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Enabling approved drugs to fulfil unmet local treatment need Enhancing cellular immune responses important for therapeutic effect



Providing a delivery solution for nucleic acid therapeutics



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▶ fima *CHEM*

RELEASE – enrolment fluctuations continues

- Enrolment of patients into the RELASE study is still challenging and fluctuating – Covid-19 has a continued negative impact on the study and with August being a low recruitment month due to the holiday season, only five patients were enrolled in Q3
- Three patients were enrolled into the RELEASE study in October and the company continues to have a strong focus on recruitment, with the emphasis on regular trial management, including overall performance evaluation and site replacement





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RELEASE – pursuing strategies to address recruitment and retention

- Thirty patients have per end of October been included in the RELEASE study and the expected timeline for interim analysis remains 2H 2023
- Proactively pursuing strategies to address recruitment and retention, including interactions with FDA and EMA about an alternative study design





▶ fima VACC

The fimaVACC programme is progressing towards initiation of a Phase II clinical proof-of-concept study, with product definition and study design clarified following comprehensive consultations with international experts





▶ fima*NAc*

Development plan initiated based on strategic research and collaborations, targeting applications suited to the specific strengths of the PCI technology



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Corporate

Significantly strengthening the organisation with three highly skilled individuals; an experienced operational leader for RELEASE and two key employees within clinical science and business development focusing on fimaVACC and fimaNAC



PCI BIOTECH – ENABLING INTRACELLULAR DELIVERY

An oncology focused pipeline targeting significant unmet needs

Programme	Indications/Therapeutics	Preclinical	Phase I	Phase II	Pivotal
fima <i>CHEM</i>	Bile duct cancer/ gemcitabine				
G fimaVACC	Therapeutic cancer vaccines			•	
fimaNAc	Nucleic acid therapeutics				

Photochemical internalisation (PCI) is a platform technology with three programmes targeting an attractive and growing oncology market



Operational review - clinical



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Amphinex[®] as first line treatment for the orphan indication bile duct cancer*



Positive early clinical results

Encouraging tumour response and survival data

Pathway to market settled by regulatory interactions

 Single pivotal study with potential accelerated approval based on interim analysis

RELEASE – a global pivotal registration intent study

 Recruitment ongoing at approx. 50 hospitals across three continents



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- Excellent fit with medical need and existing treatments
- Efficacy: mOS¹ of 22.8 months at selected dose (cohort IV) in Phase I dose-escalation (vs. 11-12 months² with standard of care for inoperable bile duct cancer treatments)
- Easy to use: Illumination through standard endoscopic methods compatible with endoscopic stenting for palliative biliary drainage
- Positioning: Enhances recommended first-line chemotherapy and boosts effect locally, where it is most needed (no direct competition)
- Protection: Orphan Drug designations in EU, US and South Korea offers market exclusivity, and use patent for treatment method approved in Europe (pending in other major markets)
- **Competition:** Precision/gene/small molecules in clinical development are mainly second line or towards targets mainly present in intrahepatic bile duct cancer, except acelarin, durvalumab & pembrolizumab
 - Recent positive read-out for durvalumab efficacy results in relevant subgroups are not yet public
- Premium price potential: Mean annual price for OD in the US is \$K150 (median \$K109)³



► Pivotal study with potential accelerated/conditional approval on interim analysis





Pivotal study status

- 47 sites currently open for patient enrolment
 - 32 sites in Europe, 9 in Asia and 6 in the US
- Several initiatives implemented with the aim to recoup the COVID-19 caused delay – the most important being increased number of sites and protocol amendment to expand eligible patient population
- The initiatives provided increased screening and enrolment, but the level has been fluctuating during 2021
- Five patients were enrolled in Q3, and three patients were enrolled in October, with total enrolment into the study: 30
- Continued strong focus on enrolment of patients, with emphasis on regular trial management, including overall performance evaluation and site replacement – more than 10% of sites have been replaced so far in 2021



Endpoints, milestones and timelines

Endpoints:

Interim analysis: Primary Endpoint: Objective Response Rate (ORR) Secondary endpoint: Overall Survival (OS)	 Orphan drug designation in EU, USA and South Korea – potential accelerated approval 			
Final analysis: Primary endpoint: Progression Free Survival (PFS) Secondary endpoint: Overall Survival (OS)	 Single randomised trial considered sufficient based on interaction with US and EU regulatory authorities 			
Vilestones and timelines:				
First patients enrolled in Europe in May 2019, in Asia in October 2020 and in the US in April 2021	• Enrolling patients on three continents			
Seamless safety review by IDMC* when 8 patients have undergone two fima <i>CHEM</i> treatments	• IDMC safety review expected 2H 2021			
Objective Response Rate (ORR) when 120 patients have been enrolled	Interim analysis expected 2H 2023			
Timing and format for study conclusion may be impacted by outcome of Interim analysis	• Final analysis expected approximately 2H 2024			

*IDMC = Independent Data Monitoring Committee



Patient retention

Background

- Ability to analyse the primary endpoint requires a specific number of events to occur in the trial
- Retention imbalance between arms could lead to bias and require additional statistical analyses by regulatory authorities

Challenges

- In open label studies, patients randomised to the control arm are more likely to leave the study
- Cancer patients are vulnerable to infections and may want to decrease risk for infection especially during a pandemic
- Early signs in RELEASE suggest a lower retention rate of patients in the control arm

Strategies

- Working with clinical sites to strengthen the commitment of patients to the trial
- Support patients in all aspects of taking part in the study
- Evaluate the possibility to convert the randomised control arm to a hybrid control arm by adding external patients' data
- Evaluate options to decentralise the study, allowing treatment in nearer clinics and replacing site visits with home visits



Patient recruitment

Background

- CCA is a rare disease and RELEASE targets a subpopulation of CCA patients
- The COVID-19 pandemic has affected both patients and clinicians hesitation to come to hospitals; hospital shifting resources; increased workload on healthcare staff

Challenges

- Maintain momentum in a rare disease where sites expect to recruit only a few patients during the recruitment period
- The interdisciplinary coordination required is demanding in the complexity of a trial setting especially in a pandemic
- Patients and investigators perceive odds of 50% to receive the investigational treatment low patients may choose to pursue other investigational treatments, or receive the standard of care treatment closer to home

Strategies

- Optimising the eligibility criteria and study operational processes based on data and site/investigator feedback
- Frequent interaction with sites and investigators to facilitate focus and commitment to the trial
- Provide support to sites and patients in all aspects of taking part in the study
- Working with patient organisations and online initiatives to increase study awareness
- Conversion to a hybrid control arm, if feasible, is expected to mitigate the 1:1 randomisation issue



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► Aiming to enhance the effect of immunotherapeutics



Compelling preclinical results

Particularly strong CD8 T-cell immune responses

Successfully translated into humans

 Phase I study in healthy volunteers with peptideand protein-based vaccines – results published

Versatile vaccination platform

 Can potentially be used with several modalities, including nucleic acid based technologies



PLANNED **fima***VACC* STUDY IN CANCER PATIENTS

Strategy

- ► Start small and build upon the results
- Study in cancer patients with a goal to demonstrate anti-tumour activity
- One specific cancer type with perceived high likelihood of response and high unmet medical need
- Combine different therapeutic approaches to achieve maximal immunotherapy effect
- Work closely with international experts in the fields of the disease and immunotherapy





PLANNED **fima***VACC* STUDY IN CANCER PATIENTS

► Improving the response to immune checkpoint inhibition

Study treatment

- Combination with relevant immunomodulation therapy for effective immunotherapy
- Fimaporfin, a mix of relevant peptide antigens, and a synergistic adjuvant will be included
- Intradermal and intratumoural administration are considered

Study population

- Patients with recurrent or metastatic solid tumours who progressed on 1st line immune checkpoint inhibition (ICI) therapy
- Aim is to convert cold tumours into hot tumours and thereby achieve long-term response to ICI therapy in more patients

Study design, operations & status

- A 2 stage study is planned, starting with a small cohort of patients to assess safety and hint of antitumour activity, and expanding the study upon good results
- The study is planned to start in Europe and expand to US upon good results timelines TBA
- Ongoing activities focusing on preparation of the study protocol, CMC and operational activities, and establishing a forum of clinical investigators to support the preparations and conduct of the study



Operational review - preclinical



NUCLEIC ACID DELIVERY WITH PCI

- Nucleic acids a rapidly growing area with potential for the treatment and prophylaxis for many diseases, and with approvals in e.g.:
 - Covid-19 mRNA prophylactic vaccines
 - Treatment of SMA (high price levels)
 - Spinraza oligonucleotide for treatment of spinal muscular atrophy (SMA)
 - Zolgensma gene therapy (virus based) for treatment of SMA approved for use in Norway
- Delivery to the target tissues still represents a major barrier
 - Lipid nanoparticles work well for prophylactic intramuscular vaccination approaches
 - Technologies for liver delivery are available
 - Effective delivery systems remain to be established for most other tissues
 - The optimal delivery solution will probably vary between different tissues
- PCI can enhance and direct nucleic acid delivery to target sites that can be illuminated, on the body surface or inside the body (e.g. tumours via an optical fibre)





PCI STRONGLY IMPROVES DELIVERY OF NAKED MRNA TO SKIN

PCI can enhance functional naked mRNA delivery to skin (intradermal inj.) about 30 times







PCI vs. LNPs for mRNA Delivery to Tumours

PCI enhances delivery and prevents undesirable off-target effects



IVIS imaging after intratumoural inj. of luciferase mRNA and subsequent i.v. inj. of the substrate luciferin

Luciferase expression in MC38 tumours and liver after intratumoural delivery of luciferase mRNA by LNPs or PCI. Median values.

- Off-target delivery can give serious safety problems in patients
- With PCI-mediated delivery of naked mRNA, expression in the tumour is higher than with LNPs, and confined to tumour

mRNA

mRNA

mRNA

mRNA

mRNA

LNPs seem to leak out of the tumour, leading to unwanted expression in the liver, at equal expression levels as in tumour



PCI, 25 μg

mRNA

PCI tumour

PCI liver

LNP liver

PBS

LNP tumour

NAKED MRNA DELIVERY WITH PCI – DIFFERENT APPLICATIONS

Best effect seen for intratumoural delivery



Local delivery technology

- mRNAs and fimaporfin can be mixed and administered as one injection, with illumination in the same procedure
- mRNA expression spatially restricted to illuminated area
- Many applications where a local effect is desired
 - Skin, tumours, muscles, eye, joints, lymph nodes
- Substantial enhancement in tumour, skin and muscle
- Internal research is actively centred towards the most attractive applications



PCI FOR NUCLEIC ACID DELIVERY - TOP PRIORITIES



- Good technological fit a lot of interesting options
- PCI delivery works well in animals
- Treatment of tumours can be performed at several sites in the body
- Treatment of one tumour can give systemic effects
- On-going collaboration:



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- PCI delivery works well in animals
- Easy illumination access
- Many relevant diseases
- On-going collaboration:





DEVELOPMENT OF PCI FOR NUCLEIC ACID DELIVERY

RNA intratumoural immunotherapy

- Pro-actively develop technology and seek further partnerships for intratumoural immunotherapy, based on current data
- Already collaboration with a leading company in this area (eTheRNA)
- Also possibilities for own products

Easily illuminable conditions

- Actively approach companies based on current data
- Very interesting collaboration with OliX
- Develop technology further internally and with collaborators



FINANCE

► <u>Key financial figures</u>

- ► CF impacted by timing difference of received annual SkatteFUNN grant (Q3 21 vs Q4 20)
- ► Cash position with an expected financial runway into Q4 2022 at current cost base

(figures in NOK 1,000)	Q3 2021	Q3 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	FY 2020
Other income (public grants)	1 187	1 963	5 085	5 801	7 368
Operating results	-22 503	-22 534	-62 757	-60 760	-82 121
Net financial result	1 080	1 329	-586	14 985	9 881
Net profit/loss	-21 423	-21 204	-63 343	-45 775	-72 239
(figures in NOK 1,000)	Q3 2021	Q3 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	FY 2020
Cash & cash equivalents	135 513	210 233	135 513	210 233	187 967
Cash flow from operating activities	-13 141	-22 443	-50 984	-61 372	-77 391



PROGRESSING THE PCI-TECHNOLOGY PIPELINE

Strengthened the organisation with recruitment of three key senior employees





INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Broad platform technology	PCI is a platform technology with three programmes targeting an attractive and growing oncology market, with a clear path to a high unmet need orphan oncology market for the lead candidate
Advanced lead product candidate	fima <i>CHEM</i> – Amphinex [®] is an orphan designated (EU, US, South Korea) first-in-class product candidate in pivotal development for treatment of extrahepatic bile duct cancer – a disease without approved drugs
Encouraging clinical results	Positive early signs of tumour response in a first-in-man study published in Lancet Oncology, and in a Phase I study specifically targeting bile duct cancer – encouraging survival data
Defined development strategy	Development strategy for lead candidate established based on thorough regulatory discussions with FDA and EMA – a single randomised pivotal study with accelerated/conditional approval potential
Pipeline opportunities	fime <i>VACC</i> – a clinical stage vaccination technology with encouraging cellular immune responses fime <i>NAC</i> – a preclinical gene therapy delivery solution with established key player collaborations
Experienced leadership	Management team, Board of Directors and advisors with extensive pharmaceutical industry experience across a range of medical development and commercial areas



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