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#### **Company Overview**

- Create best-in-class products addressing unmet medical needs by applying TransCon<sup>™</sup> technologies to parent drugs with clinical proof-of-concept
  - Unique algorithm for product innovation has resulted in clinical validation of 3 out of 3 product candidates within the endocrinology rare disease area
- Endocrinology rare disease internal pipeline and expected near-term milestones
  - TransCon hGH for pediatric GH deficiency: Phase 3 demonstrated superiority of TransCon hGH
  - TransCon PTH for hypoparathyroidism: Phase 2 top-line data Q4 2019
  - TransCon CNP for achondroplasia: Phase 2 initiation Q3 2019
- Build leading positions for each endocrinology rare disease product with commercial focus on the U.S. and select European markets
  - Partnership with VISEN Pharmaceuticals for commercialization of endocrinology rare disease products in China
- Established high-value collaborations with Roche/Genentech in ophthalmology and Sanofi in diabetes
- As of December 31, 2018, cash and cash equivalents of ~€278 million<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Based on exchange rates as of December 31, 2018. This amount is preliminary, has not been audited and is subject to change upon completion of the Company's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018. Additional information and disclosures would be required for a more complete understanding of the Company's financial position and results of operations as of December 31, 2018. Does not include net proceeds of approximately US\$540 million from a follow-on offering completed in March 2019 of the ADSs.



# TransCon Technology: Sustained Systemic Delivery



Parent drug is transiently bound to a TransCon linkersoluble carrier moiety, which inactivates and shields parent drug from clearance Following injection, the linker is designed to autohydrolyze at specific rates to predictably release unmodified parent drug Designed to distribute parent drug like the endogenous compound; linker-carrier is cleared renally



### TransCon Technology: Sustained Localized Delivery



Parent drug is transiently bound to TransCon linkerhydrogel carrier, which inactivates, shields parent drug and prevents clearance Following injection, the linker is designed to autohydrolyze at specific rates to predictably release unmodified parent drug Designed to provide sustained high local drug levels with low systemic exposure; hydrogel degrades into small polymers that are renally cleared following drug release



#### Sustained Localized Delivery: Validated Across Multiple Drugs and Administration Sites

**Small Molecules** 

Intra-articular administration

Plasma PK of Daptomycin following intra-articular administration in rabbits. TransCon Daptomycin half-life was ~3 days. Antibody Fragments (Fab) Intra-vitreous administration<sup>1</sup>



Vitreal PK of Fab following intra-vitreous administration in rabbits. TransCon Fab half-life was ~53 days compared to free Fab half-life of ~3.2 days.

- Excellent local tolerability of TransCon hydrogel carrier
- Sustained high local concentration with low systemic exposure

#### Ascendis Algorithm for Product Innovation



Our unique algorithm for product innovation has resulted in clinical validation of 3 out of 3 product candidates in Endocrinology Rare Disease



#### Internal Endocrinology Pipeline

| PRODUCT<br>CANDIDATE | PRECLINICAL       | PHASE 1                              | PHASE 2 | PHASE 3 | POTENTIAL WW<br>MARKET <sup>1</sup> | COMMERCIAL<br>RIGHTS <sup>2</sup> |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| TransCon hGH         | Pediatric Growth  | Hormone Deficienc<br>mone Deficiency | у       |         | > \$3 billion <sup>3</sup>          | ascendis<br>pharma                |
| TransCon PTH         | Hypoparathyroidis | sm                                   |         |         | > \$2 billion <sup>4</sup>          | ascendis pharma                   |
| TransCon CNP         | Achondroplasia    |                                      |         |         | > \$1 billion                       | ascendis                          |

#### Strategic Collaborations

| PRODUCT CANDIDATE     | PRIMARY INDICATION | DEVELOPMENT STAGE | POTENTIAL WW MARKET <sup>1</sup> | WW COMMERCIAL RIGHTS |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| TransCon<br>Anti-VEGF | Ophthalmology      | Not disclosed     | >\$7 billion                     | Genentech            |
| TransCon Peptides     | Diabetes           | Not disclosed     | >\$1 billion                     | SANOFI 🌍             |

<sup>1</sup> Based on market data and Company estimates

<sup>2</sup> Excludes rights granted to VISEN Pharmaceuticals in Greater China

<sup>3</sup> Includes all indications

<sup>4</sup> Based on treatment of ~25% of the U.S. patient population of ~80,000 patients





# TransCon Growth Hormone: Once-Weekly Replacement Therapy

## The Growth Hormone Market<sup>1</sup>

- ~\$3.5 billion in worldwide rhGH<sup>2</sup> sales and growing (2.4% CAGR)<sup>3</sup>
- Fragmented market with same undifferentiated hGH molecule competing on differentiated formulations, devices, services and access strategies
- Pediatric indications comprise ~90% of the market
- Indications for growth hormone treatment include:
  - Growth Hormone Deficiency (GHD) ~50% of market
  - Turner syndrome
  - Idiopathic short stature (ISS)
  - Prader-Willi syndrome
  - Small for gestational age (SGA)



# Well-established market primed for disruption by a long-acting growth hormone product

<sup>1</sup> Based on company research

<sup>2</sup> Recombinant human growth hormone; subsequently referred to in this presentation as hGH

<sup>3</sup> Compounded Annual Rate of Growth based on 2010-2014 data



#### **Clinical Implications of Untreated GHD**

# BODY COMPOSITION CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE Increased fat mass, decreased bone density have been shown to occur soon after treatment discontinuation.<sup>2,3,4</sup> Early discontinuation of GH treatment may induce impairment of patients' lipid profiles and cardiac structure and performance, leading to increased risk for CV disease.<sup>6,7</sup> Image: Decision of the treatment discontinuation.<sup>2,3,4</sup> Image: Decision of the treatment discontinuation of the treatment discontinuation.<sup>2,3,4</sup> Image: Decision of the treatment discontinuation.<sup>2,3,4</sup> Image: Decision of the treatment discontinuation.<sup>2,3,4</sup> Image: Decision of

Adults who had child-onset GHD may not achieve full height potential if treatment is stopped prior to adulthood.<sup>1</sup> A high incidence of psychiatric disorders, usually accompanied by poor life quality, is associated with adults who were GHD as children.<sup>5</sup>

Adult peak bone mass is considerably lower, and rates of fractures are significantly higher among adults with GHD who were not treated as children.<sup>8</sup>

# Daily hGH addresses all the symptoms of the disease; long-acting growth hormone products must fully mimic daily hGH to adequately address the totality of the disease



## Daily Growth Hormone: The Problem

Poor adherence with daily hGH therapy is associated with reduced height velocity and impaired quality of life<sup>1</sup>



Reduced frequency of administration is associated with better adherence<sup>2</sup>

In the 1<sup>st</sup> year, two of three patients miss >1 injection on average per week<sup>1</sup>



# TransCon hGH Design



Once-weekly prodrug releases unmodified hGH designed to mimic daily hGH:

- Tissue distribution
- Physiological levels
- ✓ Therapeutic effects: efficacy, safety and tolerability

# TransCon Growth Hormone Target Product Profile

- Efficacy
- Safety (including immunogenicity)
- Tolerability
- Weekly subcutaneous administration
- Small injection volume (31G needle)
- Room temperature storage
- Device
  - Easy to use
  - Automatic data capture
  - Empty-all design

#### Comparable to Daily Growth Hormone





#### Growth Comparable to a Daily hGH in Phase 2<sup>1,2</sup>



Intergroup differences not statistically significant
 I Clin Endocrinol Metab 2017, 102(5), 1673–1682

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<sup>2</sup> J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2017, 102(5): 1673–1682

<sup>3</sup> Conducted with a previous lower strength version of TransCon Growth Hormone



#### Dose Proportional IGF-1 Response in Phase 2<sup>1</sup>



Transient values greater than +2.0 observed in a small number of patients primarily at the highest dose level



#### Comparable hGH Levels in Phase 2<sup>1</sup>



Maximum hGH concentration comparable between equivalent weekly doses of TransCon hGH and a daily hGH



## Comparable Safety to a Daily hGH in Phase 2<sup>1</sup>

| No serious     |
|----------------|
| adverse events |
| related        |
| to study drug  |

 Adverse events consistent with daily hGH therapy observed and not different between cohorts

Immunogenic profile comparable to a daily hGH

- No occurrence of neutralizing antibodies
- Low incidence of low-titer non-neutralizing antibodies

Injection site tolerability comparable to a daily hGH

- >1100 TransCon hGH injections administered
- No reports of lipoatrophy or nodule formation



#### TransCon hGH Phase 3 Program



- FDA and EMA support size and scope of program for pediatric GHD filing
- Database lock for filing package expected Q3 2019



## Phase 3 heiGHt Trial



#### **Key Inclusion Criteria**

- Prepubertal children with GHD
- Height SDS ≤ -2.0
- IGF-1 SDS ≤-1.0
- 2 GH stimulation tests (GH ≤10 ng/mL)
- Bone age ≥ 6 months behind chronological

#### **Key Endpoints**

- Annualized height velocity at 52 weeks (primary endpoint)
- Annualized HV at earlier time points
- Change in HT SDS over 52 weeks
- Change in serum IGF-1/IGFBP-3 levels
- Change in IGF-1 SDS and IGFBP-3 SDS
- Normalization of IGF-1 SDS



# **Demographics Comparable Between Arms**

|                                  | TransCon hGH (n=105)<br>Mean | Genotropin (n=56)<br>Mean | Total (n=161)<br>Mean |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Age (years)                      | 8.51                         | 8.48                      | 8.50                  |
| Bone Age (years)                 | 5.84                         | 5.98                      | 5.88                  |
| Height SDS                       | -2.89                        | -3.00                     | -2.93                 |
| BMI SDS                          | -0.32                        | -0.14                     | -0.25                 |
| Delta Mid-Parental Height<br>SDS | -2.32                        | -2.55                     | -2.40                 |
| IGF-1 SDS                        | -2.08                        | -1.96                     | -2.04                 |
| Peak GH (ng/mL)                  | 5.89                         | 5.48                      | 5.75                  |
| White (%, in race)               | 95                           | 93                        | 94                    |
| Male (%)                         | 82                           | 82                        | 82                    |

 Of the 161 subjects, two subjects, one from each arm, withdrew from the trial prior to the final visit



#### Primary Endpoint: Annualized Height Velocity at Week 52<sup>1</sup> (ITT Population)

|                             | TransCon hGH<br>(n=105) | Genotropin<br>(n=56) | Estimate of<br>Treatment<br>Difference | P-value |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--|---------|
| AHV at Week 52<br>(cm/year) | 11.2                    | 10.3                 | 0.86                                   | 0.0088  |
| Standard Error              | 0.23                    | 0.30                 | 0.33                                   |         |
| 95% Confidence<br>Interval  | 10.7 – 11.6             | 9.7 – 10.9           | 0.22 – 1.50                            |         |

- TransCon hGH was non-inferior and, additionally, superior to Genotropin<sup>®</sup>
- Treatment difference reached statistical significance from and including Week 26 onward

# **Top-line Summary of Adverse Events**

#### Summary of Adverse Events: Safety Population

|  | TransCon hGH<br>(n=105)<br>n (%) | Genotropin<br>(n=56)<br>n (%) | Total<br>(n=161)<br>n (%) |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Treatment-emergent Adverse Events (TEAE)       | 81 (77.1%)                       | 39 (69.6%)                    | 120 (74.5%)               |
| TEAEs Related to Study Drug                    | 12 (11.4%)                       | 10 (17.9%)                    | 22 (13.7%)                |
| Serious Adverse Events (AEs)                   | 1 (1.0%)                         | 1 (1.8%)                      | 2 (1.2%)                  |
| Serious AEs Related to Study Drug              | 0                                | 0                             | 0                         |
| TEAEs Leading to Any Action on Study Drug      | 2 (1.9%)                         | 1 (1.8%)                      | 3 (1.9%)                  |
| TEAEs Leading to Discontinuation of Study Drug | 0                                | 0                             | 0                         |

- Adverse events for TransCon hGH consistent with the type and frequency observed with Genotropin
- No serious adverse events related to study drug in either arm
- No treatment-emergent adverse events leading to discontinuation of study drug in either arm



# **Preliminary Efficacy and Safety Analyses**

- Efficacy
  - The incidence of poor responders (AHV < 8.0 cm/year) was 4% and 11% in the TransCon hGH and daily hGH arms, respectively
  - Height standard deviation score (SDS) at 52 weeks increased over baseline by 1.05 for TransCon hGH and by 0.94 for the daily hGH, and the treatment difference in height SDS increased at each visit over 52 weeks
  - Body Mass Index (BMI) SDS was stable over 52 weeks and was -0.03 for TransCon hGH and -0.40 for the daily hGH at week 52
- Safety and tolerability
  - No neutralizing antibodies detected, and low level (<10%) of low-titer nonneutralizing antibodies was similar between the two arms
  - Mean hemoglobin A1c values were generally stable over the course of the trial and remained within the normal range for both arms
  - Two subjects in each treatment arm experienced mild injection site reactions that were considered adverse events



# **Preliminary Analyses of IGF-1**

- Observed peak and trough insulin-like growth factor-1 (IGF-1) SDS values were 1.3 and -0.5 over 52 weeks, respectively, for TransCon hGH compared to an approximate average IGF-1 SDS of 0.0 for the daily hGH at week 52
- In a pre-defined subset of 11 subjects, IGF-1 levels were assessed during week 13 and results were similar to those reported in the TransCon hGH pediatric phase 2 trial
- Consecutive IGF-1 SDS values >2.0 were uncommon (<10% of subjects) and IGF-1 SDS >3.0 were rare (<3% of subjects)</li>
- Adverse events leading to dose reduction (IGF-1 levels or clinical symptoms) occurred twice in the TransCon hGH arm and once in the daily hGH arm



# Auto-Injector Designed to Improve Adherence

#### **Key Features**

- Simple operation with few user steps
- Single low-volume (<0.60 mL) injection for patients ≤60kg
- Small needle, comparable to daily hGH (31G, 4mm)
- Room temperature storage
- No waste due to empty-all design
- Bluetooth<sup>®</sup> connectivity enabled for automatic data capture
- Device lifetime at least 4 years

Auto-injector introduction during extension study and for commercial launch





# Integrating with a Connected Healthcare Platform

# Automated Data Capture of Dose and Injection Time



Data Analysis



TransCon hGH Auto-Injector Improve Adherence Through Feedback & Intervention

> Secure Cloud-Based Central Database



# TransCon hGH: Highlights

- Potential best-in and first-in-class long-acting hGH in pediatric GHD
- COMPANY Phase 3 top-line data demonstrated superiority of TransCon hGH
- FIGHt top-line data expected Q2 2019
- Introduction of auto-injector into CONGHEON Trial expected Q2 2019
- Clinical database lock for filing package expected Q3 2019
- Improving adherence through integrated automatic data capture and connected healthcare system
- Commercial-scale manufacturing and supply chain established
- Multiple patent filings provide potential protection, with auto-injector, into 2038





# TransCon PTH: PTH Replacement Therapy for Hypoparathyroidism

## Hypoparathyroidism: Serious Unmet Medical Need

- Parathyroid hormone (PTH) regulates calcium/phosphate homeostasis
- Hypoparathyroidism (HP) is a rare disease characterized by deficient or absent PTH
  - Low serum calcium, increased serum phosphate and urine calcium levels
  - Most common cause (~75%) is inadvertent removal or damage to parathyroid glands during thyroid surgery
  - Approximately 80,000 patients in the U.S.
- HP results in diverse physical, cognitive, and emotional symptoms with high burden on the healthcare system despite current standard of care
  - 79% require hospitalizations or emergency department visits
  - 4-fold increased risk of renal disease (calcifications and renal insufficiency)





#### **Diverse Clinical Manifestations of HP**

#### **Central nervous system**

- Seizures
- · Calcifications
- Parkinsonism or dystonia

#### Cardiovascular system

- Cardiac arrhythmias
- Hypocalcemia-associated dilated cardiomyopathy

#### **Respiratory system**

• Laryngospasm

#### **Renal system**

- · Nephrocalcinosis\*
- Kidney stones\*
- Chronic kidney disease\*

#### Peripheral nervous system

- Paresthesia
- Muscle cramps
- Tetany



Adapted from Nature Reviews 2017, 3: 1-20

\* These manifestations are mostly the result of treatment with calcium and activated vitamin D rather than of the disorder itself.

#### Burden of Illness Despite Treatment: The Patients' View

I am satisfied with the effectiveness of my medications to treat HP

#### 40% strongly disagree

Despite taking my medications as prescribed, I still experience symptoms of HP

58% strongly agree

I am concerned with the long-term complications of my HP medications

#### 75% strongly agree

High burden of illness, despite current standard of care **72%** experienced >10 symptoms in preceding 12 months; mean of 13 ± 9 hours/day

**85%** report inability to perform household activities

**20%** experienced a disease-related change in employment status



#### **Treatment Contributes to Risk of Renal Disease**

#### **4.8-fold** increased risk of renal stones

#### 5.0-fold

increased risk of renal insufficiency

#### 4.3-fold

increased risk of renal disease

Vitamin D & calcium treatment associated with hypercalciuria **31%** had renal calcifications (renal stones or nephrocalcinosis)

41% had chronic kidney disease stage 3 or worse (renal insufficiency)



### **HP** Treatment Strategies Are Evolving

- Conventional treatment by calcium and vitamin D can lead to:<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Hypocalcemia, hypercalcemia and hypercalciuria (short-term)
  - Impaired renal function and extra skeletal calcifications (long-term)
- Once-daily Natpara<sup>®</sup> /Natpar<sup>®</sup> has been approved in the U.S. and Europe as an adjunct to calcium and vitamin D
  - Does not fully address all aspects of the disease, including no benefit on clinical episodes of hypocalcemia or hypercalcemia, or effect on 24-hour urine calcium excretion<sup>3</sup>

TransCon PTH is designed to address all aspects of the disease by restoring physiological levels of PTH throughout the day

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# FDA Perspective on Optimal PTH PK Profile<sup>1</sup>



- Natpara QD provides dose-dependent increases in serum calcium for ~24 hours
- Natpara QD effect on urinary calcium excretion is short-lived (10-12 hours) as kidney reabsorption of calcium follows PK profile

### **Continuous PTH Infusion Led to Improved Outcomes**

| Desired Treatment Outcomes in HP    | Natpara<br>Once-daily <sup>1, 2</sup> | PTH (1-34)<br>Infusion <sup>3-9</sup> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Increase serum calcium              | $\checkmark$                          | $\checkmark$                          |
| Reduce pill burden                  | $\checkmark$                          | $\checkmark$                          |
| Normalize urinary calcium excretion | X                                     | $\checkmark$                          |
| Reduce clinical hypercalcemia       | X                                     | $\checkmark$                          |
| Reduce clinical hypocalcemia        | X                                     | $\checkmark$                          |
| Normalize serum phosphate           | ✓<br>(high-normal range)              | $\checkmark$                          |
| Normalize bone turnover             | X<br>(cortical bone loss)             | $\checkmark$                          |

NIH clinical trials demonstrated superiority of continuous infusion > twice-daily injections > once-daily injections

<sup>1</sup> Natpara Product Label

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- <sup>2</sup> J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2016, 101(7): 2742-2750
- <sup>3</sup> JAMA 1996, 276(8): 631-636
- <sup>4</sup> J Clin Endocrinol Metab 1998, 83(10): 3480-3486
- <sup>5</sup> J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2003, 88(9): 4214-4220
- <sup>6</sup> J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2008, 93(9): 3389-3395
- <sup>7</sup> J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2011, 96(11): 3308-3312
- <sup>8</sup> J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2012, 97(2): 391–399
  - <sup>9</sup> J Pediatr 2014, 165(3): 556-563



# TransCon PTH Design



- TransCon PTH is a sustained-release prodrug designed to provide stable PTH levels in the physiological range for 24 hours/day
- TransCon PTH designed to normalize blood and urinary calcium levels, serum phosphate and bone turnover

# Single Dose PK Data Support Infusion-Like Profile with Daily Administration



TransCon PTH phase 1 data reproduced PK profile from preclinical studies and showed  $t_{1/2}$  of ~60 hours (versus Natpara  $t_{1/2}$  ~3 hours)



#### PK Data Support Infusion-like Profile over 24 Hours



PTH Exposure After Multiple Doses of TransCon PTH (n=7-8)

TransCon PTH daily dosing for 10 days provided a flat infusion-like profile with low PTH peak-to-trough ratio at day 10



#### Multiple Doses Provided Dose-Dependent Increase of Serum Calcium



TransCon PTH daily dosing for 10 days provided dose-dependent increase of serum calcium



#### Multiple Doses Provided Dose-Dependent Suppression of Endogenous PTH(1-84)



Suppression of PTH(1-84) over 10 Days of TransCon PTH (n=8/group)

TransCon PTH daily dosing for 10 days provided dose-dependent down regulation of endogenous PTH(1-84)



## Control of Urinary Calcium with Multiple Doses

Spot FECa with daily doses of TransCon PTH (n=8/group) for 10 days



Despite serum Ca at 11 mg/dL, fractional calcium excretion remained normal and below 6.5% range reported for healthy volunteers clamped to serum Ca of 10.3 mg/dL<sup>2</sup>, reflecting potent renal Ca reabsorption

<sup>2</sup> J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2001, 86(4): 1525-1531



#### Market Research Validates Unmet Medical Need for TransCon PTH

- Market research with 108 U.S.
  endocrinologists treating HP<sup>1</sup>
  - Variety of clinical settings, geographies, patient volumes, disease severity, and short-acting PTH use
- Endocrinologists' views on current short-acting PTH:
  - Reduces hypocalcemia, improves quality of life, reduces pill burden
  - Remaining unmet medical needs:
    - Providing true replacement therapy
    - Reducing hypercalciuria

#### Physicians Likely to Prescribe TransCon PTH<sup>2</sup> (N=108)



#### Confirms TransCon PTH target product profile as a true replacement therapy and reinforces significant unmet need



# TransCon PTH: Highlights

- Phase 1 data support TransCon PTH as a true replacement therapy for HP
- Phase 2 trial initiated in adult HP subjects
  - Randomized placebo-controlled study for approximately four weeks with fixed TransCon PTH doses and titration regimen for complete withdrawal of SoC (i.e., active vitamin D and calcium supplements)
  - Validation of disease-specific patient-reported outcomes for use in phase 3 trial
  - Introduction of ready-to-use prefilled pen device in the phase 2 trial
  - Subjects from phase 2 trial expected to enter into a long-term extension trial
- Phase 2 top-line data expected Q4 2019
- Global regulatory discussions to incorporate Asian territories into phase 3 trial
- Multiple patent concepts provide potential protection into 2037





# TransCon CNP: Once-Weekly CNP for Achondroplasia

#### Achondroplasia – Not Only a Skeletal Disease



- Ear infections/sleep apnea
- Obesity
- Bowed legs

#### **No FDA-approved** therapy

Only option to improve height is surgical limb lengthening





#### **Balanced Growth Depends on Balanced Pathways**



TransCon CNP is designed to provide continuous exposure to CNP to optimize efficacy with a well-tolerated and convenient once-weekly dose



## Achondroplasia Signaling Defect is Well Understood

- FGFR3 negatively regulates chondrocyte proliferation and differentiation and hence bone growth
- Achondroplasia results from a mutation in FGFR3 which leaves the receptor constitutively activated
- CNP inhibits the FGFR3 pathway and thereby promotes proliferation and differentiation of chondrocytes to restore bone growth

#### FGFR3 Signaling Pathway<sup>1</sup>





# TransCon CNP Design



- TransCon technology provides effective shielding of CNP:
  - From neutral endopeptidase degradation in subcutaneous tissue and blood compartment
  - Minimize binding of TransCon CNP to the NPR-C clearance receptor
  - Reduce binding of TransCon CNP to the NPR-B receptor in vasculature to avoid hypotension
- Unmodified CNP liberated from TransCon CNP maintains small enough size to allow penetration into growth plates

# Juvenile Healthy Monkey Growth Study

#### Tibial growth at 6 months (n=4/group)<sup>1</sup>



- Demonstrated dose-proportional tibial linear growth; ulnar growth consistent
- Compared to untreated control, growth increased >70% with highest TransCon CNP dose vs. 35% with CNP analogue\* at a higher weekly dose

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# TransCon CNP in Achondroplasia Disease Model (Fgfr3<sup>Y367C/+</sup>)<sup>1</sup>



#### Linear and Skeletal Growth in Achondroplasia Mice

**Preventing Premature Fusion of Synchondroses of Foramen Magnum** 

TransCon CNP may ameliorate most disabling achondroplasia traits, including stenosis of the foramen magnum

**TransCon CNP** 

Vehicle

#### TransCon CNP: Phase 1 Trial

A Phase 1, Double-Blind, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled, Dose Escalation Trial Evaluating Safety, Tolerability and Pharmacokinetics of Subcutaneous Single Doses of TransCon CNP in Healthy Adult Male Subjects



# Phase 1 Trial Design

#### 45 healthy adult male subjects enrolled at two study centers in Australia TransCon CNP vs. placebo (4:1 randomization)



#### **Primary Endpoint**

Frequency of adverse events (AEs) reported after administration of TransCon CNP

#### Secondary/Exploratory Endpoints

- Safety parameters and local tolerability assessment
- Pharmacokinetic parameters
- Other exploratory endpoints



#### Sustained CNP Exposure Over One Week<sup>1</sup>



A single dose of TransCon CNP provided continuous CNP exposure over the entire week with low inter-subject variability



#### Dose-related Increase in CNP Exposure<sup>1</sup>



Dose-related increase in CNP exposure suggests ability to titrate dosing

• Phase 1 showed effective CNP  $t_{1/2}$  of ~ 90 hours (native CNP  $t_{1/2}$  of 2-3 minutes)



# Mean Resting Blood Pressure Unchanged from Predose<sup>1</sup>



TransCon CNP 25 µg/kg (n=8) 10 BP change (mm Hg) 0 . -10 -20 -30 -40 -50 24 48 72 96 120 144 0 168 Hours





#### Mean Resting Heart Rate Unchanged from Predose<sup>1</sup>



TransCon 25 µg/kg (n=8)







#### Well-tolerated Safety Profile<sup>1</sup>

- No serious AEs were reported in the trial
- TransCon CNP was generally well tolerated at doses up to 150 µg/kg
- Mean resting blood pressure and heart rate were unchanged from predose at all time points, in all cohorts
- Mean orthostatic changes in vital signs appear unrelated to TransCon CNP exposure; consistent between placebo and TransCon CNP cohorts
- Injections were well tolerated in all dose cohorts; no reported injection AEs



# TransCon CNP: Highlights

- TransCon CNP phase 1 data reproduced PK profile and cardiovascular safety from preclinical studies
- Provided continuous CNP exposure over seven days with a single subcutaneous administration, supporting once-weekly dosing
  - Continuous CNP exposure at target levels is important for balancing the CNP/FGFR3 pathways and normalizing growth
- Generally well tolerated across all cohorts
- Potential for a significant impact on patients' lives, not only affecting height but also addressing many comorbidities associated with achondroplasia
- Phase 2 initiation expected Q3 2019
- Multiple patent concepts provide potential protection into 2037





# Vision 3x3: Strategic Roadmap to 2025

# Vision 20/20: Established the Foundation for a Leading Rare Disease Company

Clinical validation of 3 product candidates in endocrinology rare disease

TransCon hGH

 Advance our pipeline of three endocrinology rare disease product candidates towards approval

TransCon ↓ PTH

- Create a leading integrated commercial business primarily focused on the U.S. market with best-in-class products
- ✓ Identify a new rare disease therapeutic area with highvalue product opportunities



**TransCon** 

CNP

## Vision 3x3: Strategic Roadmap to 2025

#### Our Goal is to Achieve Sustainable Growth through Multiple Approaches

- Obtain regulatory approval for 3 Endocrinology Rare Disease products
  - TransCon hGH for pediatric growth hormone deficiency
  - TransCon PTH for adult hypoparathyroidism
  - TransCon CNP for achondroplasia
- Growth of Endocrinology Rare Disease pipeline through:
  - Label expansion programs with the goal of obtaining 9 indications in total
  - Global clinical reach direct or through partnerships
- Build an integrated commercial business for our Endocrinology Rare Disease franchise in North America and select European countries
  - Establish global commercial presence with partners outside our geographic areas
- Create 3 independent therapeutic areas each with a diversified pipeline built on TransCon technologies and our unique algorithm for product innovation
  - Established oncology as next independent therapeutic area



## Extending Global Footprint: VISEN Pharmaceuticals

- Develop and commercialize TransCon hGH, TransCon PTH and TransCon CNP in Greater China
  - Right of negotiation on certain other endocrinology product candidates in Greater China<sup>1</sup>
  - Led by Pony Lu, an experienced Takeda executive in charge of Greater China
- Overview
  - Vivo Capital and Sofinnova Ventures invested \$40 million
  - Visen responsible for all development, manufacturing and commercialization costs in Greater China; Ascendis will be reimbursed for clinical trial materials and technical support
  - Strengthens Ascendis global development strategy, increasing potential reach of clinical trials for rare diseases into China
  - Potentially significant upside through 50% equity ownership
  - Governance established through ownership, shareholder protections, board membership, joint development committee and separate licensing and supply agreements

Partnership with experienced investors builds presence in second largest pharmaceutical market in the world and expands rare disease clinical programs



# Why Oncology?

#### Checks all the boxes of the Ascendis product innovation algorithm



Both TransCon technologies well suited for Oncology:

- Sustained Systemic Delivery: Designed to provide predictable continuous exposure to increase efficacy and reduce toxicity
- Sustained Localized Delivery: Designed to maximize intratumoral (IT) exposure while minimizing systemic toxicity



# **Oncology Pipeline Strategy**

- Impact all aspects of the Cancer Immunity Cycle
  - Stimulators of innate immunity
  - Stimulators of adaptive immunity
  - Modulators of tumor microenvironment



From Chen & Mellman, Immunity, 2013

Goal to create at least 3 best-in-class candidates from validated parent drugs – each addressing different aspects of the Cancer Immunity Cycle



#### In Vivo Sustained Localized Delivery Proof-of-Concept

- Single IT injection of TransCon TLR Agonist demonstrated superiority to equal IT dose of free TLR Agonist in a syngeneic mouse colon-derived tumor model
  - TransCon TLR Agonist was well tolerated and had no effect on body weights



 Sustained localized IT delivery *in vivo* demonstrated potential best-in-class product profile and foundation to expand to other targets



#### Selected 2019 Expected Milestones

