

# **BIO Europe**

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### PCI BIOTECH

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## PCI BIOTECH AT A GLANCE

- Unlocking the potential of innovative medicines
- A listed (PCIB:NO) cancer-focused biotech company
- ▶ Photochemical internalisation ("PCI") technology, originating from the Norwegian Radium Hospital
- Clinical programmes
  - **fima** CHEM Phase I/II with fimaporfin (Amphinex®) for the orphan indication inoperable bile duct cancer
  - fima Vacc Vaccination technology that provides strongly enhanced cellular immune responses, phase I initiated
- ▶ Pre-clinical programme

**fima** NAc – Efficient intracellular delivery of nucleic acid therapeutics, with three active research collaborations

#### PCI – the solution to a key challenge for several modalities



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



### PHOTOCHEMICAL INTERNALISATION

► Triggered endosomal release through illumination

#### STEP 1:

 Fimaporfin (S) and the active molecule (D) are injected into the body and reaches the target cells



#### STEP 2:

- Fimaporfin (S) and the active molecule (D) are taken up by the cell, but D is unable to reach the target (T), as it is encapsulated in an endosome
- S is washed away from the cell membrane, but trapped in endosomes



#### STEP 3:

- Light activates fimaporfin (S) in the membrane of the endosome
- · The membrane integrity is affected and the active molecule released



#### STEP 4:

• The active molecule (D) can now bind to its target (T) and initiate the therapeutic response





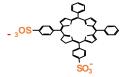
#### The active molecule

- Anticancer agent, e.g. bleomycin, gemcitabine
- Oligonucleotide, e.g. siRNA
- Protein, e.g. antibody-drug conjugate
- Peptide: e.g. antigen



#### The PCI component

- Light sensitive component
- Fimaporfin Amphinex®





#### The targe

- Target for the active molecule
- E.g. DNA, mRNA, enzyme, microtubuli



#### fima CHEM

# CHEMOTHERAPEUTICS

► A cornerstone in current cancer therapy

Chemotherapeutics will remain a

### CORNERSTONE

in cancer treatment for the foreseeable future

PCI may enhance approximately

20%

of relevant approved chemotherapies



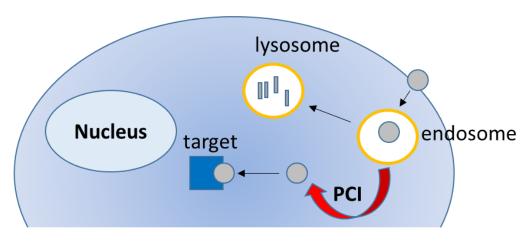
- ► fima CHEM may enable approved drugs to fulfil unmet local treatment needs
- First-in-man study published in Lancet Oncology\*, with independent expert commentary
- ► Ready for Phase II in bile duct cancer with promising early signs of efficacy
- Opportunity for development in further niche indications



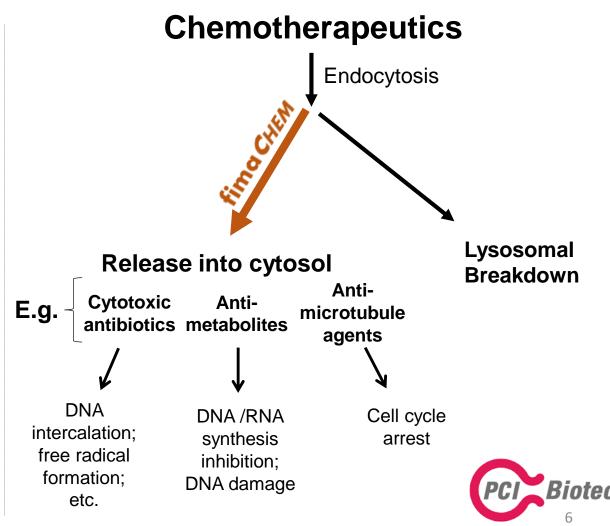
# PCI TECHNOLOGY

► fima CHEM — mode of action

### Cancer cell



chemotherapeutic



#### fima *CHEM*

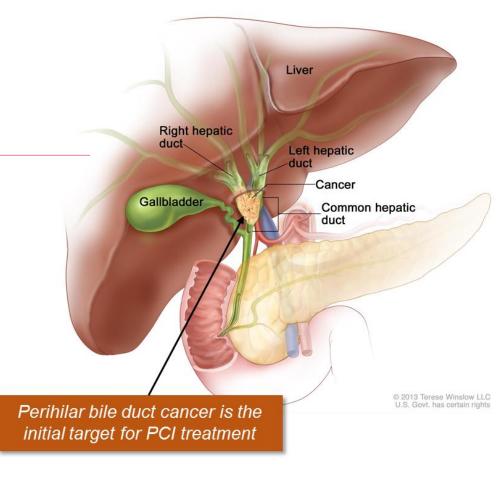
## BILE DUCT CANCER

- ▶ The unmet need
  - ► Rare disease (1-2 per 100,000)
    - Intrahepatic tumours (10%\*)
    - Perihilar tumours (60-70%\*)
    - Distal tumours (20-30%\*)
  - ► Five-year survival <5%; 0% when inoperable (avg. 12mo survival)
  - Current management
    - Surgery is the only potentially curative treatment
      - Less than ⅓ are resectable
    - Stenting
      - Endoscopic stenting for palliative biliary drainage



- No approved chemotherapy
  - Gemcitabine and cisplatin recommended





#### Excellent technology fit with PCI

Targeted illumination is done using standard endoscopic procedure

Active chemotherapy gemcitabine is significantly enhanced by **fima CHEM** 





## BILE DUCT CANCER - CLINICAL PHASE I/II STUDY

- Early promising signs of durable response in Phase I
- 6 months radiology data from all dose cohorts local read

RECIST*	PD	SD	PR	CR	NA**
Cohort IV***	1		2	1	2
Cohort III		1	1	1	
Cohort II		1			2
Cohort I	1	1			1

PD: Progressive disease (>20% growth)

SD: Stable Disease

PR: Partial Response (>30% shrinkage)

CR: Complete Response (no visible tumour)

- \* Response Evaluation Criteria In Solid Tumours (rules defining when cancer patients improve, stay the same or worsen during treatments)
- \*\* Not measurable / Not radiologically evaluable
- \*\*\* Cohort IV expanded; Four radiologically evaluable patients at 6 months
  - Subjects in the study for 6 months after PCI treatment
  - After 6 months patients are followed for survival only
  - Commissioned central independent radiological expert evaluation of Cohort III & IV
    - expected requirement from regulatory authorities





# BILE DUCT CANCER - CLINICAL PHASE I/II STUDY

- Convincing response at target tumour level
  - 6 months central read radiology data: Cohort III & IV response at single lesion level

Measurable lesions	Lesi	on shrinkage	Stable lesion	Lesion growth
19	17	12 (lesion not detectable)	1 (<20% reduction & <10% increase)	<b>1</b> (>10% mass increase)
(total number of targets selected across two central readers)		5 (>20% mass reduction)		

- All images evaluated separately by two radiology experts
- Shrinkage of almost 90% of selected target lesions, with more than 60% being undetectable at 6 months
- "Change in tumor size by RECIST correlates linearly with overall survival in Phase I oncology studies" 1
  - "Maintenance of biliary drainage is critical in patients with advanced biliary cancer...

    ...response in tumor bulk may therefore have a greater effect on survival than would
    be the case for other cancers."



### MMUNOTHERAPY

► A new hope for millions of patients

Total estimated immunotherapy sales of

\$35bn

in 2023\*

More than

100

projects in development\*\*

Combinations with THERAPEUTIC VACCINES

may enhance CPI\*\*\* response rates

- ▶ fima VACC enhances cellular immune responses important for therapeutic effects
- ► Initiated Phase I study in healthy volunteers for clinical validation
- Aim is to out-license the technology on non-/semi-exclusive basis
- Opportunity to develop own therapeutic vaccination products



<sup>\*</sup> Citi Research "Immunotherapy – the beginning of the end for cancer". Baum, May 2013

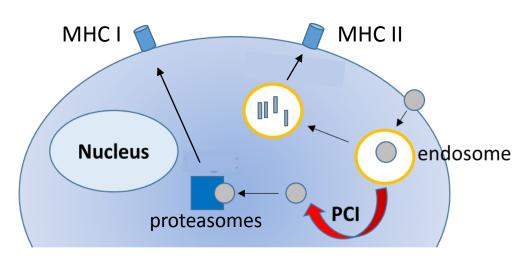
<sup>\*\*</sup> Clinicaltrials.gov. Therapeutic cancer vaccines, PCIB analysis, August 2016

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>CPI: Checkpoint inhibitors

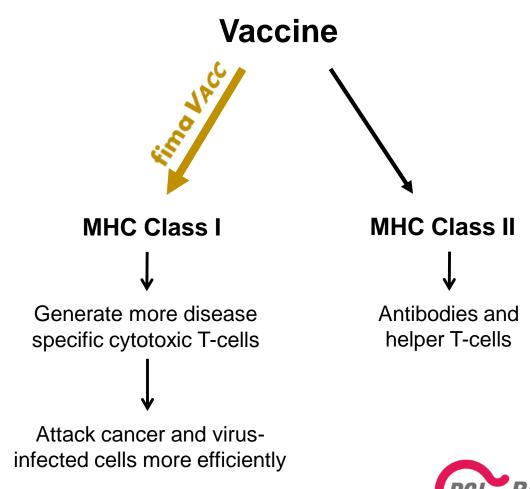
# PCI TECHNOLOGY

► fima VACC – mode of action

### **Dendritic cell**



vaccine antigen





# fima Vacc Strongly Enhances Vaccination Effects

► Impressive effects with clinically relevant HPV therapeutic vaccine in mice

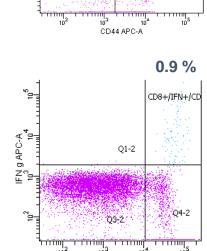
Amount of activated antigenspecific CD8 Tcells in blood

Amount of

activated antigen-

specific CD8 T-

cells in spleen



CD44 PE-A

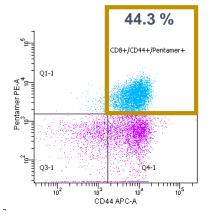
Vaccination

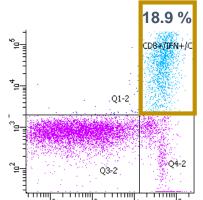
without fima VACC

1.0%

CD8+/CD44+/Pentamer+

# Vaccination with **fima VACC**





CD44 PE-A

#### Cytotoxic (CD8) T-cells

- Most important immune cells to fight tumours
- Difficult to induce with vaccination
- ► fima Vacc strongly enhances the ability of vaccines to induce CD8 T-cells:
  - >20 and >40 times enhancement seen in spleen and blood cells, respectively
  - Generation of immunological memory



# THERAPEUTIC VACCINATION WITH fima VACC

Opportunity to play a key role in second generation immunotherapy



Patented disposable "band-aid-like" device for user-friendly illumination of the vaccination site

- Unique mode of action
  - induction of antigen specific cytotoxic T-cells by MHC class I antigen presentation in dendritic cells
- ► Broad applicability
  - peptide and protein antigens
  - particulate antigen formulations
- Safety of fimaporfin confirmed in Phase I studies
- Excellent stability
  - stable at room temperature in solution
  - can be autoclaved
- Cost effective synthesis





# **NUCLEIC ACID THERAPEUTICS**

A treatment modality with huge potential

Estimated sales of
USD 18bn
in 2030\*
(RNAi alone)





- ▶ fima NAc may provide a delivery solution for many nucleic acid therapy applications
- Opportunistic collaborative approach
- ► Aim is to out-license the technology on non-/semi-exclusive basis

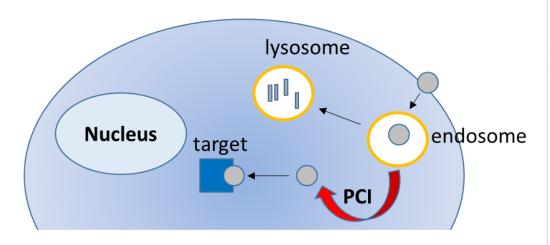




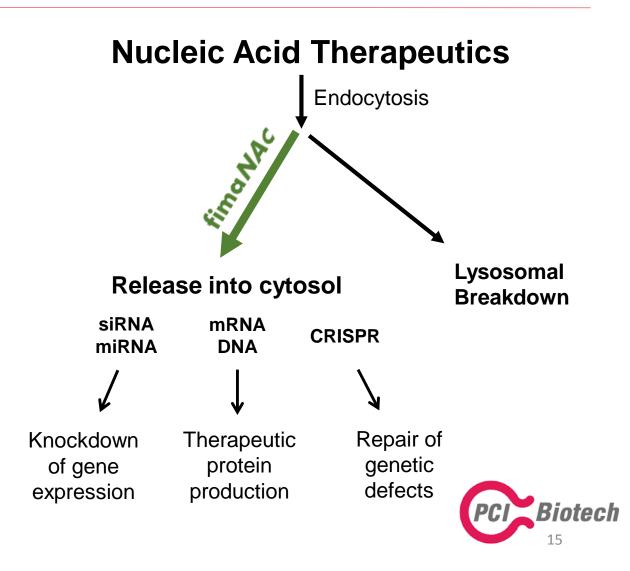
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► fimaNAc – mode of action

### Target cell



nucleic acid therapeutic

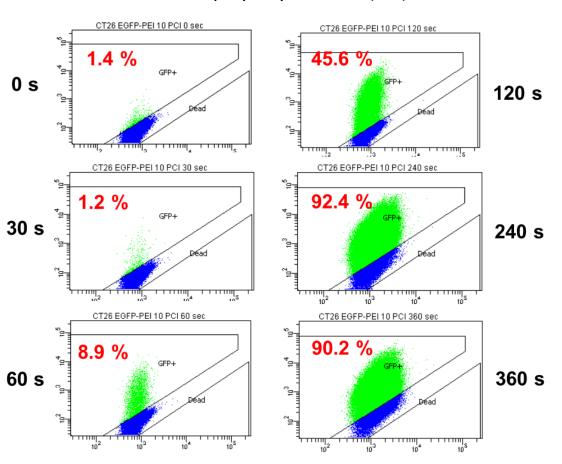


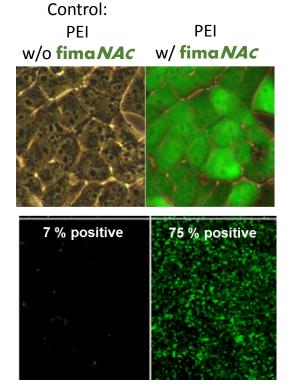


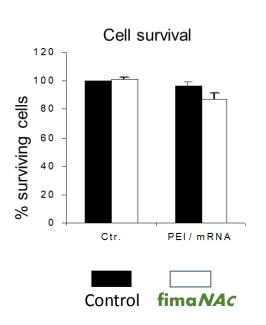
## ENHANCING MRNA DELIVERY

► Strongly increased GFP synthesis with increasing light doses

#### **fima NAc** with polyethylenimine (PEI) vehicle









## RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

► Four active collaborations within nucleic acid therapeutics and vaccination

### fima NAC

#### **RXi Pharmaceuticals**



- Initiated 2Q 2015
- Listed on Nasdaq
- Innovative therapeutic siRNA
- Clinical programs in dermatology and ophthalmology

#### Top-10 large pharma

- Initiated 3Q 2015
- A global leader in nucleic acid therapeutics
- Collaborative research funded by partner
- Evaluate synergistic effects between companies' technologies

#### **BioNTech**



- Initiated 3Q 2016
- German biotechnology company developing individualised cancer immunotherapies
- Clinical programmes in melanoma, head & neck, breast, ovarian and pancreatic cancer

### fima VACC

#### <u>Ultimovacs</u>

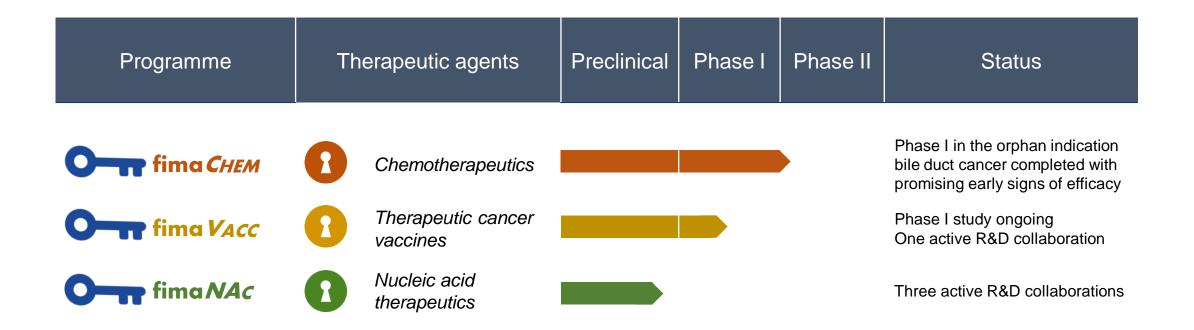


- Initited 1Q 2016
- Norwegian immunotherapy company
- Therapeutic cancer vaccine against human telomerase
- Clinical programs in prostate and lung cancer



### DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE

Unlocking the true potential of innovative medicines



An oncology focused company with three well differentiated assets



## **PCI** BIOTECH

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