# **PCI BIOTECH**

Unlocking the potential of innovative medicines

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### PCI BIOTECH AT A GLANCE

- Unlocking the potential of innovative medicines
- ► A listed (PCIB:NO) cancer-focused biotech company with three well differentiated assets
- Photochemical internalisation ("PCI") platform technology
- ▶ Mrkt Cap of approx. €100 mill, with €30 mill in cash per Q2 2019





Enabling drugs to reach intracellular therapeutic targets

#### Mode of action



- Small molecules (chemotherapeutics fima CHEM)
- Antigens (peptides/proteins fima VACC)
- ► Nucleic acids (mRNA, RNAi fima NAc)



Broad application

#### 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

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VACCINES

fima VAC



NUCLEIC ACI

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ARGET

therapeutics



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#### fima CHEM

# FIRST-IN-MAN STUDY PUBLISHED IN LANCET ONCOLOGY<sup>1</sup>

Photochemical internalisation for solid malignancies

With independent expert commentary<sup>2</sup>

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Disulfonated tetraphenyl chlorin (TPCS\_)-induced

photochemical internalisation of bleomycin in patients with solid malignancies: a phase 1, dose-escalation, first-in-m

> "The results of this phase 1, first-in-man, dose-escalation trial... ... are encouraging. Overall, the results ... suggest that photochemical internalisation might have a role in the treatment of early lesions and palliation of advanced disease... These findings provide the basis for further studies."



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### 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%<sup>1</sup>)
  - Perihilar tumours (60-70%<sup>1</sup>)
  - Distal tumours (20-30%<sup>1</sup>)
  - Different incidence, pathobiology and management





#### fima CHEM

### BILE DUCT CANCER – EXTRAHEPATIC INOPERABLE

Excellent fit between medical need and fimaCHEM

Enhancing the active and recommended chemotherapy

Easy illumination through standard endoscopic methods

Boosting chemotherapy effect where it is most needed

- Orphan indication
- Average survival inoperable: 11-12 months<sup>1</sup>
- Current management
  - Surgery
    - Only potentially curative treatment
    - Less than  $\frac{1}{3}$  are resectable at presentation
  - Stenting
    - Endoscopic stenting for palliative biliary drainage
  - Chemotherapy
    - No approved chemotherapy
    - Recommended: gemcitabine and cisplatin



# BILE DUCT CANCER – PHASE I RESULTS

- Best Overall Response patients with measurable disease in all cohorts
- Dominated by significant target tumour reduction in the first 6 months
- >20% reduction in tumor size was observed in 17 out of 19 target lesions in cohorts III and IV at 6 months, of these,12 lesions became undetectable (independent centralised read)
- Positive early signs of efficacy mOS a of 21.7 months at selected dose in Cohort IV (n=6), with half of the patients surviving >30 months



#### Best Overall Response first 6 months after treatment

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# BILE DUCT CANCER – RELEASE STUDY DESIGN

Randomised study with interim analysis for potential accelerated/conditional approval

Orphan designation granted in both the US and EU

Fastest way to market determined through regulatory interactions with authorities

- 1<sup>st</sup> line treatment of patients with inoperable extrahepatic bile duct cancer
- Approx. 40 key hospitals (Europe & USA)

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- Formal interim analysis of PFS after Interim analysis primary endpoints: PFS approximately 60 progression events
- Approx. 36 months to interim and 50 to final analysis from initiation

- Randomisation (1:1) of 186 patients
- Primary endpoint: PFS<sup>a</sup>, with OS<sup>b</sup> as key secondary
- followed by ORR<sup>c</sup>
- Regular IDMC<sup>d</sup> review, but no formal futility stop

#### First patient included in Europe May 2019

Prevalence of bile duct cancer is higher in Asia – planned expansion to Asian sites



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# fima VACC TECHNOLOGY – STRONG POTENTIAL

- Opportunity to play a key role in second generation immunotherapy
- Unique mode of action for CD8 T-cell induction
  - CD8 induction by MHC class I antigen presentation in dendritic cells and macrophages
- Broad applicability
  - Peptide and protein antigens prophylactic & therapeutic vaccination
- Excellent stability of fimaporfin
  - Stable at room temperature in solution and can be autoclaved
- Strong preclinical data set
  - Clear understanding of mode of action for CD8 induction
- Completed Phase I clinical study with more than 90 subjects enrolled
  - Safety of intradermal administration established across a wide range of doses
  - Successful clinical proof of concept with enhanced immune responses



Enhancing cellular immune responses important for therapeutic effect



# STRONGLY ENHANCES VACCINATION EFFECTS

Impressive effects with clinically relevant HPV therapeutic vaccine in mice



#### Cytotoxic (CD8) T-cells

- Most important immune cells to fight tumours
- Difficult to induce with vaccination
- fime 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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### SUCCESSFUL CLINICAL PROOF OF CONCEPT

Phase I study in healthy volunteers – vaccination with HPV E7 long peptides

#### Compared to control (Hiltonol) fima VACC induces:

- Substantial increase in number of T-cell responders to HPV E7 peptides
- Clearly enhanced overall T-cell responses
- More robust CD8 T-cell responses (notoriously difficult to induce with E7)
- Increased functionality of the induced CD8 T-cells







### OVERALL T-CELL RESPONSES – HPV E7 PEPTIDES

Substantial increase in the percentage of subjects responding to vaccination



**fima VACC** induces more overall T-cell (CD4 + CD8) responders than the control with a state of the art adjuvant technology (Hiltonol), after completion of the HPV E7 vaccination schedule



### SOLID PROGRESS OF THE **fima VACC** PROGRAMME

Successful clinical proof of concept

The Phase I study provides successful clinical proof of concept for fima VACC

- Proof of concept and efficacy in terms of intradermal dosing in humans
- A positive overall characterisation of tolerability, with efficacy seen across a wide tolerable dose span
- Strategy for fima VACC is two-pronged; utilising the Phase I results in direct partnering efforts and plan for clinical proof-of-concept in a disease setting



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### VERSATILITY OF fimaNAc

Delivery of many types of nucleic acid with many different vehicles in vitro

#### Main bottleneck in the field is delivery

- ► fima NAc can deliver many types nucleic acids
- Enhancement by fime 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

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	None, PEI, Protamine
Adenoviral vectors	None, cationic polymers
AAV vector	None

#### Nucleic acids successfully delivered by fima NAc

Pursuing collaboration and partnering opportunities with major players at minimal internal resources



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### ENHANCING MRNA DELIVERY

Strongly increased GFP synthesis with increasing light doses

fima NAc with polyethylenimine (PEI) vehicle





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### ENHANCING MRNA DELIVERY

- Strongly enhances delivery of mRNA in vivo
- Luciferase mRNA injected intradermally
- ► 2 control sites (mRNA alone) and 2 test sites (mRNA + fimaporfin)
- All sites illuminated simultaneously
- ► Animals injected with luciferin 24 hours after illumination.







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### RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

Six collaborations established with key players in nucleic acid therapeutics





### GOOD PROGRESS AND EXCITING OUTLOOKS





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