

### **Biotech Showcase 2017**

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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 fimaporfin (Amphinex®) for the orphan indication inoperable bile duct cancer, Phase I completed
  - 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 four 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





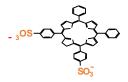
#### The active molecule

- 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



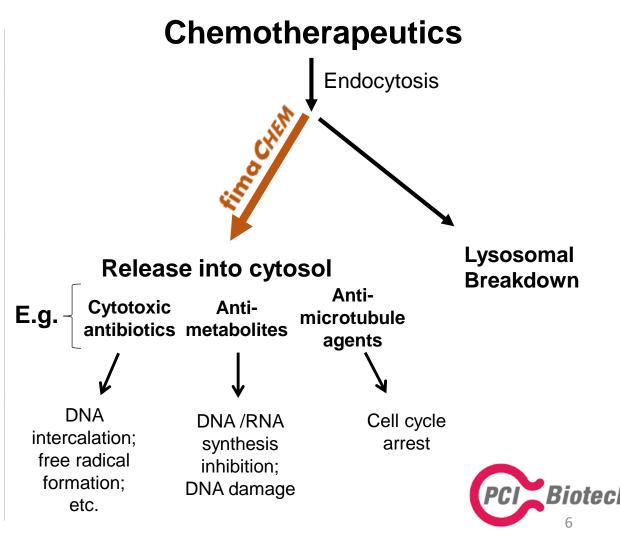
- ► fima CHEM may enable approved drugs to fulfil unmet local treatment needs
- First-in-man study published in Lancet Oncology\*, with independent expert commentary
- ► Ready for Phase II in bile duct cancer with promising early signs of efficacy
- Opportunity for development in further niche indications



# PCI TECHNOLOGY

► fima CHEM — mode of action

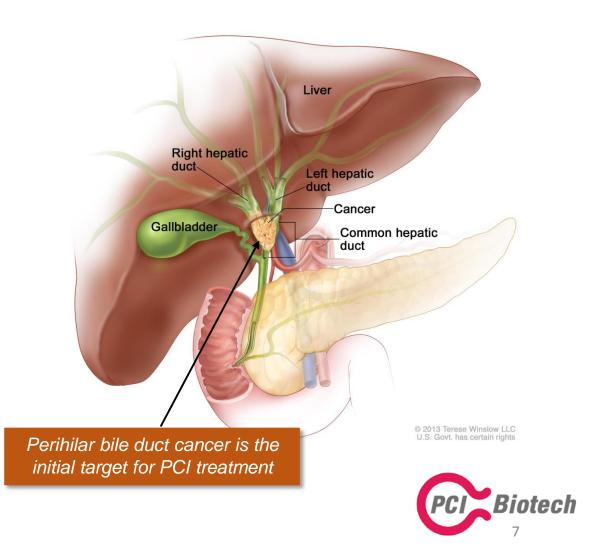
# Cancer cell lysosome **Nucleus** endosome target chemotherapeutic





# BILE DUCT CANCER

- ► Location and classification
  - Often referred to as cholangiocarcinoma
  - ► The cancer cells originates from the cells inside the bile duct (called cholangiocytes)
  - Cholangiocarcinoma includes:
    - Intrahepatic tumours (10%\*)
    - Perihilar tumours (60-70%\*)
    - Distal tumours (20-30%\*)
    - Different incidence, pathobiology and management



#### fima CHEM

### BILE DUCT CANCER

- ▶ The unmet need
  - ► Rare disease, yearly incidence rate of 1-2 per 100,000 in the western world higher incidences in Asia
  - Five-year survival rate of less than 5%, and 0% when inoperable average approx. 12 months survival
  - Current management
    - Surgery
      - Only potentially curative treatment
      - Less than ⅓ are resectable at presentation
    - Stenting
      - Endoscopic stenting for palliative biliary drainage



- Chemotherapy
  - No approved chemotherapy
  - Recommended chemotherapy: **gemcitabine** and cisplatin



### Excellent technology fit with PCI

Targeted illumination is done using standard endoscopic procedure

The active chemotherapy gemcitabine is significantly enhanced by **fima CHEM** 





### BILE DUCT CANCER

#### A sizeable orphan market potential

#### ► Immediate target market is as first line treatment

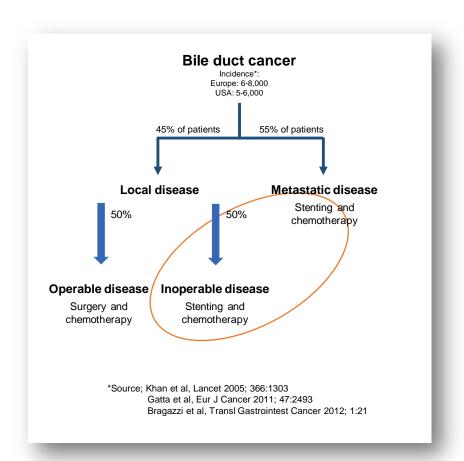
- Incidence is close to 15,000 across Europe and the US
- Immediate target is inoperable patients with primary hilar disease
- Approximately 3,000 assumed to be eligible for fima CHEM
- Possible upside in distal and more advanced metastatic disease
- Higher incidences in Asia

#### ► Attractive price potential

- Lack of approved medicinal treatment options
- Diseases with <10,000 in US support annual pricing >\$100,000¹

#### Potential significant majority share of the market

- Anticipated benefits
  - No competing marketable treatment alternatives
  - Greater efficacy due to local chemotherapy boost
  - Easy light access through established standard procedures

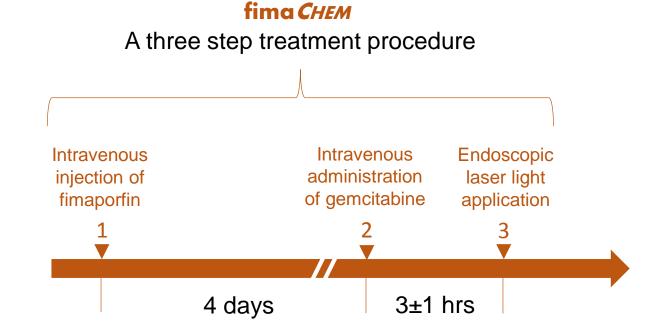


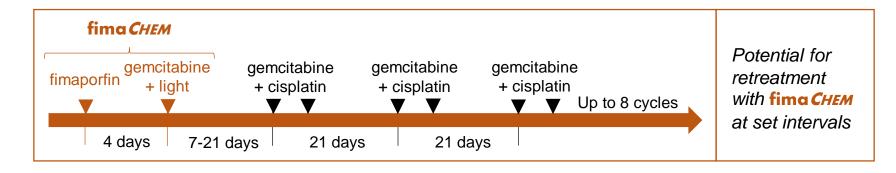




### BILE DUCT CANCER

► A proven technology with excellent fit to standard procedures









### 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 are 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, as this
    is an expected requirement from regulatory authorities





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

- ► Early promising signs of durable response verified by independent expert evaluation
  - ► 6 months radiology data: Cohort III & IV local vs. central

RECIST	PD	SD	PR	CR	NA
Local	1	1	3	2	2
Central	2	1	2	2	2

- Central radiological RECIST evaluation of all patient images from Cohort III and IV
- All images evaluated by two study-independent radiologists with expertise in RECIST and bile duct cancer
- Tumour response verified at central evaluation
  - Progressive disease due to appearance of new lesions (one missed at local read)
- More than 50% response rate far above expected with standard treatment





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

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

Measurable lesions	Lesion shrinkage		Stable lesion	Lesion growth	
19	17	<b>12</b> (lesion undetectable)	1	4	
(total number of targets selected across the two independent readers)	17	5 (>20% mass reduction)	(<20% reduction & <10% increase)	(>10% mass increase)	

- Independent radiological evaluation of all patient images from Cohort III and IV
- 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."



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Jain et al 2012 – JCO 30:2684-90 (analysis of 24 phase I studies)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Valle et al 2010 – NEJM 362:1273-81 (landmark publication for cis-gem treatment in bile duct cancer)

#### fima CHEM

### BILE DUCT CANCER

► The opportunity

### High unmet medical need

- Overall survival of inoperable disease is ~12 months
- Five year survival of inoperable disease is close to 0%
- Tumour response may be more critical than for other cancers
  - tumours tend to block the bile duct
  - biliary drainage is key for patient treatment and survival

### **Promising early signs of efficacy**

- Strikingly high (4/7) durable tumour response rate (CR+PR)
- Two CR among seven evaluable pts in highest dose cohorts
- RECIST evaluation confirmed by independent experts
- Good overall safety and tolerability

**fima CHEM** for bile duct cancer

#### **Well-defined market**

- First-line treatment in a rare disease with limited pipeline
- Approx 3,000 pts in US + Europe eligible for treatment
- Potential upside: metastatic disease & Asia (high incidence)
- Orphan Designation (OD) in EU; US in planning
  - provides development & commercialisation benefits
  - OD drugs have higher probability of success and price

### Proven technology with excellent fit

- First-in-man Phase I study published in Lancet Oncology
- Easy light access through standard endoscopic procedure
- Significantly enhancing the active standard-of-care drug
  - boosting effect where most needed inside the bile duct
  - potential for local re-treatment





### BILE DUCT CANCER

### Status and strategy going forward

#### Phase I completed with good tolerability and very promising early signs of efficacy

- No serious unexpected safety findings and no apparent increase in adverse reactions with increasing doses
- Very promising early signs of efficacy significant tumour shrinkage observed radiologically
- Results verified at central evaluation by study-independent external radiological experts in RECIST

#### Orphan designation

- Granted Orphan Drug Designation in EU
- Open IND in US Orphan Drug application in process

#### Regulatory interactions with EU and US authorities, to determine fastest way to market

- Promising signs of efficacy in a life threatening orphan indication without approved treatment alternatives
- May allow for marketing authorisation based on restricted data, e.g. a pivotal phase II study



### 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

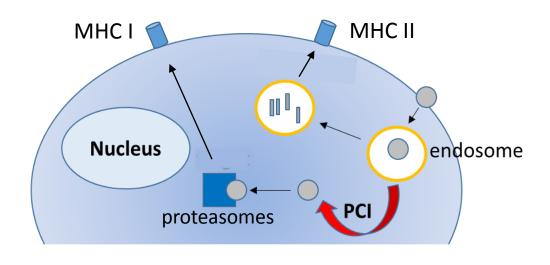
<sup>\*\*</sup> Clinicaltrials.gov. Therapeutic cancer vaccines, PCIB analysis, August 2016

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

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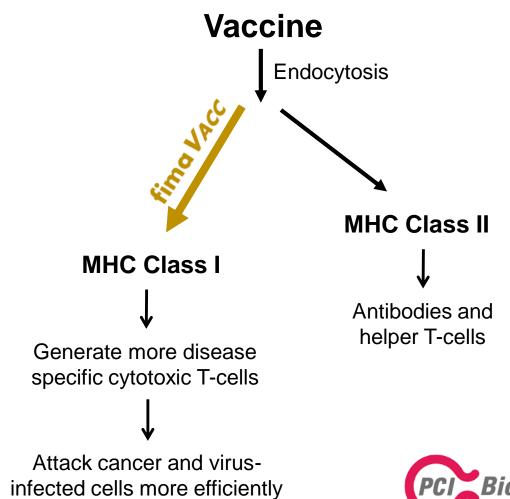
► fima VACC – mode of action

### **Dendritic cell**



vaccine antigen

Attack cancer and virus-



# 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
  - prophylactic & therapeutic vaccination
- Safety of fimaporfin confirmed in Phase I studies
- Excellent stability
  - stable at room temperature
  - stable in solution
  - can be autoclaved
- Cost effective synthesis



# fima Vacc Strongly Enhances Vaccination Effects

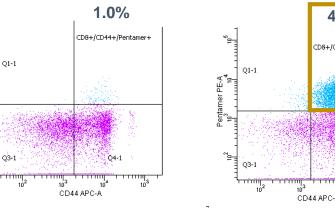
Impressive effects with clinically relevant HPV therapeutic vaccine in mice

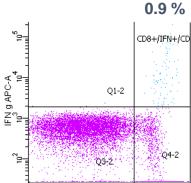
Amount of activated antigenspecific CD8 Tcells in blood

Amount of

activated antigenspecific CD8 Tcells in spleen

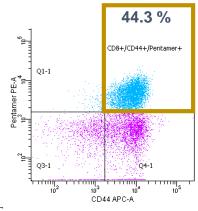
#### Vaccination without fima VACC

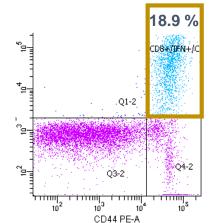




CD44 PE-A

#### Vaccination with fima VACC





#### 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



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Untreated

HBV

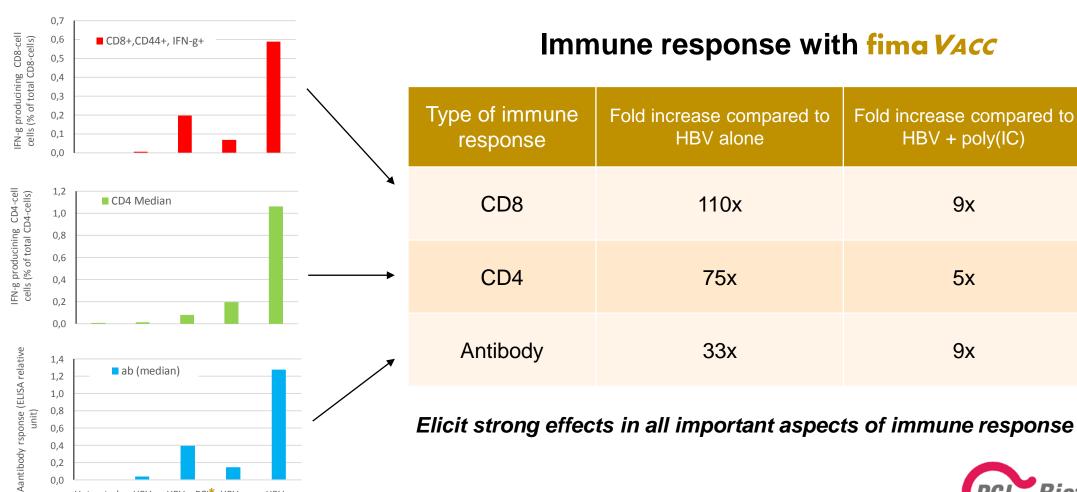
HBV + PCI\*

Poly(IC)

+PCI\*

# **HBV SURFACE ANTIGEN**

▶ fima VACC enhances both CD8, CD4, and antibody responses



Elicit strong effects in all important aspects of immune response

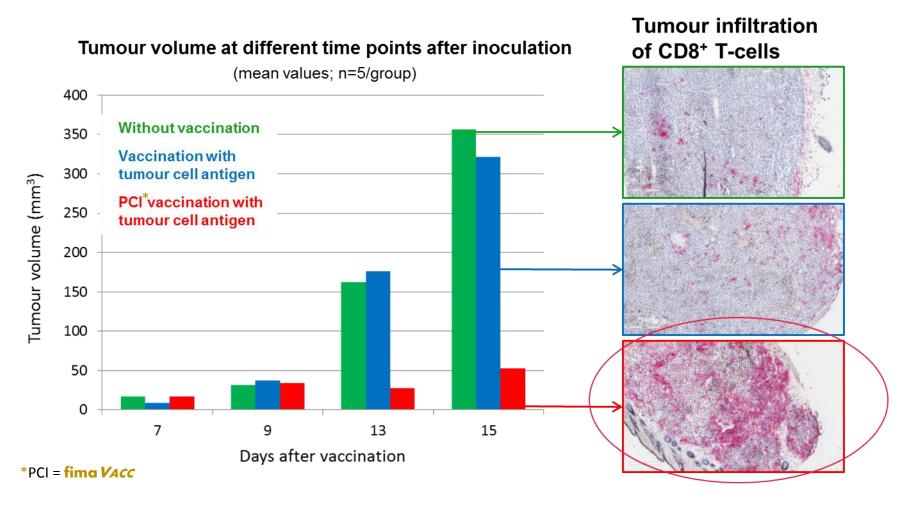




# THERAPEUTIC VACCINATION IN TUMOUR MODEL

▶ fima VACC induces cytotoxic T-cells that infiltrate tumours

Therapeutic fima VACC vaccination with OVA in animal tumour model (B16-OVA melanoma/OT-1)





### THE fima Vacc OPPORTUNITY

Clinical validation targeting a huge market with limited investments

An Open-Label Phase I/Proof of Principle, Dose escalation Study to Assess Safety, Tolerability and Immune Response of Fimaporfin-induced Photochemical Internalisation (PCI) of Antigen/Adjuvant in Healthy Subjects

- Improving immunogenicity of vaccines is a main priority in the immunotherapy industry
- ► Potential for quick clinical validation of concept with substantial upside at limited cost
  - Open-label, antigen-adjuvant controlled study in up to 80 subjects
  - Initiated 3Q 2016 and expected completion 1H 2017
  - Dose escalation of light and fimaporfin, and investigating optimal timing of light application
  - Main objective is to determine safety, tolerability and vaccine induced immune responses
- ► Establishing fima Vacc as a clinical asset is a major milestone towards commercialisation





# **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

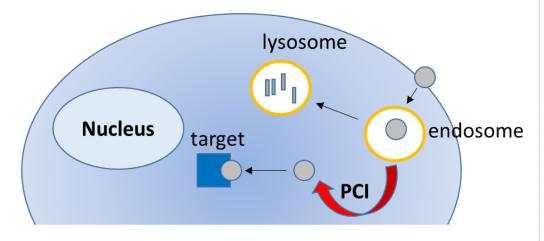




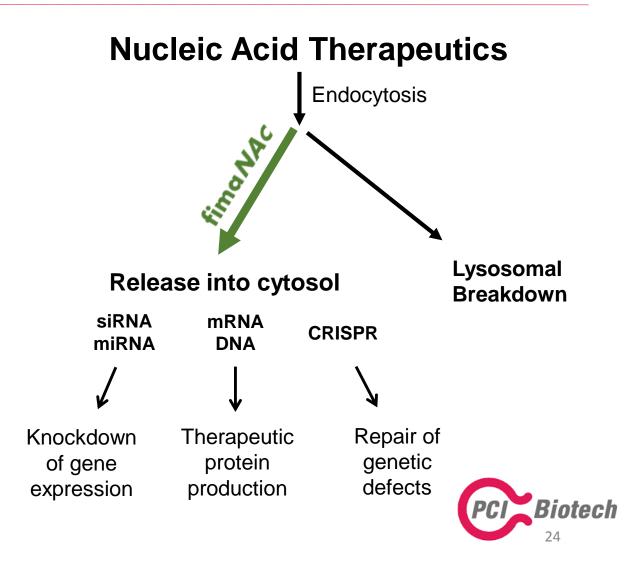
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► fimaNAc – mode of action

### Target cell



nucleic acid therapeutic

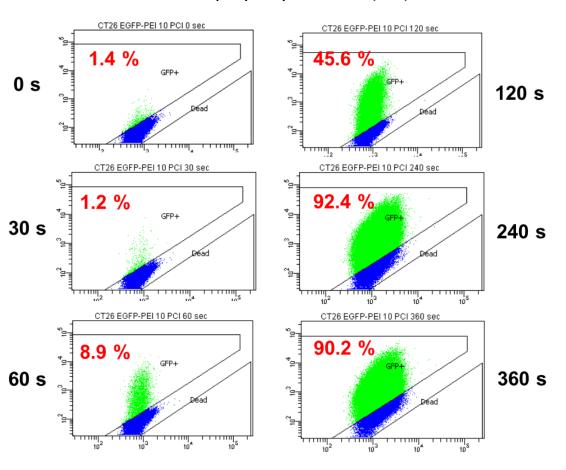


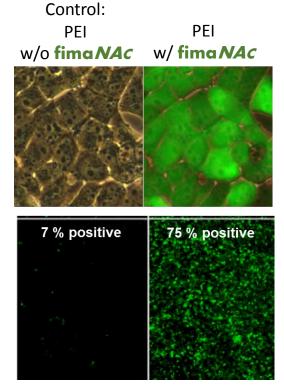


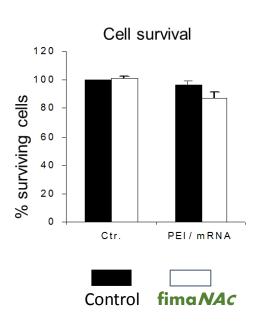
### ENHANCING MRNA DELIVERY

► Strongly increased GFP synthesis with increasing light doses

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











# VERSATILITY OF fima NAC

- Delivery of many types of nucleic acid with many different vehicles in vitro
- Main bottleneck in the field is delivery
- ► fimaNAc can deliver many types nucleic acids
- ► Enhancement by **fima** *NAc* is best under conditions favourable for vehicle safety
  - Low ratio of vehicle to nucleic acid
  - Low concentration of vehicle/nucleic acid complex
- Especially advantageous in vivo
  - Difficult to achieve a high concentration of vehicle/nucleic acid complex in target cells
  - Toxicity may limit the amount of vehicle used

#### Nucleic acids successfully delivered by fimaNAc

Type of nucleic acid	Delivery vehicle
Plasmids	PEI, cationic peptides, cationic lipids, polylysine ++ Targeting to EGF-R, transferrin-R
siRNA	PEI, cationic peptides, dendrimers, lipofectamine, DOTAP, nanogels, chitosan ++
PNA (peptide nucleic acids)	None, cationic amino acids attached
mRNA	PEI, Protamine
Adenoviral vectors	None, cationic polymers
AAV vector	None



### RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

► Four active collaborations within nucleic acid therapeutics

#### fima NAC

#### **RXi Pharmaceuticals**



- Initiated 2Q 2015
- · Listed on Nasdaq
- Innovative therapeutic siRNA
- Clinical programmes 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

#### **eTheRNA**



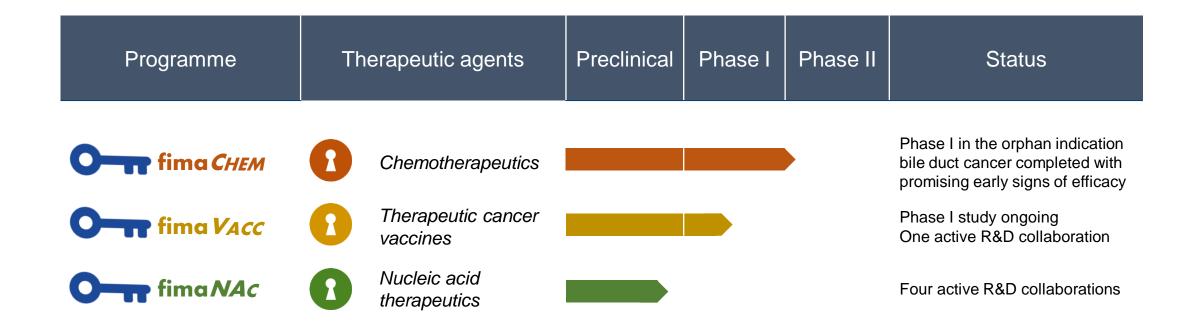
- Initiated 4Q 2016
- Belgian immunotherapy company
- Proprietary TriMix platform programming dendritic cells with synthetic mRNA
- Clinical programmes in melanoma and triple negative breast cancer

Research collaborations aim to evaluate synergies between the fima platform and partner technologies, with the potential for further partnerships



### DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE

Unlocking the true potential of innovative medicines



An oncology focused company with three well differentiated assets

# CURRENT STATUS AND STRATEGY

► Strategic priorities for the three programmes

Programme	Strategy	
fima <i>CHEM</i>	<ul> <li>Regulatory interactions with EU and US authorities on requirements for market approval (1H 2017)</li> <li>Results have furnished increased external interest, which will be assessed in relation to various financing and partnering alternatives</li> </ul>	Seek regulatory clarity and assess development alternatives
fima VACC	<ul> <li>Expedite clinical validation with potential to significantly increase asset value (1H 2017)</li> <li>Continued focus on partnering and explore internal product development</li> </ul>	Establish clinical asset
fima <i>NAc</i>	Establish further research collaborations and convert to licensing deals	Pursue out-licensing opportunities

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