatic uveal melanoma (mUM) in the United States, European Union, Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom, having demonstrated an overall survival benefit in a randomized Phase 3 clinical trial in mUM, a cancer that has historically proven to be insensitive to other immunotherapies.

## **Forward Looking Statements**

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