#### **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 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): June 3, 2020

# Larimar Therapeutics, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

001-36510 (Commission File Number)

20-3857670 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Three Bala Plaza East. Suite 506 Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania (Address of principal executive offices)

19004

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (844) 511-9056

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

	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 ring provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):
_ v	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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] I	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
Securi	ties 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 \$0.001 per share	LRMR	Nasdag Global 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  $\; \square \;$ 

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.  $\Box$ 

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 and furnished for the purposes of Regulation FD is a presentation that Larimar Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") will post on its website on June 3, 2020. Representatives of the Company will use the presentation in various meetings with investors, analysts and other parties from time to time.

The information in this Item 7.01 (including Exhibit 99.1) is being furnished solely to satisfy the requirements of Regulation FD and shall not be deemed to be "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 to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Below is a list of exhibits included with this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Exhibit No.

Document

99.1 <u>Larimar Therapeutics, Inc. Corporate Presentation, dated June 3, 2020\*\*</u>

\*\* Furnished herewith.

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.

Larimar Therapeutics, Inc.

By: /s/ Carole S. Ben-Maimon, M.D.

Name: Carole S. Ben-Maimon, M.D.

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: June 3, 2020



# **Investor Presentation**

**June 2020** 

# **Forward Looking Statements**

This presentation contains forward-looking statements that are based on the Company's beliefs and assumptions and on information currently available to management. All statements contained in this presentation other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements, including but not limited to statements regarding the potential benefits of the merger, the use of proceeds of the private placement, Company's ability to develop and commercialize CTI-1601 and other planned product candidates, Company's planned research and development efforts, and other matters regarding Company's business strategies, use of capital, results of operations and financial position, and plans and objectives for future operations.

In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by the words "may," "will," "could," "should," "expect," "intend," "plan," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "project," "potential," "continue," "ongoing" or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology, although not all forward-looking statements contain these words. These statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from the information expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These risks, uncertainties and other factors include, among others, the Company's ability to achieve the anticipated benefits of the merger; the success, cost and timing of the Company's product development activities, studies and clinical trials; the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Company's clinical trial timelines, ability to raise additional capital and general economic conditions; the Company's ability to optimize and scale CTI-1601's manufacturing process; the Company's ability to obtain regulatory approval for CTI-1601 and future product candidates; the Company's ability to develop sales and marketing capabilities, whether alone or with potential future collaborators, and successfully commercialize any approved product candidates; the Company's ability to raise the necessary capital to conduct its product development activities; and other risks described in the filings made by Zafgen with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including but not limited to the Definitive Proxy Statement relating to the merger filed on April 29, 2020, and the Company's subsequent periodic reports, including the annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K, filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission and available at www.sec.gov. These forward-looking statements are based on a combination of facts and factors currently known by the Company and its projections of the future, about which it cannot be certain. As a result, the forward-looking statements may not prove to be accurate. These forwardlooking statements are based on information currently available to us, and we assume no obligation to update any forward-looking statements, except as required by law.



# **Larimar Therapeutics Introduction**

- Created by merger of Zafgen and Chondrial Therapeutics
- Traded under ticker "LRMR"
- Merger accompanied by \$80 million private placement World class life science investor shareholder base
  - Financing led by Cowen Healthcare Investments with Acuta, Janus, Logos, OrbiMed, RA Capital and Vivo
  - Continued shareholder support of Deerfield Management and Atlas Ventures
  - Company has ~ \$116 million in cash from merger and financing
- · Leadership team bolstered
  - Joseph Truitt Board chair
  - Nancy Ruiz, MD, FACP, FIDSA CMO
  - Michael Celano CFO







# **Investment Highlights**

- Clinical-stage biotech with a novel protein replacement therapy platform to address untreated, serious and complex rare diseases
- Lead candidate, CTI-1601, in Phase 1 clinical development for treatment of Friedreich's ataxia (FA)
  - We believe frataxin (FXN) protein replacement therapy is the only protein replacement therapy in clinical development
  - Nonclinical studies have shown **promising results in several models of FA**, including heart, brain and muscle function, and overall survival
  - Multiple FDA designations: Orphan Drug, Rare Pediatric Disease (Voucher), Fast Track
  - Topline Phase 1 data expected in 1H 2021
- Experienced leadership team
- Extensive IP with 12 years market exclusivity expected if approved; patents pending around efficacy biomarkers
- Strong balance sheet with ~ \$116M in cash as of merger close; based on current estimates of funding needs, cash expected to last for ~ 2 years into first half of 2022



# Friedreich's ataxia (FA): Rare and Progressive Disease

- Rare disease caused by genetic defect resulting in abnormally low levels of frataxin (FXN)
  - Affects ~5,000 patients in U.S. and ~20,000 patients in EU
- Disease affects multiple body systems, particularly the brain and heart
- Onset: Age of onset correlated with severity and speed of progression (earlier onset correlated with more drastic progression)
  - >70% of patients present before age 14
  - Initial symptoms may include unsteady posture, frequent falling and progressive difficulty in walking
  - By the time symptoms occur, heart damage has already occurred
- Progression of disease: Symptoms worsen and patients are eventually confined to wheelchair
- Life expectancy of 30-50 years, early death usually caused by heart disease
- Treatment limited to symptom management; currently no approved therapies



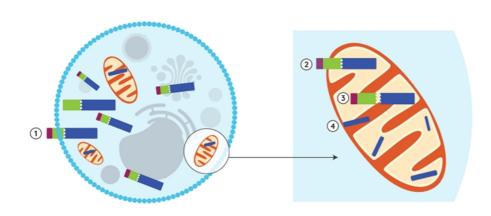
# CTI-1601 – Designed to Deliver Frataxin (FXN)

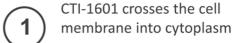
# MTS Human FXN Mature Human FXN CPP Mature Human FXN Site of Mitochondrial Processing Peptidase (MPP) cleavage CTI-1601 MTS Human FXN CPP Mature Human FXN Site of Mitochondrial Processing Peptidase (MPP) cleavage

CTI-1601 similar to frataxin except it has a CPP attached on end to allow it to move into cell and mitochondria



# CTI-1601 – Delivering Frataxin to the Mitochondria





- 2 CTI-1601 crosses the mitochondrial membrane
- Mitochondrial Processing
  Peptide (MPP) cleaves
  CTI-1601. MTS and CPP will
  leave cell mitochondria
- Mature human frataxin remains within the mitochondria to function



# CTI-1601 – POC Achieved Through Multiple Non-Clinical Studies

Nonclinical efficacy and PD data provides proof of concept in support of continued development to potentially replace FXN in patients with FA

- ✓ Extended survival in a well-characterized nonclinical model of FA
- ✓ Prevented ataxic gait in another nonclinical model of FA
- ✓ Demonstrated capability of delivering sufficient amounts of FXN to mitochondria
- ✓ Prevented left ventricle dilation and maintained function
- ✓ Safe and well tolerated in multiple species



#### CTI-1601 Extends Survival in FXN-deficient KO Mice

#### Initial Proof of Concept for FXN Replacement Therapy in FA

#### TAT-FXN was administered 10 mg/kg SC every other day

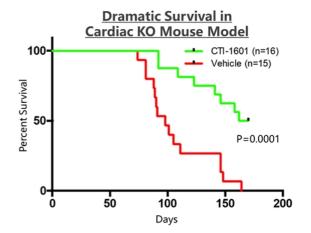
✓ CTI-1601 extended survival in a well-characterized cardiac mouse model of FRDA

#### Median Survival of MCK-Cre FXN-KO Mice

• 166 days (CTI-1601) vs 98.0 days (Vehicle)

#### Survival beyond Vehicle mean (107.5 days)

- 87.5% (CTI-1601) vs. 33% (Vehicle)
- ✓ Confirms that CTI-1601 is capable of delivering sufficient amounts of FXN to mitochondria, rescuing a severe disease phenotype





MCK = Muscle creatine kinase

# CTI-1601 Prevents Neurological Phenotype and Ataxic Gait in KO mice

#### In-Vivo Efficacy Data in Neurologic KO Mouse Model

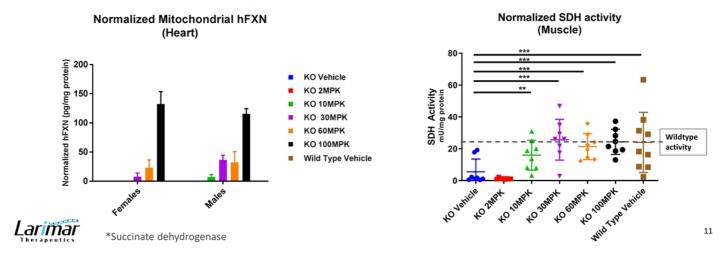
#### Pvalb-Cre FXN-KO mouse

- Single dose level: 10 mg/kg CTI-1601 or Vehicle given intraperitoneally (IP) three times per week
  - √ hFXN replacement with CTI-1601 prevents development of ataxic gait
  - ✓ Treated mice survive longer than untreated mice
  - ✓ Human frataxin present in brain, dorsal root ganglia and spinal cord



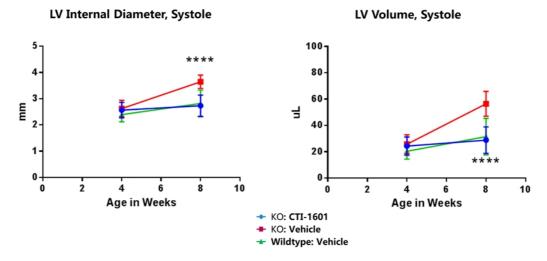
# CTI-1601 Effectively Traffics to Mitochondria; Delivers hFXN

- √ hFXN concentration within mitochondria increases in a dose-dependent manner
- ✓ Given subcutaneously, CTI-1601 functionally replaces hFXN in mitochondria of KO mice
- ✓ SDH\* activity increases in a dose-dependent manner after administration of CTI-1601; activity plateaus at 30 mg/kg and is equivalent to activity in wildtype animals
- ✓ Demonstrated normalization of gene expression in cardiac tissue



# CTI-1601 Prevents Left Ventricle (LV) Dilation

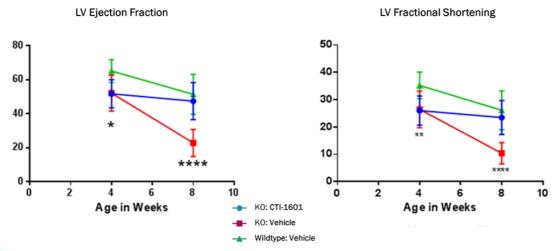
- ✓ Left ventricular volume increases in systole in untreated mice by 8 weeks (after 4 weeks of dosing with vehicle), but remains similar to wildtype when treated with CTI-1601
- ✓ **CTI-1601-treated mice similar to controls**; echocardiogram shows significant differences between KO:Vehicle and KO:CTI-1601 treated mice





# CTI-1601 Preserves Left Ventricle (LV) Function

- ✓ LV function drops significantly in untreated mice by week 8
- ✓ CTI-1601-treated mice similar to controls; echocardiogram again shows significant differences between KO:Vehicle and KO:CTI-1601 treated mice





# Human Frataxin Distributed Into All Tissues Tested

# Observed hFXN across all tissue and cell types tested:

✓ Brain

✓ Spinal Cord

✓ Skin

✓ Heart

✓ Cardiac Mitochondria

✓ Buccal Cells

✓ Liver

✓ CSF (Cerebrospinal Fluid)

✓ Platelets

✓ Dorsal Root Ganglia

✓ Skeletal Muscle

Tissues Examined, By Study		
Study Vehicle	<b>Human Frataxin Distribution</b>	
Rats	Brain, Heart, Liver	
Neuro KO Mice	Brain, Dorsal Root Ganglia, Spinal Cord	
Cardiac KO Mice	Mitochondria of Skeletal Muscle and Cardiomyocytes	
Cynomolgus Monkey	CSF, Skin, Buccal Cells, Platelets	



# PK/PD Study in Healthy Cynomolgus Monkeys

#### **Study Design**

# Pre-dosed for 3 days with Vehicle Pre-dose collection platelet, CSF, buccal swab, skin punch Day 10 (7 days dosing) Collection of platelet, buccal swab, skin punch Day 16 (end of 14<sup>th</sup> day dose) Collection CSF platelet, buccal swab, skin punch

- ✓ CTI-1601 is **bioavailable** when given subcutaneously
- Sustained levels of processed hFXN are found after 14 days in the cerebrospinal fluid of monkeys, suggesting CNS penetration
- ✓ Sustained levels of hFXN are found in blood cells (platelets) and peripheral tissues (buccal cells, skin) as early as the 7<sup>th</sup> day and still present after 14 days
- Preliminary results from the 90 Day GLP Toxicology support these findings



# CTI-1601: Safe and Well Tolerated in Multiple Animal Models

#### **Cynomolgus Monkey**

#### **Injection Site Observations**

 Some injection sites raised and firm; increased injection site pathology at higher doses most likely due to local irritation

#### **Systemic Toxicity Analysis**

- No other clinical observations or treatmentrelated changes in food consumption, body weight or organ weight
- · No systemic histopathological findings

#### **Sprague Dawley Rat**

#### **Injection Site Observations**

 Some injection sites showed irritation, firmness, inflammation at higher doses

#### **Systemic Toxicity Analysis**

- No significant clinical observations or clinical pathology results
- No systemic histopathological findings

No systemic clinical or pathological observations related to CTI-1601 in early GLP studies



# CTI-1601: Ongoing Phase 1 Clinical Program in FA Patients

#### Double-blind, placebo-controlled SAD/MAD clinical trials in FRDA patients 18-years-old or older

- Dosing regimen: Single Ascending Doses given SC (SAD); Multiple Ascending Doses given SC (MAD)
- Number of subjects:
  - SAD: approximately 32-34 subjects (currently 4 cohorts planned)
  - MAD: 24-30 subjects (currently 3 cohorts planned)
- Outcome measures:
  - Primary: Safety and tolerability
  - Secondary: PK; PD (hFXN, gene expression in buccal swab and blood); multiple exploratory
- Patient dosing began December 2019
  - Two cohorts have completed SAD Phase 1 all data collected successfully
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> cohort delayed given COVID-19; company actively working to initiate
- Sufficient drug supply for Phase 1 clinical program (5 GMP batches)
- Topline results from Phase 1 clinical program expected in 1H 2021



# Marketing Exclusivity and Accelerated Programs

#### FDA has granted CTI-1601:

- ✓ Orphan Drug Status
  - Granted July 2017
  - Eligible for 7 years market exclusivity upon approval
- ✓ Fast Track Designation
  - Granted November 2019
  - Actions to expedite development and review
- ✓ Rare Pediatric Disease Designation
  - Granted December 2019
  - Eligible for voucher upon BLA approval

Company recently applied for European Orphan Drug designation



# Strong Relationship with FARA

- Company has strong relationship with Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)
  - National, non-profit organization dedicated to the pursuit of scientific research leading to treatments and a cure for FA
- FARA provides industry with several key items
  - Assists with patient recruitment and education
  - Access to Global Patient Registry with demographic and clinical information on more than 1,000 FA patients
  - Sponsored a Patient-Focused Drug Development Meeting in 2017 resulting in a publication called The Voice of the Patient





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\*as of 6/1/2020, 15,319,075 shares of common stock are outstanding, and 628,403 pre-funded warrants to purchase common stock are outstanding





#### **Investor Relations**

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