

## ASCENDIS PHARMA A/S Virtual R&D Program Update

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Scott T. Smith Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

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#### Virtual R&D Program Update Agenda

#### 9:00-9:05 a.m. E.T.

Welcome & Agenda Overview Scott T. Smith SVP, CFO

#### 9:05–9:10 a.m. E.T.

**Opening Comments** Jan Møller Mikkelsen, *President & CEO* 

#### 9:10–9:55 a.m. E.T.

**TransCon<sup>™</sup> PTH** Aimee D. Shu, M.D. *VP, Clinical Development, Endocrine Medical Sciences* 

*Guest Speaker* Aliya Khan, M.D., *Clinical Professor of Medicine and Director of the Calcium Disorders Clinic at St. Joseph's Healthcare, McMaster University* 

#### 9:55–10:35 a.m. E.T.

TransCon CNP Kennett Sprogøe, Ph.D. SVP, Head of Innovation and Research

Marie-Louise C. Hartoft-Nielsen, M.D., Ph.D. Senior Medical Director, Clinical Development

#### 10:35–11:15 a.m. E.T.

TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist Kennett Sprogøe, Ph.D. SVP, Head of Innovation and Research

Stina Singel, M.D., Ph.D. Head of Clinical Development, Oncology

#### 11:15–11:30 a.m. E.T.

**Questions & Answers** 





# **Opening Comments**

Jan Møller Mikkelsen President & Chief Executive Officer

## Introduction to Ascendis Pharma

- **Founded** in 2007 in Copenhagen, Denmark
- **Publicly listed** on NASDAQ since 2015 (ASND)
- **TransCon™**: Innovative technology platform utilized in all product candidates
- **Diverse** clinical stage Endocrinology Rare Disease and Oncology pipeline
- **Our mission**: Develop best-in-class therapeutics addressing unmet medical needs
- Our values: Patients, Science and Passion



An expanding global footprint

#### Committed to Making a Meaningful Difference in Patients' Lives

\*VISEN Pharmaceuticals (known as Visen) was established in 2018 to develop and commercialize endocrinology rare disease therapies in Greater China.



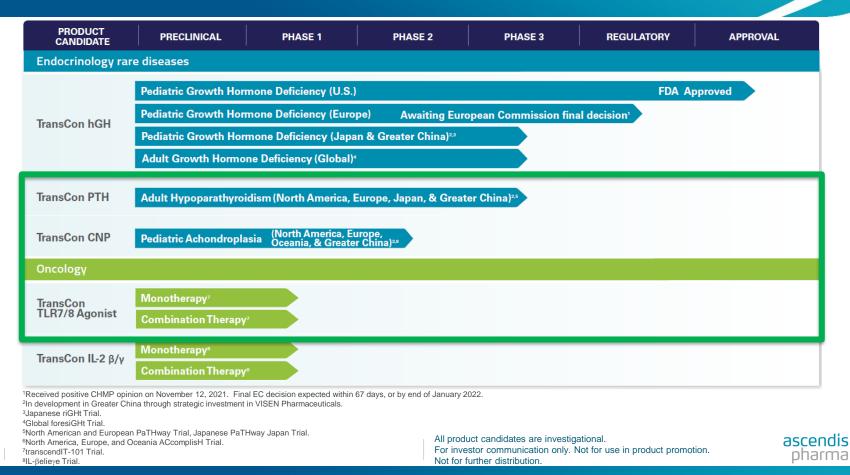
## Vision 3x3: Building a Leading Global BioPharma Company

#### **Our Goal Is to Achieve Sustainable Growth through Multiple Approaches**

- Obtain regulatory approval for three independent Endocrinology Rare Disease products:
  - TransCon hGH for pediatric growth hormone deficiency
  - TransCon PTH for adult hypoparathyroidism
  - TransCon CNP for achondroplasia
- Grow Endocrinology Rare Disease pipeline through:
  - Global clinical reach
  - Pursuing 9 total indications, label optimization, and life cycle management
  - New endocrinology products
- Establish global commercial presence for our Endocrinology Rare Disease area:
  - Build integrated commercial organization in North America and select European countries
- Establish global commercial presence through partners with local expertise and infrastructure
- Advance a high value oncology pipeline with one IND or similar filing each year.
- Create a third independent therapeutic area with a diversified pipeline.



#### **Diverse Pipeline of Independent Product Candidates**



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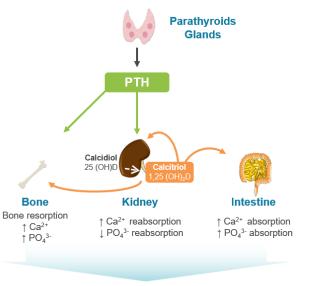


# TransCon PTH Clinical Update

Aimee D. Shu, M.D. VP, Clinical Development, Endocrine Medical Sciences

## Hypoparathyroidism: Insufficient Parathyroid Hormone

- An intact PTH axis maintains normal serum calcium and phosphate
  - By acting on bone, kidney, and intestine
  - Promoting normal nerve and muscle function
- **Hypoparathyroidism** is a two-hormone deficiency
  - Resulting in broad systemic dysfunction



Maintenance of normal serum Ca<sup>2+</sup> and PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup>

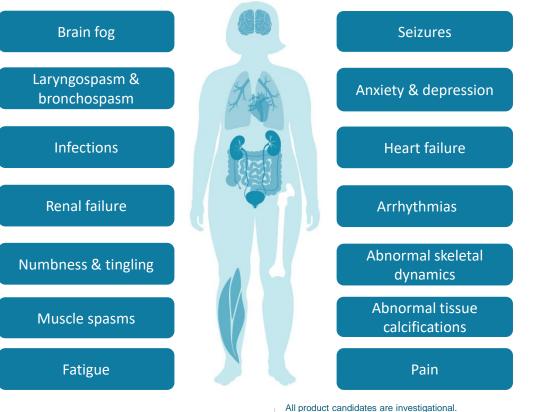
#### Hypoparathyroidism is the last classical hormone deficiency for which complete hormone replacement has been elusive

DeLuca HF. N Engl J Med. 1973 Aug 16;289(7):359-365. Haussler MR et. al. N Engl J Med. 1977 Nov 3;297(18):974-983. Reichel H et. al. N Eng J Med. 1989 Apr 13; 320(15):980-991. Bilezikian JP, et. al. J Bone Miner Res. 2011 Oct;26(10):2317-37.

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### Hypoparathyroidism: Multiple Complications





11 Shobak DM et. al. J Clin Endocrinol Metab. 2016 June 01;101(6):2300-2312

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## Hypoparathyroidism: Acquired and Inherited Etiologies





# Etiologies as reported by 146 respondents to the *Voices of Hypoparathyroidism* survey

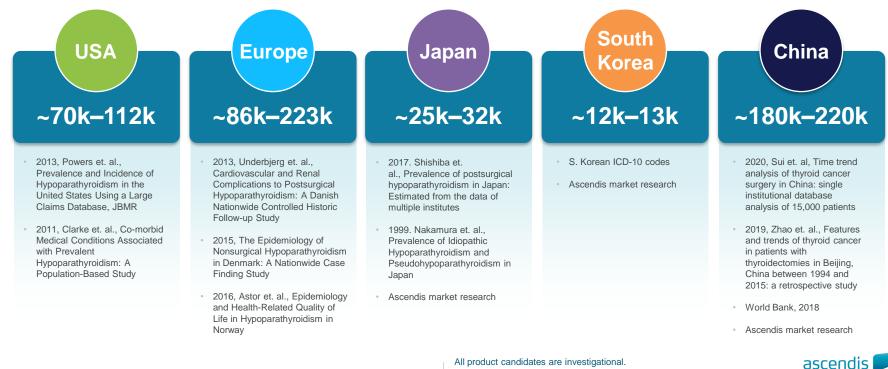
Murphy et. al., Voices of Hypopara survey, poster presented at The Endocrine Society meeting, 2021.

12 Clarke et. al. J Clin Endocrinol Metab. 2016;101(6):2284-2299.



## Chronic Hypoparathyroidism: Significant Patient Population

#### **Estimated Prevalence:** ~400k in these 5 regions



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## Conventional Therapy Targets Symptoms, Not Underlying Disease

Calcitriol (active vitamin D) or its analogue alfacalcidol

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Endogenous production diminished due to insufficient PTH



Often requires high pill burden

#### Fails to restore normal PTH physiology and introduces secondary complications

- Attempts to increase serum calcium to prevent symptoms
- Fails to normalize skeletal dynamics
- Fails to improve diminished quality of life
- Increases filtered load of calcium—increasing the risk for developing kidney stones, nephrocalcinosis, and chronic kidney disease

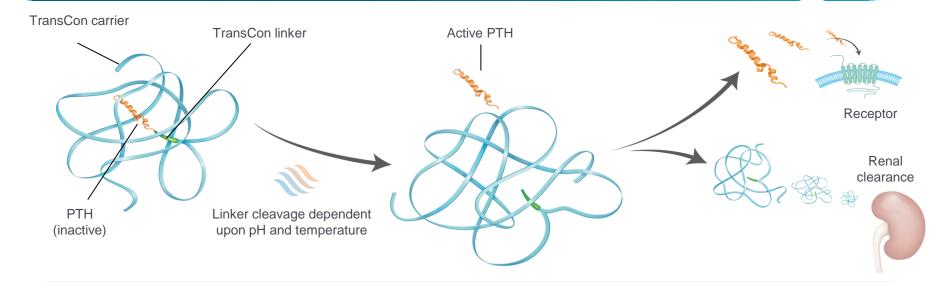


### Hypoparathyroidism: Goals of an Ideal Therapy

	Untreated hypoparathyroidism	Ideal therapy
Serum calcium	$\downarrow$	normalize
Serum phosphate	$\uparrow$	normalize
Urine calcium	↑	normalize
Independence from conventional therapy	n/a	yes
Skeletal health	$\downarrow$	normalize
Quality of life	$\downarrow$	normalize



#### TransCon PTH Designed to Be a Hormone Replacement Therapy



 TransCon PTH is a sustained-release prodrug designed to provide stable PTH levels in the physiological range for 24 hours/day

Holten-Andersen L, et. al. *J Bone Miner Res.* 2019 Nov;34(11):2075-2086. Karpf DB, et. al. *J Bone Miner Res.* 2020 Aug;35(8):1430-1440



## TransCon PTH PaTH Forward (Phase 2) Trial Design

#### Adults with hypoparathyroidism who required conventional therapy (active vitamin D + calcium) at baseline Blinded Treatment (4 weeks) *RANDOMIZATION* TransCon PTH 15 µg/day ALL SUBJECTS Screening Titration of TransCon PTH and conventional therapy with the TransCon PTH 18 µg/day $\leq$ 4 weeks goal to maintain normocalcemia TransCon PTH 21 µg/day TransCon PTH 6–60 µg/day Placebo Week 4 Week 58 Week 84 Week 214 Primary Composite Endpoint (4 weeks) Week 58 and 84 Endpoints Intake of active vitamin D and calcium supplements Proportion of subjects with: Serum calcium and phosphate Normal serum calcium; and 24-hour urine calcium Independence from active vitamin D; and Adverse events Requiring ≤ 1,000 mg/day calcium supplements; and Bone mineral density (Week 58 only) Patient-reported outcomes (Week 58 only) Normal FECa (or at least 50% decrease from baseline)

FECa, fractional excretion of calcium

17 Khan AA, et al. J Clin Endocrinol Metab. 2021 Aug 4. Epub ahead of print

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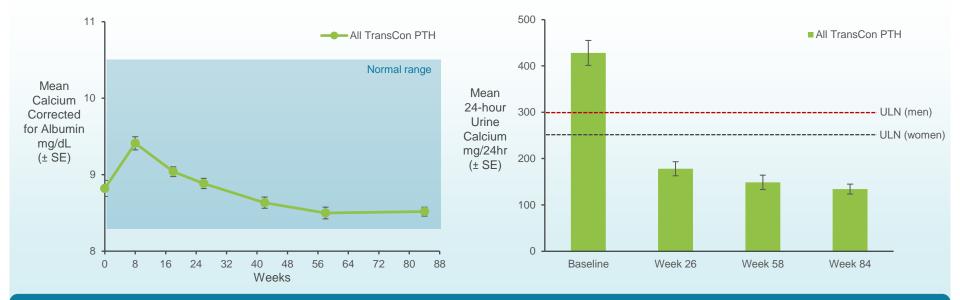


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## PaTH Forward: Mean Serum Calcium and 24-Hour Urine Calcium Through Week 84

Mean Serum Calcium



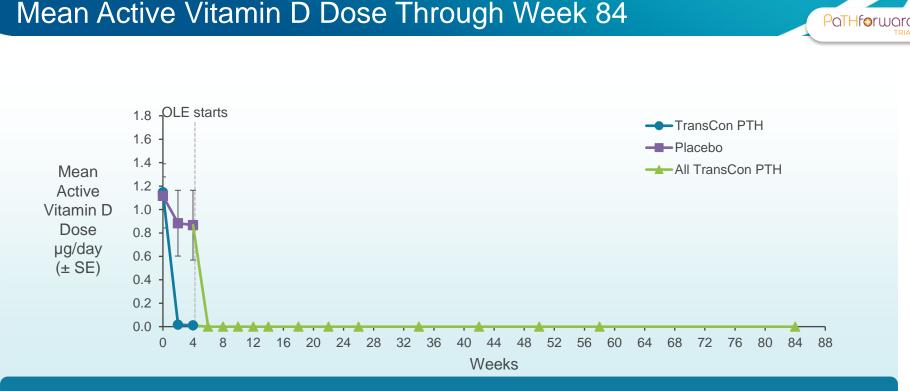


# Mean 24-hour urine calcium normalized while maintaining normal mean serum calcium

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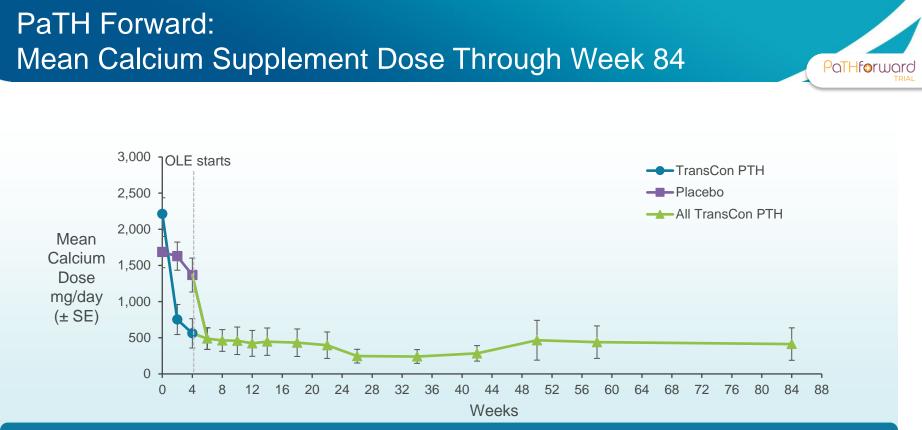




TransCon PTH enabled discontinuation of active vitamin D within two weeks of treatment initiation

**PaTH Forward:** 

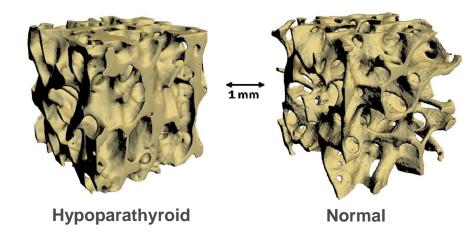




TransCon PTH enabled rapid and continuous calcium supplement reduction; 43 of 58 subjects were taking 0 mg, and 54 of 58 subjects were taking 0 to 600 mg at week 84



#### Abnormal Skeletal Dynamics in Hypoparathyroidism



Representative images above show bone biopsies of the iliac crest as scanned by microcomputed tomography (microCT) 1

#### Lack of PTH-driven skeletal remodeling results in abnormal bone structure and may be associated with poor bone quality and increased risk of fractures<sup>2</sup>

Rubin MR, et. al., *Bone* 2010 Jan;46(1):190-195
 FDA presentation: Natpara Advisory Committee, September 12, 2014;



## PaTH Forward: Serum Markers of Skeletal Dynamics

Mean CTx Mean P1NP TransCon PTH TransCon PTH -Placebo Placebo 110 1,000 All TransCon PTH OLE All TransCon PTH OLE starts starts 90 800 Procollagen Type I 70 600 1N-Terminal Collagen C-Propeptide **Telopeptides** ng/mL 50 ng/L 400 (± SE) (± SE) 30 200 10 0 44 0 4 8 12 16 20 24 28 32 36 40 44 48 52 56 60 4 8 12 16 20 24 28 32 36 40 48 52 56 60 Weeks Weeks

With TransCon PTH treatment, markers of anabolic and catabolic bone turnover increased above baseline, peaking in the initial weeks and trending to the mid-normal range by Week 58

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### PaTH Forward: Bone Mineral Density by DXA



#### Mean Z-scores $(n = 43^{1})$

Region	Baseline	Week 26	Week 58	Week 58 change from baseline
Lumbar spine L1-L4	1.6	1.0	0.9	-0.7
Femoral neck	1.0	0.5	0.4	-0.6
Total hip	1.0	0.6	0.5	-0.5
1/3 radius	0.4	0.3	0.3	-0.1

# With TransCon PTH treatment, Week 58 mean Z-scores trended toward normalization and stabilization

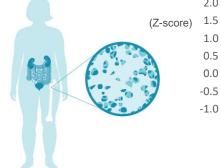
DXA, dual energy x-ray absorptiometry

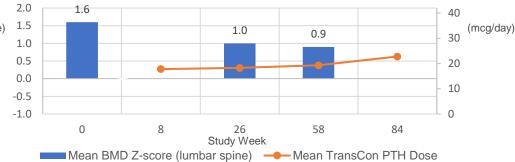
<sup>1</sup>includes subjects with DXA scans at both baseline and post-baseline. Two subjects missed their Week 26 scan; 2 different subjects missed their Week 58 scan. One subject had evaluable DXA scans at baseline, Week 26, and Week 58 at the hip region only.

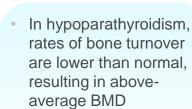
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### PTH Requirements Change as Skeletal Dynamics Normalize







With physiologic PTH exposure, the skeleton mobilizes excess calcium as bone turnover increases

- Over time, rates of bone turnover normalize
- Higher PTH exposure may now be required to enhance calcium-promoting activities from intestine, kidney, and bone



## PaTH Forward: Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events Through Week 84



	Week 84
	All TransCon PTH (N =59)
Subjects With – n (%)	
Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events (TEAE)	51 (86)
Serious TEAE	5 (8)
Severity	
Severe TEAE	3 (5)
Moderate TEAE	17 (29)
Mild TEAE	31 (53)
Related TEAE*	22 (37)
Related Serious TEAE	0
TEAE Related to Hyper- or Hypocalcemia Leading to ER/Urgent Care Visit and/or Hospitalization	0
TEAE Leading to Discontinuation of Study Drug	0
TEAE Leading to Discontinuation of Trial	0
TEAE Leading to Death	0

PaTH Forward week 84 top-line data. Percentages are calculated based on the number of subjects in the Safety Population. In the severity categories, subjects are displayed for the highest severity only. An AE is considered a TEAE if it occurred after the first dose of TransCon PTH. \*Headache, hypocalcemia, nausea, dizziness, paresthesia, hypercalcemia and asthenia occurred in two or more subjects.

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## Summary: PaTH Forward Trial Results Through Week 84

- 58/59 subjects remain in the trial beyond Week 84<sup>1</sup>
- At Week 84, 93% of subjects were independent from active vitamin D and therapeutic doses of calcium
- Mean serum and urine biochemistries continued to be in the normal range
- Through Week 58, markers of skeletal health (bone density and markers of bone turnover) continued to trend toward normalization
- Symptoms, impact, and health-related quality of life continued to be improved from baseline
- The majority of adverse events have been mild and unrelated
- No urgent/emergent visits or hospitalizations related to hypo- or hypercalcemia

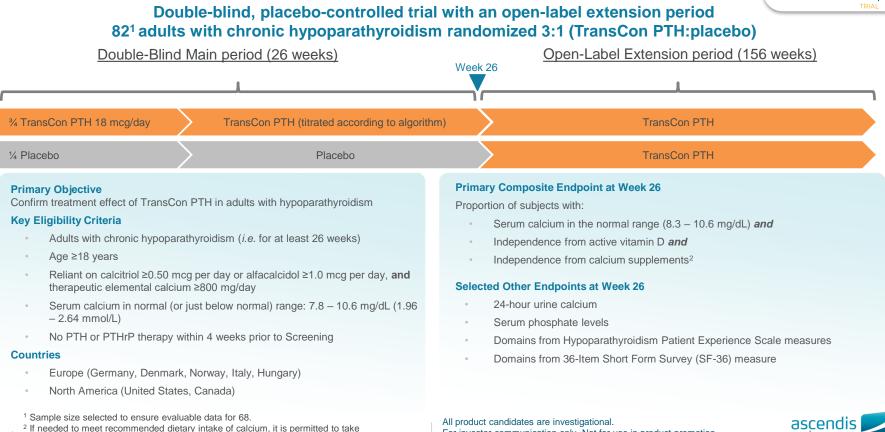


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## TransCon PTH PaTHway (Phase 3) Trial Design

calcium supplements ≤600 mg/day as a nutritional supplement.

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## PaTHway Phase 3 Trial: Baseline Characteristics

Characteristics	Total Randomized (N=82)
Age, mean years	49 years
Female sex, %	78%
Geographic region, %	
North America	62%
Europe	38%
Postmenopausal, %	28%
Duration of hypoparathyroidism, mean years	12 years
Post-surgical etiology of hypoparathyroidism, %	85%

Baseline characteristics of phase 3 trial are similar to those of the phase 2 trial

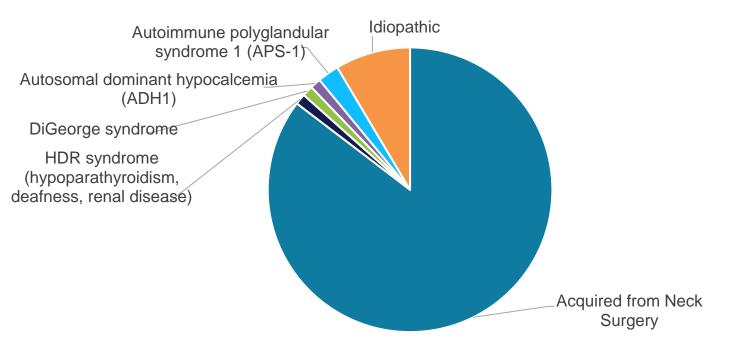
28 Preliminary data from an ongoing trial; data snapshot 10 AUG 2021. Subject to revisions

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### PaTHway Trial Includes Diverse Etiologies



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TransCon PTH has the potential to be the first hormone replacement therapy for hypoparathyroidism addressing major unmet medical need for a large rare disease patient population

Anticipated near-term milestones for global reach and indication expansion

- Phase 3 PaTHway Trial (North America + EU) top-line results expected Q1 2022
- Planned NDA submission Q3 2022
- PaTHway Japan Trial top-line results expected Q3 2022
- Planned MAA submission Q4 2022
- Initiation of pediatric hypoparathyroidism program planned Q4 2022





# Three Patient Journeys from the PaTH Forward Trial

Aliya Khan MD, FRCPC, FACP, FACE, FASBMR

Clinical Professor of Medicine Director, Calcium Disorders Clinic Director, Fellowship in Metabolic Bone Disease McMaster University



# Aliya Khan MD, FRCPC, FACP, FACE, FASBMR

- Professor of Clinical Medicine at McMaster University
- Director of the Calcium Disorders Clinic
- Director of Fellowship in Metabolic Bone Disease at McMaster University
- · Graduated from the University of Ottawa Medical School with honors
- Completed postgraduate training at the University of Toronto
- Published over 200 scientific papers and numerous chapters and books on osteoporosis and parathyroid disease
- Received numerous national and international awards
- Including Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for excellence
- International Hypoparathyroidism Award
- International Osteoporosis Foundation award for publishing excellence
- Recognized by Osteoporosis Canada for outstanding contributions to research and education
- Recognized as being in the top 0.1% of the world experts in hyperparathyroidism by Expertscape.

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- Chair, Rapid Response Committee, Osteoporosis Canada
- Co-Chair, Knowledge Translation Committee, Osteoporosis Canada
- Chair, International Osteonecrosis of the Jaw (ONJ) Taskforce
- Scientific Advisor to International Osteoporosis Foundation
- Canadian Ambassador for American Society of Bone and Mineral Research

# Calcium Disorders Clinic at McMaster University Medical Centre



- Specialized Calcium Disorders Clinic (CDC) was established at St Joseph's Healthcare in Hamilton in 2005.
  - CDC has serves as a Center of Excellence for the diagnosis and management of complex calcium disorders.
  - Tertiary referral center for patients with complex calcium disorders from across Canada
  - Serves as a focal point for **clinical research** in parathyroid disease
- AK is the principal investigator for the Canadian National Hypoparathyroidism Registry evaluating presentation, complications, and treatment approaches
  - AK led the development of Canadian and International Guidelines for primary hyperparathyroidism as well as hypoparathyroidism
  - Leader in clinical research and medical management trials of primary hyperparathyroidism (alendronate and cinacalcet)
  - Leader for parathyroid replacement in hypoparathyroidism (PTH(1-84), oral PTH, TransCon PTH, and calcilytics)
- Medical education for medical students, residents and fellows.
  - AK is Director of Fellowship in Metabolic Bone Disease the only program in Canada providing both 1-year and 2-year Fellowship programs in Metabolic Bone Disease
  - Previous fellows have been recipients of international awards most recently ASBMR Young Investigator Award 2021 by the ASBMR for case series on Barakat Syndrome rare genetic disorder associated with hypoPT



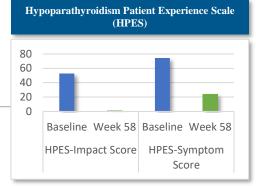
# Patient 1: History

- 57-year-old male
- Past medical history of:
  - Hypertension
  - Parathyroid adenoma with subsequent total parathyroidectomy
  - Thyroid nodule and thyroidectomy—April 17,2015
- Hypoparathyroidism Etiology: postsurgical
- Complicated by recurrent hospital admissions for hypocalcemia and hypercalcemia

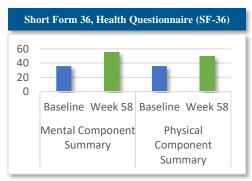
- Employment history
  - Automobile painter, but took early retirement due to complications of hypoparathyroidism
  - Contractor: was able to return to the work force after starting TransCon PTH

# Patient 1: Clinical Course

- Prior to trial
  - Very symptomatic with significant muscle cramps and paresthesias daily as well as tetany
  - Laryngospasm in June 2017 requiring hospitalization
  - Several admissions hypocalcemia and hypercalcemia
- Post TransCon PTH
  - Symptoms have all resolved
  - Returned to work able to complete 10-12 hours physically demanding construction projects
  - Able to participate in sports again recently qualified for golf tournament finals

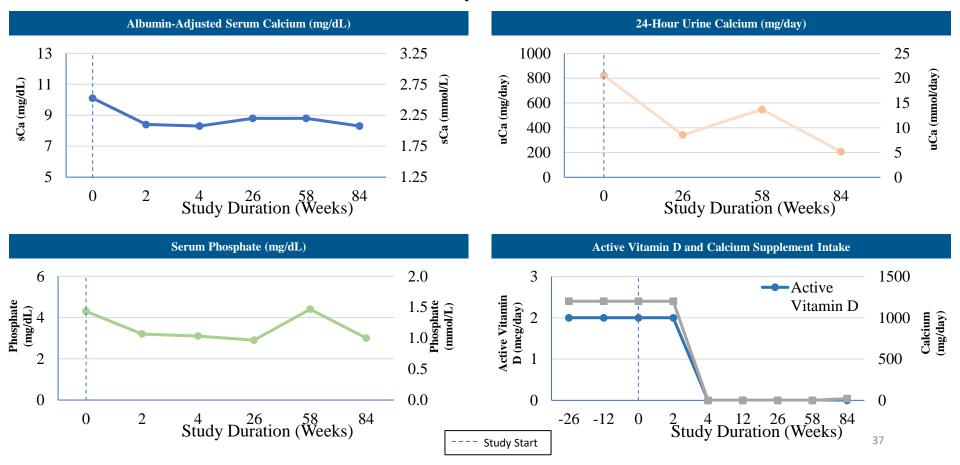


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## Patient 1: Laboratory Data





# Patient 2: History

• 62-year-old female

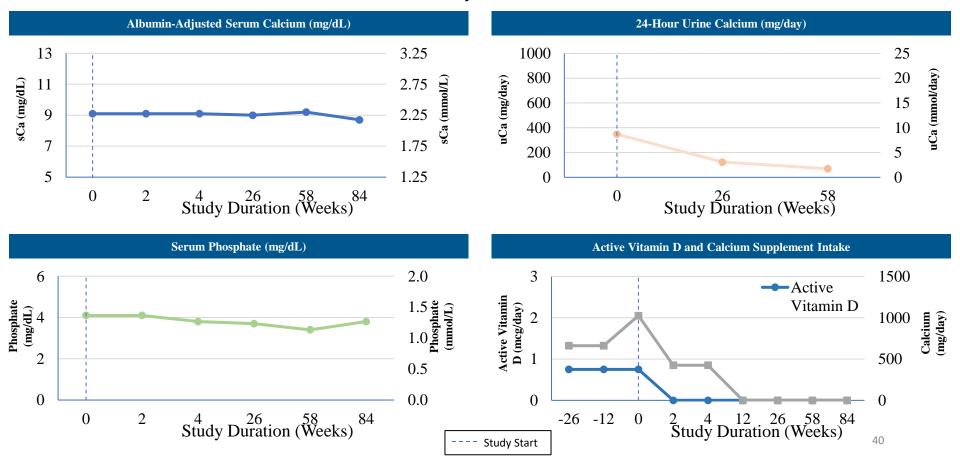
- Church organist and pianist
- Past medical history of:
  - Hypertension
  - Goiter, total thyroidectomy- Nov 2012
  - Asthma
- Hypoparathyroidism Etiology: postsurgical

# Patient 2: Clinical Course

- Prior to trial
  - Daily feet cramps and peri-oral numbness and tingling 3-4x/week
  - Afraid to hold her grandchild due to muscle cramping

- Post TransCon PTH
  - Improved energy and sleep
  - Able to play the organ again as the finger cramping resolved
  - Able to enjoy her time with her grandchildren

## Patient 2: Laboratory Data





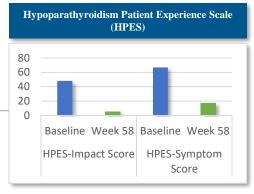
# Patient 3: History

- •44-year-old female
- •Past medical history of:
  - Colorectal cancer
  - Goiter
  - Papillary thyroid cancer
  - Thyroidectomy- Jan 2016
  - Myalgia
- •Hypoparathyroidism Etiology: postsurgical

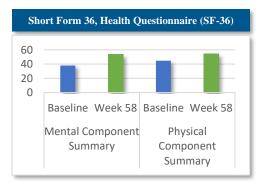
•Occupation: Operating Room Nurse

# Patient 3: Clinical Course

- Prior to trial
  - Very symptomatic with overwhelming fatigue and headaches , brain fog , irritability and depression
  - Had to resign from position as OR nurse
- Post TransCon PTH
  - Clarity of thought , energy and sleep all dramatically improved and feeling "fantastic" and experiencing major increase in energy
  - States the medication has given her "new life"
  - Was able to return to her position as an OR nurse



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# Discussion: Impacts on Overall Health

- Through my lenses
  - Psychosocial aspects
  - Impacts on family
  - Pill burden and adherence to conventional therapy



Science and Biology of C-type Natriuretic Peptide (CNP) as a Treatment for Achondroplasia

Kennett Sprogøe, Ph.D. SVP, Head of Innovation and Research

#### Growth Hormone Deficiency and Achondroplasia Differ at the Level of the Growth Plate

	Growth Hormone Deficiency	Achondroplasia (ACH)	
Cause	Pituitary gland malfunction Insufficient endogenous GH	Constitutive hyperactive FGFR3 signaling caused by receptor mutation	
Untreated growth plate condition	Normal organization	Dysfunctional growth plate	
Treatment approach	Replacement of insufficient GH	Inhibit hyperactive FGFR3 signaling with continuous CNP exposure	
Initial Treatment effect	Catch-up growth response	Reorganization of growth plate leading to promoted growth	

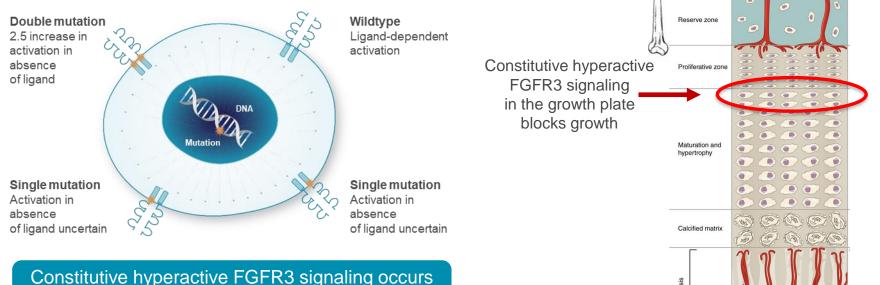
#### Conditions heterogeneous in phenotypic manifestations

Grimberg A, et al. Horm Res Paediatr. 2016;86(6):361-397. 45 Laederich MB, et al. Curr Opin Pediatr. 2010;22(4):516-523



## Target Cells (Chondrocytes) Are in The Growth Plate

#### Achondroplasia caused by heterozygous mutation Different conformations of the FGFR3 G380R mutated dimer



in the presence and absence of ligand

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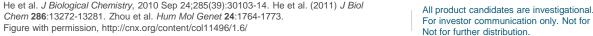
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Growth plate zones

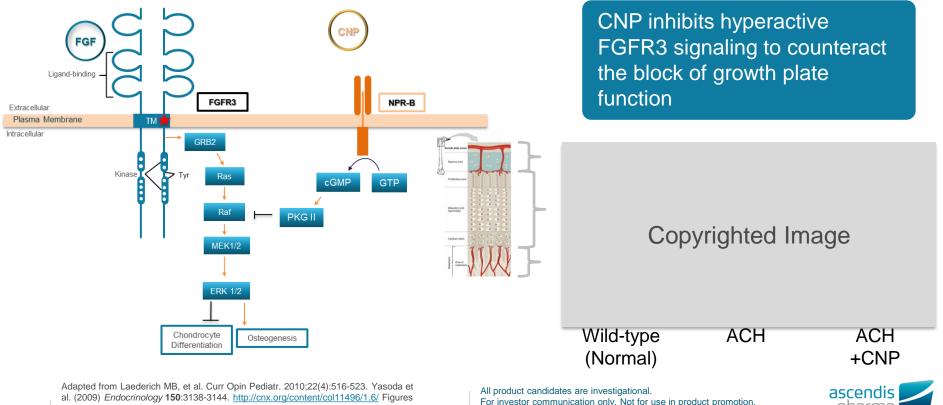
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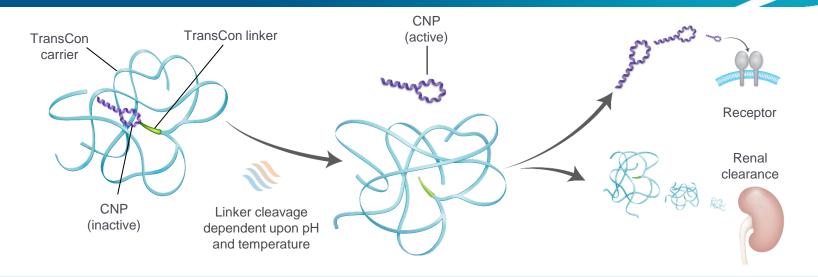
# Hyperactive FGFR3 Signaling and the Effect of CNP on Achondroplasia Are Well-Described



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## TransCon CNP Design



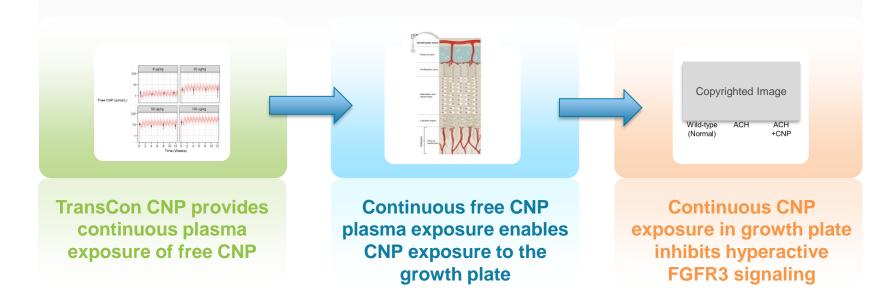
- TransCon technology is designed to provide effective shielding of CNP:
  - From neutral endopeptidase degradation in subcutaneous tissue and blood compartment
  - Minimize binding of TransCon CNP to the NPR-B and NPR-C receptors to avoid hypotension and minimize clearance
- TransCon CNP is designed to provide continuous exposure of free CNP enabling exposure to the growth plate





# Stages for TransCon CNP to Promote Growth in Achondroplasia

TransCon CNP designed to promote growth in three sequential stages





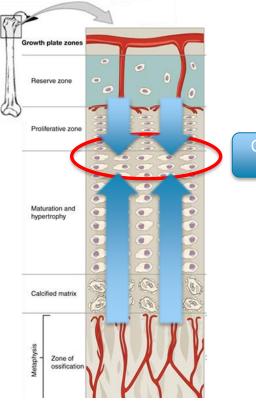
### TransCon CNP Designed to Provide Continuous Free CNP Exposure

- Continuous exposure
  - Steady-state exposure is achieved within weeks
- Dose-proportionality
  - Predictable continuous plasma exposure of free CNP
- Low C<sub>max</sub>
  - C<sub>max</sub> targeted well below levels reported to induce hypotension in humans<sup>1,2</sup>
- Once-weekly dosing



### Continuous Free CNP Plasma Exposure Enables CNP Exposure to the Growth Plate

- Growth Plate Characteristics
  - Avascular
  - Hydrophilic and negatively charged matrix
- Molecular penetration to target area restricted by size<sup>1</sup> and charge
- CNP-38 properties facilitate growth plate penetration
  - Small size < 4 kDa</li>
  - Hydrophilic
  - Positively charged



CNP penetration to target area



 1.Farnum et al. (2006) Anat Rec A Discov Mol Cell Evol Biol 288:91-103.

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# Continuous Free CNP Exposure Inhibits Constitutive Hyperactive FGFR3 Signaling

- FGFR3 hyperactive signaling in ACH is constitutive
- CNP mode-of-action in ACH was revealed with sustained CNP exposure<sup>1-2</sup>
- CNP over-expression in humans results in increased linear growth<sup>3-4</sup>

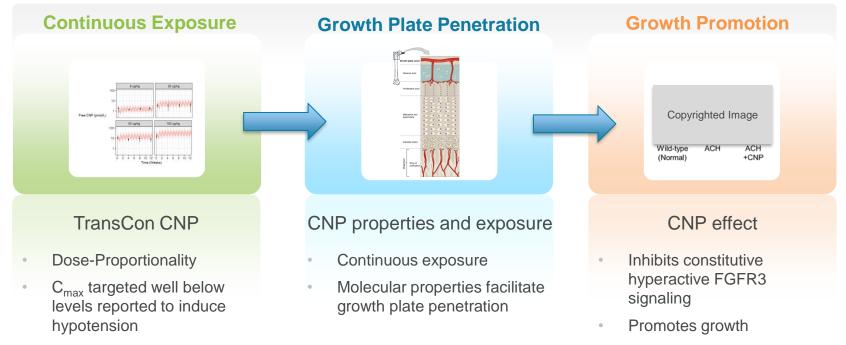
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Wild-type (Normal) ACH

ACH + continuous CNP exposure



# TransCon CNP Designed to Address Key Manifestations of Achondroplasia



Once-weekly dosing





## TransCon CNP for Achondroplasia

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## Achondroplasia – Most Frequent Skeletal Dysplasia

- Achondroplasia is the most common cause of shortlimbed short stature<sup>1</sup>
- Autosomal dominant gain-of-function mutation of the FGFR3 gene<sup>2,3,4</sup>
- Estimated prevalence of ~ 4 per 100,000 births<sup>5,6</sup>
- 80% spontaneous mutations, 20% inherited
- Approximately 250,000 people living with ACH worldwide<sup>1</sup>
- Usually diagnosed at birth or within the first year<sup>7</sup>





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#### Primary Skeletal Manifestations and Key Related Complications Lifelong Disease Burden<sup>1-10</sup>

#### **Manifestations**

Short stature

- Short limbs & rhizomelia
- Narrowing of foramen magnum
- Midfacial hypoplasia
- Frontal bossing
- Trident hand

#### Complications

- Foramen magnum stenosis
- Spine deformities
- Spinal stenosis
- Sleep apnea
- Recurrent otitis media
- Pain
- Obesity

#### Interventions

- Cervicomedullary decompression
- Grommets
- Tonsillectomy/ Adenoidectomy
- Continuous positive airway pressure
- Bone lengthening surgery

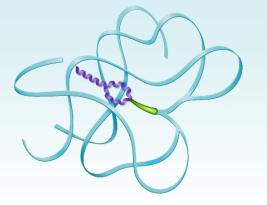
#### Life expectancy impacted by risk of infant death and increased mortality in adults

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## TransCon CNP Investigational Drug Characteristics

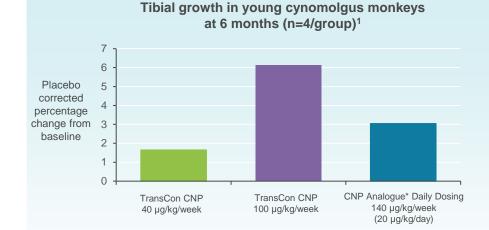
- Dose proportionality with continuous exposure over one week and low C<sub>max</sub>
- Utilizes wild-type CNP peptide sequence
- Designed to provide meaningful impact on clinical manifestations and burden of achondroplasia



Designed to continuously inhibit hyperactive signaling of FGFR3 with low risk of cardiovascular side effects and low immunogenicity

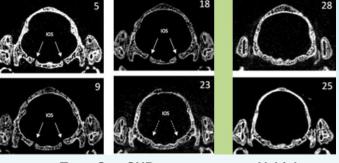


## Non-Clinical Data Support Safety and Efficacy



#### Synchondroses of Foramen Magnum in ACH Model<sup>2</sup>

Fqfr3y367C/+ mice



TransCon CNP

Vehicle

- Dose-dependent linear growth and potential to prevent premature fusion of synchondroses of foramen magnum in an ACH model
- Well-tolerated in non-clinical models

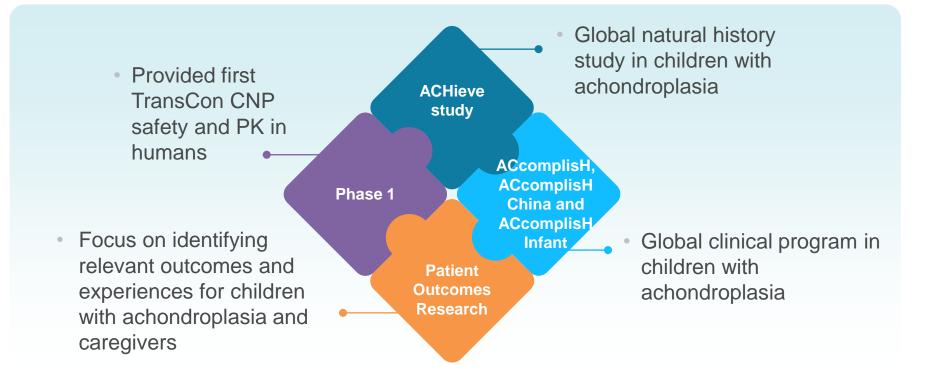
1. Breinholt VM, et al. *J Pharmacol Exp Ther.* 2019;370(3):459-471. 2. Poster presented at ENDO 2017

\* Refers to a synthesized molecule with a half-life of ~20 mins prepared by

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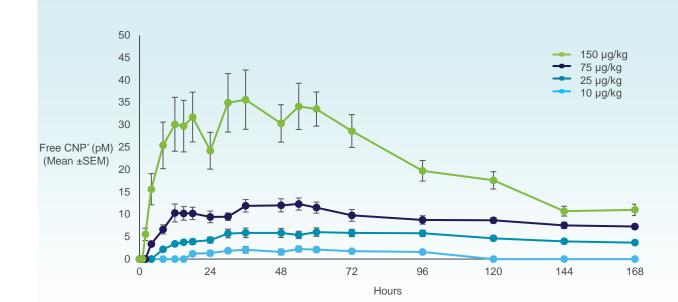


#### Integrated & Patient-Focused Clinical Development Program



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#### Phase 1 Pharmacokinetics



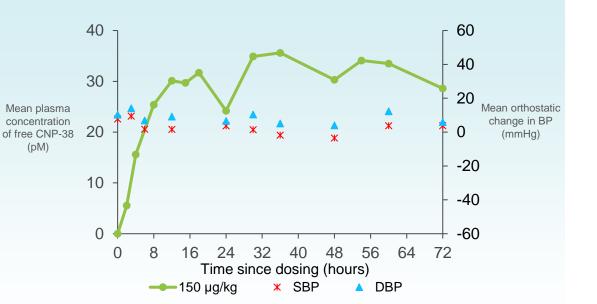
- Dose proportional increase in Free CNP exposure
- Continuous exposure and apparent T<sub>1/2</sub> of ~ 120 hours in adults

#### Continuous and dose-dependent exposure, $T_{\frac{1}{2}}$ supports weekly dosing



#### TransCon CNP Was Well-Tolerated Up to 150 µg/kg in Phase 1

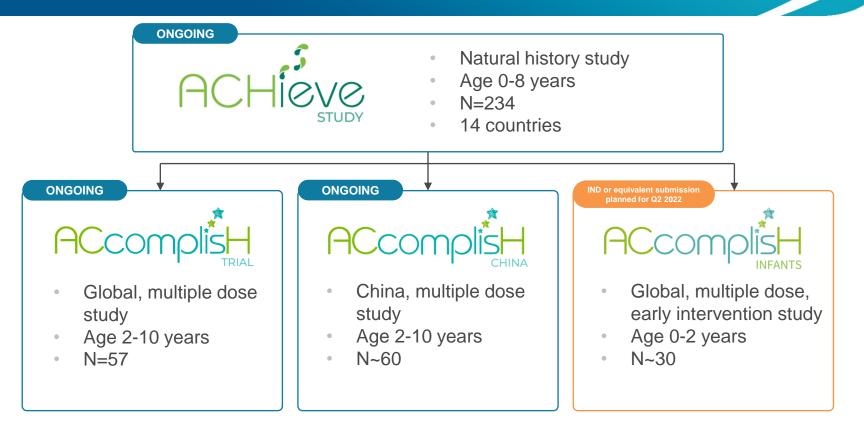
- Mean resting blood pressure and heart rate were unchanged from pre-dose
- Mean orthostatic changes in vital signs appear unrelated to CNP exposure; consistent with placebo
- No serious AEs were reported
- Injections were well tolerated
- No anti-CNP antibodies detected



#### Well-tolerated with mean orthostatic vital signs unchanged

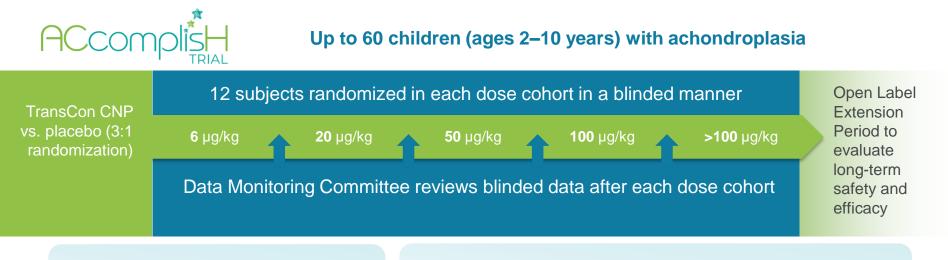


## **Clinical Development Program**





## TransCon CNP: Phase 2 Trial Design



#### **Primary Endpoint**

Annualized height velocity

#### Key Secondary/Additional Endpoints

- Change in body proportionality
- Patient reported outcome (PRO) measures
- Exploratory biomarkers evaluated

ClinicalTrials.gov. https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04085523?term=ACcomplisH&draw=2&rank=5.

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#### Baseline Characterics ACcomplisH - Enrollment Complete

Demographics	Cohort 1 (N = 13)	Cohort 2 (N = 15)	Cohort 3 (N = 14)	Cohort 4 (N = 15)
Age (years)				
Mean (SD)	6.4 (2.82)	6.2 (3.13)	5.6 (2.91)	5.5 (2.51)
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2–5 years	5 (38.5)	7 (46.7)	6 (42.9)	6 (40.0)
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At Birth	4 (30.8)	3 (20.0)	2 (14.3)	2 (13.3)
0–6 months	9 (69.2)	9 (60.0)	7 (50.0)	8 (53.3)
6–12 months	0	2 (13.3)	1 (7.1)	1 (6.7)
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Mean (SD)	-5.4 (1.10)	-5.0 (0.66)	-4.7 (0.82)	-4.8 (0.79)



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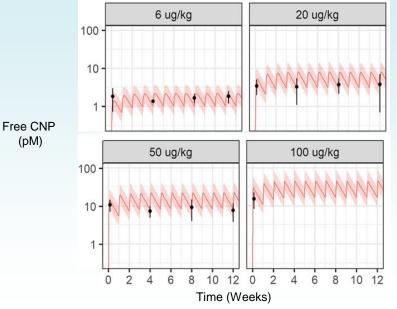
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## ACcomplisH – Continuous Exposure with Low C<sub>max</sub>



#### Pharmacokinetics

Red represents modeling data built on Phase 1 PK Black represents actual data from ACcomplisH Trial

Continuous exposure over the weekly dosing interval (Free CNP T<sub>1/2</sub> ~ 110 hours)

- Dose proportionality
- Steady-state plasma concentration of free CNP reached after four doses
- C<sub>max</sub> well below levels reported to induce hypotension in humans<sup>1,2</sup>

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## ACcomplisH - Preliminary Safety Profile (N=57)\*

- No withdrawals or discontinuations for any reason
- No serious adverse events related to trial drug
- 13 AEs related to trial drug or procedures
  - Of these, eight mild and transient injection site reactions (in over 1900 injections)
- Injections generally well tolerated in all dose cohorts
- No AEs related to orthostatic blood pressure changes
- No treatment-emergent anti-CNP antibodies detected

#### Well-tolerated in children with achondroplasia up to 65 weeks follow-up

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## Upcoming Trials



- Objectives: Efficacy (AHV at week 52), safety, PK
- **Design:** Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial
- Age: 2-10 years
- Doses: 50 and 100 µg/kg/week selected from blinded data from ACcomplisH Trial
- Region: Greater China
- Number of subjects: 60
- **Status:** Enrolling



- Objective: Early intervention to prevent growth disorder progression; safety, PK
- **Design:** Pending interactions with regulatory agencies
- Age: 0-2 years
- Doses: TBD
- **Region:** Global (US, Europe and Oceania)
- Number of subjects: 30 (planned)
- **Status:** IND or equivalent planned for Q2 2022



### The Patient & Caregiver Experience of Achondroplasia <sup>1-6</sup>

- Physical signs and symptoms
- Functioning and daily life
- School participation
- Emotional well-being
- Social well-being

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#### We are committed to understanding achondroplasia beyond growth

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## TransCon CNP Clinical Program Is Progressing

- ACcomplisH enrollment complete (N=57)
- Interim blinded data informed dose selection of 50 and 100  $\mu\text{g/kg/week}$  for ACcomplisH China
- Preliminary PK and safety data on TransCon CNP suggest continuous CNP is welltolerated across all doses administered
- ACcomplisH Infant in children 0–2 years of age; evaluate early intervention in ACH to prevent growth disorder progression; safety, PK
- Upcoming milestones:
  - ACcomplisH Infants Trial IND equivalent submission planned for Q2 2022
  - ACcomplisH Trial top-line data anticipated in Q4 2022





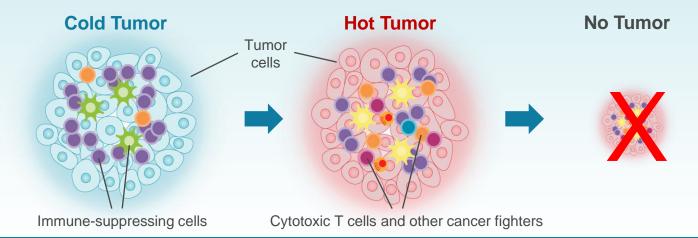
## TransCon<sup>™</sup> Technology for Intratumoral Administration

Kennett Sprogøe, Ph.D. SVP, Head of Innovation and Research

## TransCon Positioned to Potentially Transform Cancer Therapy

TransCon systemic and intratumoral technologies designed to enhance anti-tumor effects by

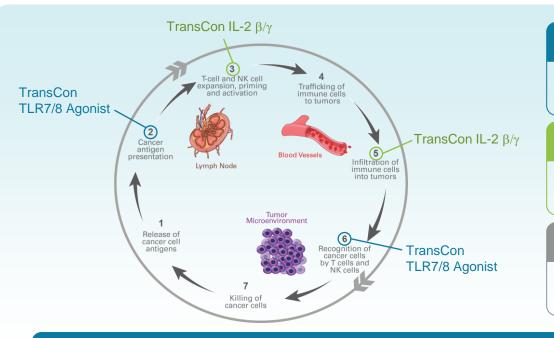
- Providing sustained modulation of tumor microenvironments
- Activating cytotoxic immune cells



Applicable to diverse drug classes and mechanisms of action; opportunity for combination approaches



# Two Clinical Candidates – Potential to Address Multiple Steps of the Immunity Cycle



## TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist for IT delivery and enhanced tumor-antigen presentation

Designed to enhance antigen presentation and, thereby, promote activation of cytotoxic immune cells and drive systemic immune activation

## TransCon IL-2 $\beta/\gamma$ for systemic activation of tumor-antigen specific cytotoxic cells

Designed to aid T cell and NK cell expansion and infiltration of immune cells into tumors

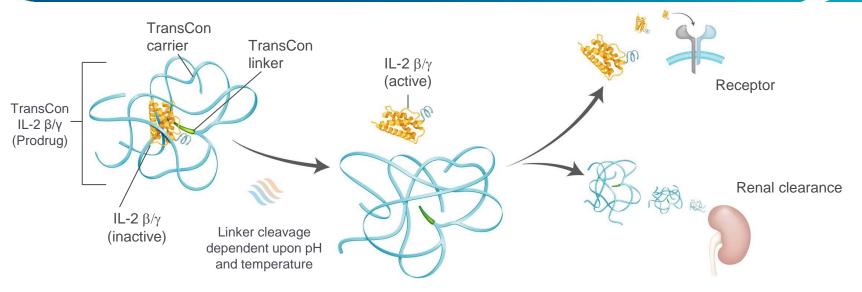
#### Additional TransCon Candidates

New TransCon candidates with the potential to affect all steps in the immunity cycle

### Combination approaches to enable impact on all critical steps of anti-tumor response



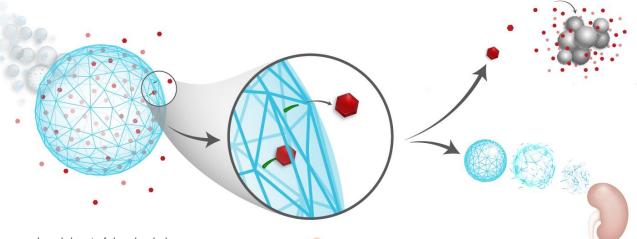
# TransCon IL-2 $\beta/\gamma$ : Soluble Carrier, as in Endocrine Pipeline



TransCon IL-2  $\beta/\gamma$  is designed to provide sustained, long-lasting exposure of a highly-potent, proprietary IL-2 variant using the linker and carrier from TransCon hGH



# TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist: Sustained Intratumoral (IT) Release of Resiquimod

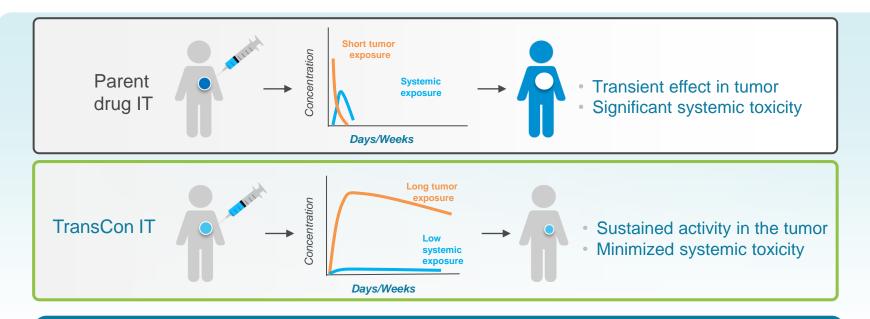


Local depot of drug loaded TransCon hydrogel carrier

Parent drug is transiently bound to TransCon linkerhydrogel carrier, which inactivates, shields parent drug and prevents clearance Linker cleavage under physiological conditions

Following injection, the linker is designed to autocleave at a specific rate 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

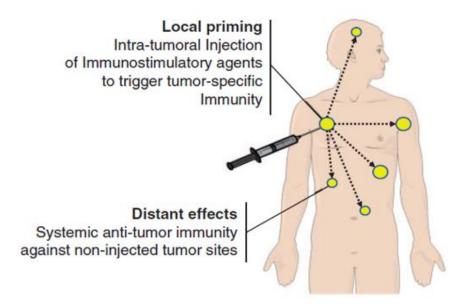
# TransCon IT Represents a Potential Paradigm Shift in Cancer Therapy



TransCon technology provides potential for sustained modulation of tumor microenvironments with infrequent dosing and minimized systemic toxicity



# TransCon IT Designed for Local and Abscopal Anti-Tumor Effects

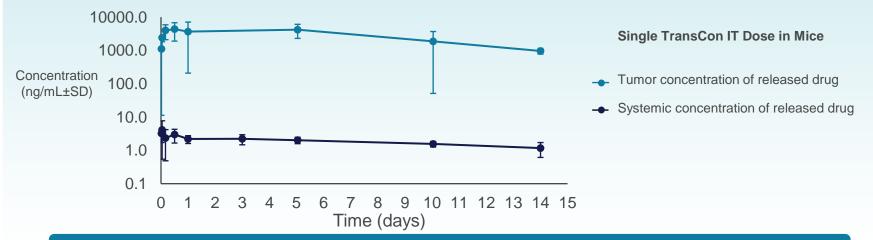


Designed to Enable Immune Activation in the Draining Lymph Nodes Cytotoxic T effector Cells Primed in Lymph Nodes Capable of Targeting Abscopal Tumors



## TransCon IT: Potential Paradigm Shift in Intratumoral Delivery

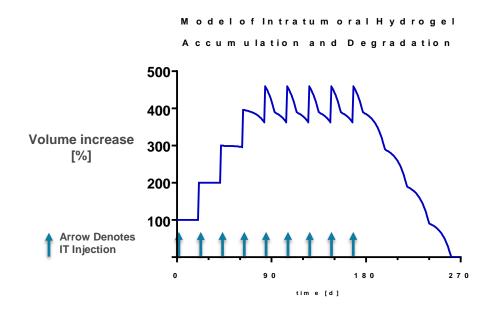
TransCon Intratumoral (IT) addresses the problems of conventional IT administration including rapid clearance from the tumor, high systemic exposure and toxicity



TransCon IT is designed to stay in the tumor and slowly release the drug, ensuring high tumor drug concentration and low systemic exposure



## Modeled Volume of Hydrogel in Injected Tumor



Q3W dosing leads to accumulation of 4-5 depots within the tumor at steady state

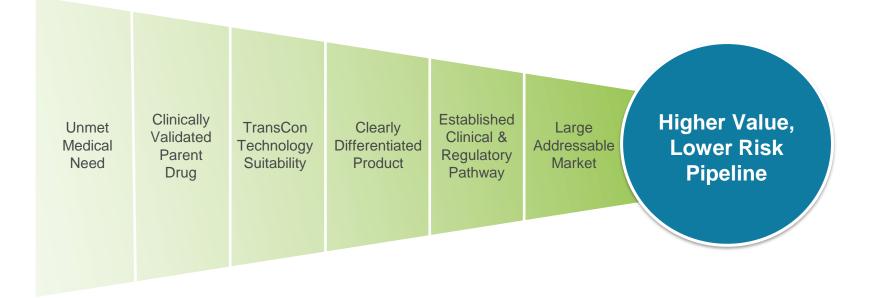
Upon cessation of dosing, the hydrogel degrades and is cleared from the tumor site

\* In vitro data; Data on file

Following injection, the hydrogel carrier disintegrates into small polymer fragments after approximately 3 months\*



# Algorithm for Product Innovation: Building an Oncology Pipeline



We are continuing to apply our successful algorithm applied in endocrinology to build a pipeline in oncology and we are committed to entering a 3<sup>rd</sup> therapeutic area



# **Opportunity for TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist in Solid Tumors**

#### Efficacy

- Each injection designed to provide sustained exposure in the tumor to enhance immune activation
- Systemic immune activation may lead to abscopal tumor effects

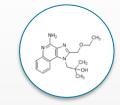
### Safety

- Low systemic toxicity expected to reduce dose-limiting adverse events
- Infrequent dosing designed to improve practicality and reduce injection-related complications

### **Broad application**

 Essentially all solid tumor lesions that can be biopsied may be considered for injection

## TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist



Designed for *superior efficacy* with *minimal systemic toxicity* 



# Potential Paradigm Shift in How Cancer Is Treated

- Oncology pipeline using TransCon technologies that may enable a new treatment paradigm, based on well-known biology
- Two clinical-stage product candidates with potentially best-in-class properties using systemic and localized TransCon technology
  - TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist designed for IT, long-term sustained release for superior efficacy with minimal systemic adverse events
  - TransCon IL-2 β/γ designed for optimized IL-2Rβ/γ bias and potency, combined with low C<sub>max</sub> and long exposure
- TransCon technology offers a new treatment paradigm for oncology, providing both systemic and IT sustained delivery options with potential for superior efficacy and safety





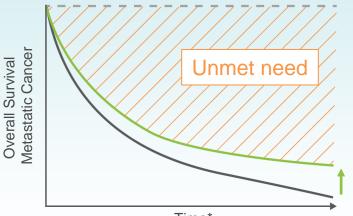


## TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist Clinical Update

Stina Singel, M.D., Ph.D. Head of Clinical Development, Oncology

## Unmet Medical Need Remains High Despite Advancements

- Immunotherapy has given hope for dramatic improvement in cancer treatment...
- But most cancer patients today are not benefiting from immunotherapy



Time\*

- U.S. cancer patients eligible for checkpoint inhibitors (CPI) increased from 1.5% in 2011 to 43.6% in 2018
- Percentage of patients estimated to respond to CPI was 0.1% in 2011 and increased to 12.5% in 2018

Immunotherapy has "raised the tail" for multiple tumor types

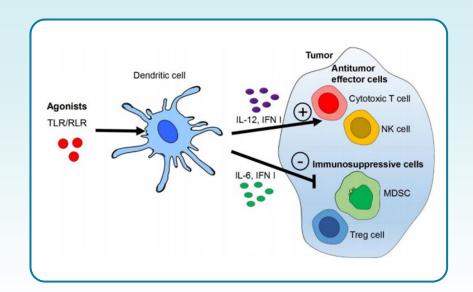
#### More effective therapies are urgently needed

\* Graph is illustrative and does not represent specific observed data. Haslam A and Prasad V. *JAMA Netw Open*. 2019;2(5):e192535.



## Toll-Like Receptors (TLRs): Well-Validated Targets for Activation of Innate and Adaptive Immunity<sup>1</sup>

- Activate innate immunity in particular antigen presenting cells (APCs)
- Prime and expand cytolytic and helper T cells
- Inhibit suppressive mechanisms limiting anti-tumor responses
- Resiguimod has been clinically evaluated as a potent TLR7/8 Agonist<sup>2,3</sup>



### TLRs activate several key pathways critical in host defense against tumors

1. Bourguin C, et al. Pharmacol Res, 2020; 154:104192 2. Vasilakos J and Tomai M. Exp Rev Vaccines, 2013; 12:809-819.

3. Rook A, et al. Blood. 2015;126(25):2765.



## Limitations of TLR Agonists in Clinical Setting

- Systemic administration<sup>1</sup> leads to high toxicity such as cytokine release syndrome
- Previous IT approaches cannot deliver prolonged exposure of active drug levels needed for anti-tumor activity
  - Consistent with short exposure, pharmacodynamic effects of previous IT TLR agonists in the tumor have only been reported at ~24 hours post dose<sup>2,3</sup>

# Sustained IT exposure of resiguimod is likely needed for therapeutic benefit while minimizing systemic toxicity

<sup>1</sup>Pockros et al. 2007 *J of Hepatology* 47: 174-182; <sup>2</sup> Babiker et al. ESMO 2020, abs 1031P; <sup>3</sup> Diab et al. SITC 2020, abs 368



## Clinical Development Strategy in Oncology to Take Advantage of the Clinically Validated TransCon Platform

#### **BUILD**

#### **safety and tolerability profile** while identifying appropriate dose

- Across various indications
- As monotherapy and in combination with standard of care
- In combination with internal pipeline

#### **ESTABLISH**

**proof-of-concept efficacy** in indications of high unmet medical need

- Indications with strong scientific rationale
- Available benchmark data

#### **EXPAND**

to other indications based on

- Unmet need
- Emerging data and changing treatment landscape





#### Dose Escalation ("3+3" Design)

Part 2:

Indications with known or potential pembro activity

Dose Expansion

Part 1: Monotherapy

Any solid tumor, any line

### Objectives:

- Safety and tolerability; define MTD and RP2D
- Pharmacokinetics/pharmacodynamics (PK/PD)
- Preliminary anti-tumor efficacy (ORR, duration of and time to response)

Combination with pembro Combination with pembro

HNSCC at RP2D

Part 3: Combination with pembro Other HPV-associated Tumors at RP2D

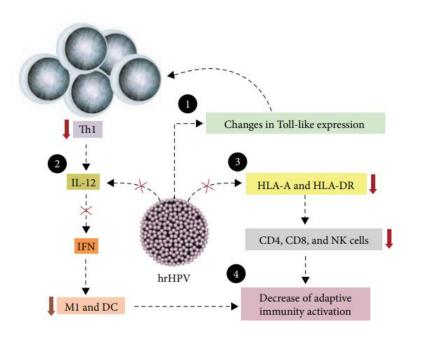
Abbreviations: recommended phase 2 dose (RP2D), maximum tolerated dose (MTD), overall response rate using RECIST 1.1 (ORR)



## Initial Indications of HPV-associated Cancers Selected Based on Strong Scientific Rationale

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#### TLRs and HPV-associated cancers<sup>1</sup>



## Combination with CPI

HPV-associated tumors:

• HNSCC

• Others (anal, cervical, vulvar, penile, vaginal)

# Other indications will be added based on

- Unmet need
- Emerging data and changing treatment landscape

**HNSCC**: HPV+ prevalence rising -- for every 2 new cases of HPV- oropharyngeal carcinoma diagnosed, 5 new cases HPV+ $^2$ 

Anal, cervical, vulvar, penile, vaginal: vast majority (>70-90%) are HPV+

**Dose Expansion** 

HNSCC: head and neck squamous cell carcinoma; HPV: human papillomavirus

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 <sup>1</sup>Barros M, et al. J Immunology Res. 2018; 2912671:1-17.

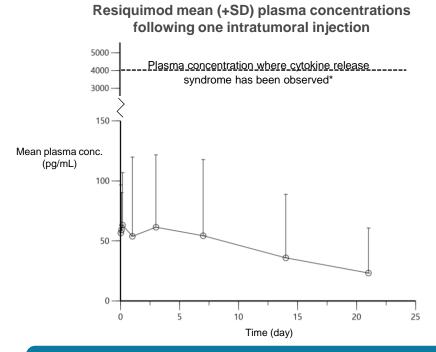
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	Dose level 2: Enrolling	Dose level 2: Enrolling		
Dose escalation ongoing with dose expansion expected to start enrollment in Q2 2022				
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## transcendIT-101: Low Systemic Exposure with Half-life of ~7 Days



- Plasma concentrations 15-fold below levels where cytokine release syndrome has been observed (~4000 pg/mL\*)
- Mean systemic half-life of resiquimod is ~7 days

# Peripheral PK indicates sustained release of resiquimod with a half-life of ~7 days and systemic exposure with wide safety margin

-O- Mean of n=7 (6 at dose level 1 and 1 at dose level 2)

\* Pockros PJ et al. J Hepatol. 2007;47(2):174-182.

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## Demographic and Safety Data\*



Select Demographics	Monotherapy (n=5)		Combination (n=3)	
Tumor types	Melanoma (n=3) TNBC (n=1) Pancreatic (n=1)		Melanoma (n=1) Basal Cell Carcinoma (n=1) Pancreatic (n=1)	
Median prior anti-cancer treatment regimens	3		2	
Prior anti-PD(L)1	4 (80%)		2 (67%)	
Overview of Safety				
Subjects with at least 1 AE	4 (80%)		2 (67%)	
Subjects with at least one SAE	3 (60%)	Related: 0	1 (33%)	Related: 0
Subjects with at least one ≥3 AE	3 (60%)	Related: 0	1 (33%)	Related: 0
Subjects with an AE leading to study drug withdrawn or study discontinuation	0		0	
Subjects with Death related to AE	eath related to AE 0			0

TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist is well-tolerated as monotherapy or in combination with pembrolizumab, consistent with low systemic exposure





Initial Interim Data Indicate TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist Is Well-Tolerated as Monotherapy or in Combination with Pembrolizumab

- No dose-limiting toxicities observed
- Limited safety-evaluable population (n=8) so far indicates no systemic side effects related to TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist
  - Consistent with low systemic exposure of resiguimod
- Transient, mild injection site-related reactions (Grade 1/2) are the only related AEs
  - 2 out of 5 patients treated with monotherapy
  - No injection site reactions have been reported so far for 3 patients treated with combination treatment

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N=8 treated with study treatment as of 16 Nov 2021\*

- 3 efficacy evaluable patients with at least 1 post-baseline tumor assessment
- 2 discontinued due to progressive disease (before first tumor assessment at week 9)
- 1 discontinued due to physician decision (patient left study for hospice care before week 9)
- 2 patients ongoing but have not yet reached first efficacy assessment at week 9

TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist Dose Level 1	Tumor type (# prior anti-cancer treatment regimens)	Prior PD(L)1
Monotherapy	Melanoma (2)	yes
Combination with pembro	Pancreatic Cancer (2)	no
Combination with pembro	Basal Cell Carcinoma (2)	yes

Datacut date:16 Nov 2021 with tumor response data only updated on 3 Dec 2021 due to new pathology data;

\* Median follow up (time from study treatment start to the date of death or the date patient is last

known to be alive): 59 d (range 15-190)

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Patient Profile #1	Best Overall Response per RECIST v1.1 (latest investigator assessment)	Available On-Treatment Pathology
Tumor Type: Melanoma	uPR (week 27)	Injected lesion: 3 core biopsies at week 27 after 9 doses showed
Prior Treatment Regimens: 2 Prior PD(L)1: yes—pembro	Target lesionsBaselinewk9wk18wk27Injected (mm) $25 \rightarrow 24 \rightarrow 24 \rightarrow 30$	tumor cells found in up to 50% of total tissue; focal foreign material (hydrogel carrier) surrounded
	Non-injected (mm) $11 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 9 \rightarrow 0$	by granulomatous inflammation
Treated with: TransCon TLR7/8 Monotherapy Dose		Non-injected lesion:
Level 1		Punch biopsy at week 27 (lesion site previously marked) showed mild chronic inflammation, reactive changes, <b>no evidence of malignancy</b>

Pathological confirmation of complete response in non-injected lesion indicates abscopal effect of monotherapy TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist in a patient previously treated with pembro

96 uPR = unconfirmed partial response; Datacut date: 3 Dec 2021



Patient Profile #2	Best Overall Response per RECIST v1.1 (latest investigator assessment)		Available On-Treatment Pathology	
Tumor Type: Pancreatic Cancer	SD (week 9)			Injected lesion: 3 core biopsies at week 7 after 1 dose
Prior Treatment Regimens: 2 Prior PD(L)1: no Treated with: TransCon TLR7/8 Dose Level 1 Combination with	Target lesions Injected once in Cycle 1 (mm) Non-injected (mm) Injected since Cycle 2 (mm)	Baseline 22 → 90 ¥		showed no tumor present; minimal lymphohistiocytic reaction
Pembro				

Pathological evaluation after a single dose suggests early and potentially deep response in injected tumor

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Patient Profile #3	Best Overall Response per RECIST v1.1 (latest investigator assessment)		Available On-Treatment Pathology	
Tumor Type: Basal Cell Carcinoma Prior Treatment Regimens: 2 Prior PD(L)1: yes—cemiplimab progression immediately prior to enrollment Treated with: TransCon TLR7/8 Dose Level 1 Combination with Pembro	SD (week 9)Target lesionsBaselineInjected (mm)42 ◆Non-injected (mm)17 ◆	47.5	<ul> <li>Injected lesion:</li> <li>Punch biopsy at week 9 after 3 doses showed atypical basaloid proliferation at base of biopsy.</li> <li>No evidence of malignancy.</li> </ul>	

Pathological evaluation at time of first tumor assessment suggests early and potentially deep response in injected tumor in a patient who progressed on anti-PD1

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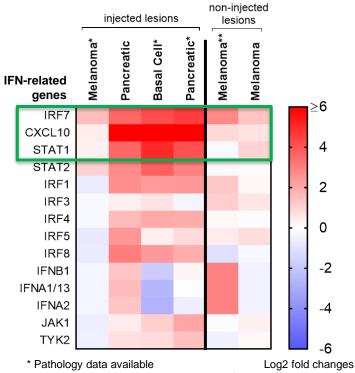


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Target Activation of Key Immunological Pathways Maintained Through at Least 7 Days Post-Dose in Injected and Non-Injected Lesions



Gene Expression at 7 Days After 1 Dose of TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist



\*\* Dose Level 2 (all others at Dose Level 1); each column represents 1 patient

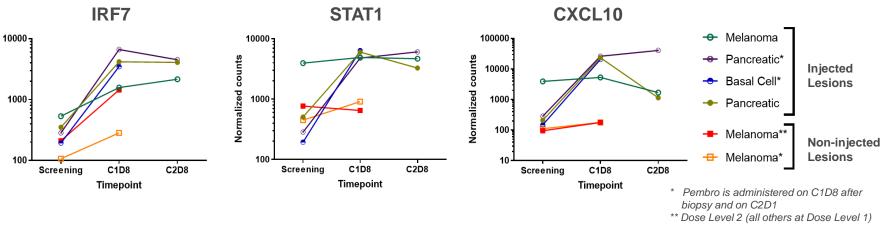
- Target engagement of TLR7/8 Agonist
  - Consistent increase of IRF-7
- Innate immune activation
  - Strong increase in CXCL10 expression
- Interferon (IFN) pathway activation
  - Consistent increase of STAT1 expression
- Data consistent across different tumor types
  - Melanoma, Basal Cell Carcinoma, Pancreatic Cancer

#### Similar effects observed in non-injected lesions

Consistent and robust immune activation in tumor tissue is observed for at least 7 days post dose



# Sustained Upregulation of IFN-Related Genes in Tumor Tissue with Repeat Dosing



- Downstream of TLR7 and TLR8
- Upregulation indicates target engagement of TLR7/8 agonist
- Central signaling molecule in the IFN-I pathway
- Upregulation indicates IFN pathway activation

- Induced by IFN-γ
- Upregulation indicates engagement of the innate immune system

Sustained immune activation of key immunologic pathways is maintained with repeat dosing

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## TransCon Represents a Potential Paradigm Shift in Cancer Treatment

- Early data from ongoing TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist first-in-human trial (transcendIT-101) indicated:
  - Early signs of activity in three out of three evaluable patients including those previously treated with checkpoint inhibitors
  - Monotherapy activity
  - Consistent and robust target engagement
  - Well-tolerated safety profile
  - Expected low systemic exposure based on early PK data
- TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist has the potential for:
  - Sustained immune activation
  - Systemic anti-tumor response with infrequent dosing
- Create a pipeline using TransCon technologies that may enable a new treatment paradigm building upon well-known biology

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- TransCon IL- $2\beta/\gamma$  first-in-human trial (IL  $\beta$ elie $\gamma$ e; NCT05081609), is now open for enrollment





# **Q&A Session**

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