



# H1 FY2020 Financial Results & Strategy Update

Six-month period ended June 30, 2020

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## H1 2020 Financial Results Commentary

Six-month period ended June 30, 2020



**COVID-19 pandemic forced us to adapt quickly to ensure business continuity**. R&D facility operational throughout entire UK lockdown to support our partners, with high levels of scientific productivity maintained. **New discovery collaboration executed with AbbVie to drive growth.** 



**Revenue of JPY2,516m (USD23.2m) declined 49%** primarily due to lack of upfront fees and milestone income. Prior corresponding period benefitted from a USD15m milestone from the AZD4635 Ph II start. **Royalty Revenue from Novartis increased. Other Revenues stable. New Partnerships are expected to be announced in H2 2020.** 



**Cash Loss of JPY181m (USD1.7m)** was small and **Net Loss of JPY2,117m (USD19.6m)** was due to lower revenues and a "paper" tax charge of JPY847m (USD7.8m) that is a result of IFRS accounting methodology. **Year To Date tax charge expected to reverse and generate a tax credit at year end.** 

Note: <sup>1</sup> USD:JPY FX rates used – 108.253 (H1 2020) and 110.064 (H1 2019)



### H1 2020 Financial Results Commentary (continued) Six-month period ended 30 June 2020



**Stable cash balance maintained despite accounting loss. June cash balance totalled JPY15,362m (USD142.6m)**. Unique and diversified business model focused around partnered and in-house drug discovery and early development resulted in a sustainable profile.



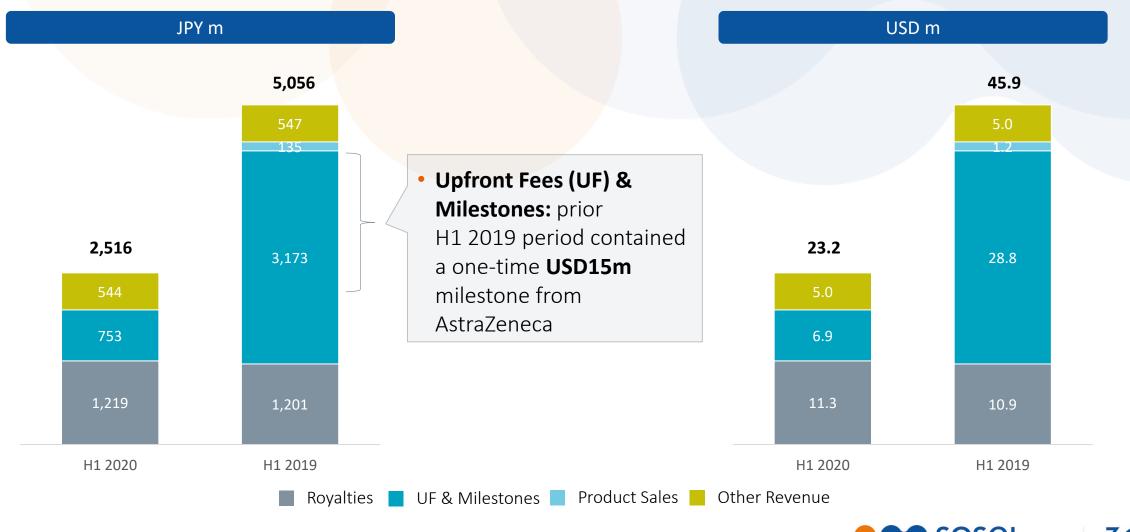
Launched successful international capital raising (issuance of new shares and convertible bonds), Japan's largest biotech financing during COVID-19, to support aggressive strategic growth agenda. Net proceeds of JPY20.9b (USD194m) received after the period close will enable us to accelerate longterm revenue growth via acquisition and expand and future-proof drug discovery.

Despite uncertain times, we are well financed and positioned to execute on our growth plan

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# H1 2020 revenue decline driven by low upfront fee and milestones, with the prior period benefitting from a USD15m milestone





# Costs carefully managed – 'technical' Q2 tax charge accentuates net loss

	JPY	m	USD m		
	6m ended 30 Jun 2020 <sup>12</sup>	6m ended 30 Jun 2019 <sup>12</sup>	6m ended 30 Jun 2020 <sup>12</sup>	6m ended 30 Jun 2019 <sup>12</sup>	
Revenue	2,516	5 <i>,</i> 056	23.2	45.9	
Cash Cost of Sales	(304)	(375)	(2.8)	(3.4)	
Cash R&D	(1,500)	(1,862)	(13.9)	(16.9)	
Cash G&A	(925)	(1,239)	(8.5)	(11.3)	
Other Cash Income	32	16	0.3	0.2	
Cash Loss	(181)	1,596	(1.7)	14.5	
Non-Cash Costs	(955)	(865)	(8.8)	(7.9)	
Financing Costs	46	(385)	0.4	(3.5)	
Equity Accounted Investments	(180)	(54)	(1.7)	(0.5)	
Tax Expense	(847)	103	(7.8)	1.0	
Net Loss	(2,117)	395	(19.6)	3.6	

#### Note: <sup>1</sup> USD:JPY FX rates used – 108.253 (FY2020) and 110.064 (FY2019); <sup>2</sup> Unaudited management reporting values

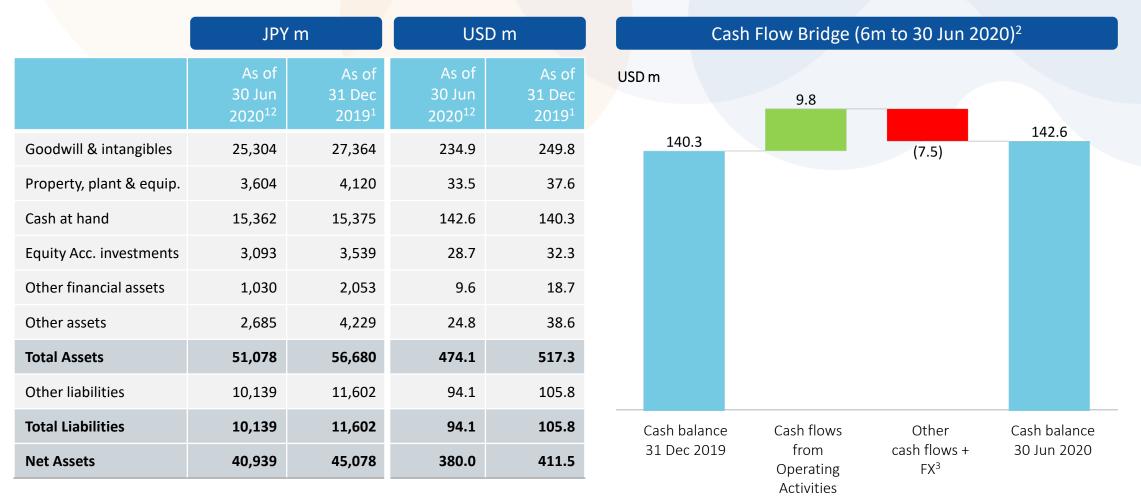
#### Commentary

- **Cash R&D:** declined due to successful recovery of excess charges from former supplier, plus general COVID-19 related delays to pipeline programs resulted in deferral of planned expenditure
- **Cash G&A:** reduction mainly due to UK National Insurance contribution credit related to share price movement
- **Tax charge:** calculated in accordance with IFRS Effective Tax Rate methodology (IAS12/IAS34) – counterintuitive result given P&L loss, expected to reverse and generate a tax credit at year end



# Diversified biotech business model generated significant cash inflows from operating activities

#### **Consolidated Balance Sheet**



Note: <sup>1</sup> USD: JPY FX rates used – 107.74 (FY2020) and 109.55 (FY2019) <sup>2</sup> Unaudited man gement reporting values <sup>3</sup> Includes cash flows from investing and financing activities



### Unchanged FY2020 Financial Guidance (12m to 31-Dec-20)

#### Cash R&D expenses

#### JPY 4,200 to 4,700m

Guidance (FY2020)

- Increase number of programs fully funded by partners
- Extract savings from enhanced procurement practices
- ✓ 15+ new hires to be made to support growth in pipeline

#### Cash G&A expenses

#### JPY 1,800 to 2,300m

- New ERP\* project has commenced with Oracle Netsuite selected
- Drive Group-wide efficiencies and enhance controls
- Replace legacy IT systems and focus on digital transformation

#### **Investing for the future** whilst maintaining a focus on costs and extracting efficiencies



Note: \* Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)

## Successful International Offering raised net proceeds of JPY 20.9bn

Long-term growth capital to fast track our corporate ambition



**Largest biotech-focused capital raise** out of Japan during COVID-19 pandemic

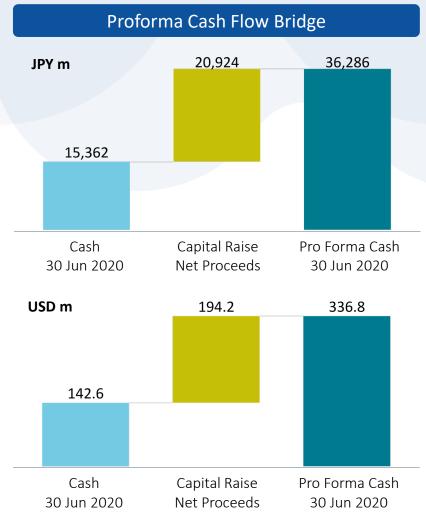


Despite uncertain global economic outlook, **strong levels of investor support** enabled successful transaction

Significantly **improved level of financial flexibility** and enhances our strategic options



Funds will be deployed, with a focus on accelerating long-term revenue growth through M&A and futureproofing and expanding our drug discovery platform





## H1 FY2020 Operational Highlights Shinichi Tamura, Chairman and CEO

## Summary Operational Highlights

Six-month period ended June 30, 2020



New **Discovery Collabo**ration and Option to License Agreement with AbbVie discover, develop and commercialize novel small molecules targeting inflammatory and autoimmune diseases



**Enerzair® Breezhaler®** (QVM149) was **approved** in Japan and recommended for approval in the European Union (subsequently approved in July-20) for treating uncontrolled asthma



Significant scientific progress with orexin agonist program in conjunction with spin-off companies Orexia and Inexia, triggering the next tranche of funding from Medicxi

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## Summary Operational Highlights (continued)

Six-month period ended June 30, 2020



Initiated **COVID-19 R&D Program** to identify novel compounds that block the activity of the SARS-CoV-2 MPro protease and future variants, a protein essential for the viral life cycle

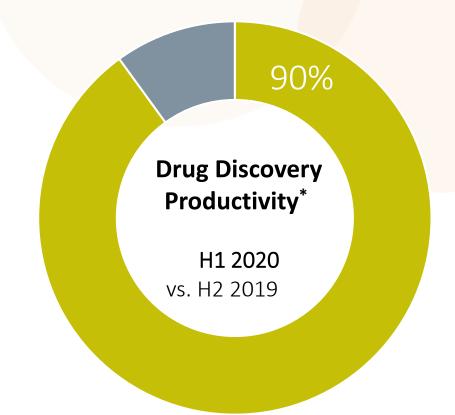


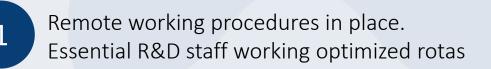
Search underway for **potentially transformative acquisitions**, as well as **investments in novel and complementary technologies** as a result of a successful **US\$194m capital raise** 

Excellent progress seen across our business and pipeline development despite operating in an unprecedented and uncertain COVID-19 environment



Swift action kept our R&D facility open and operational throughout lockdown, maintaining high levels of drug discovery productivity







Social distancing and enhanced hygiene measures enacted at all offices



Operations focused on business-critical work and prioritizing key partners/collaborations



Business and corporate development transactions all executed virtually

#### No closure or shutdown of core UK R&D facility throughout lockdown

Note \*: Based on the average of a collection of internal measures of productivity in platform, chemistry and pharmacology



Weekly SARS-CoV-2 testing in place for essential employees at UK facility



### On track to meet FY2020 goals outlined in February





Maintain technology and platform leadership in our chosen field

Solved several

(incl. Orexia

breakthrough)

important GPCR

molecular structures



Enter new high value drug discovery and development partnerships with pharma /biotech

**Executed New** 

Development

AbbVie

Global Discovery and

Collaboration with

Achieve important milestones on existing partnered programs

**Enerzair**®

Breezhaler<sup>®</sup>

approved in Japan

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Seed multiple new in-house drug candidates in strategic areas for future high value partnering H4, EP4, and GPR35 candidate

nominations

completed and will advance forward

**Advance** selected inhouse programs in early-stage clinical studies for higher value partnering

Create new long-term asset-centric companies backed by venture capital

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# **Strategy update** Shinichi Tamura, Chairman and CEO

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Organic growth plan focused on building a broad pipeline to fuel multiple high value partnerships and co-owned investments

## **ORGANIC** GROWTH PLAN





Extend technology / SBDD platform leadership



Generate novel candidates, with the aim of 2 new preclinical candidate nominations per year



Advance broad drug discovery and early development pipeline to fuel value creation

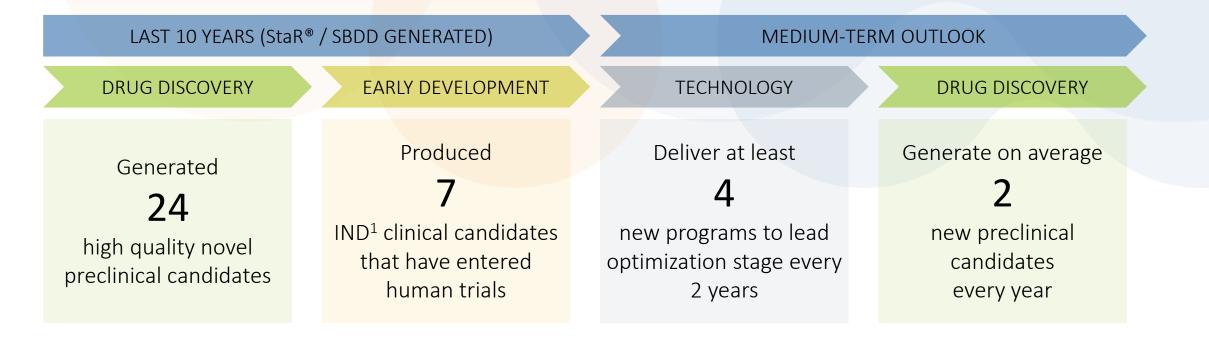


Execute multiple high value partnerships & coowned investments, targeting 2-3 deals per year

Funded from existing cash flows



Productive StaR<sup>®</sup>/SBDD drug discovery engine continues to generate multiple high quality candidates for the pipeline

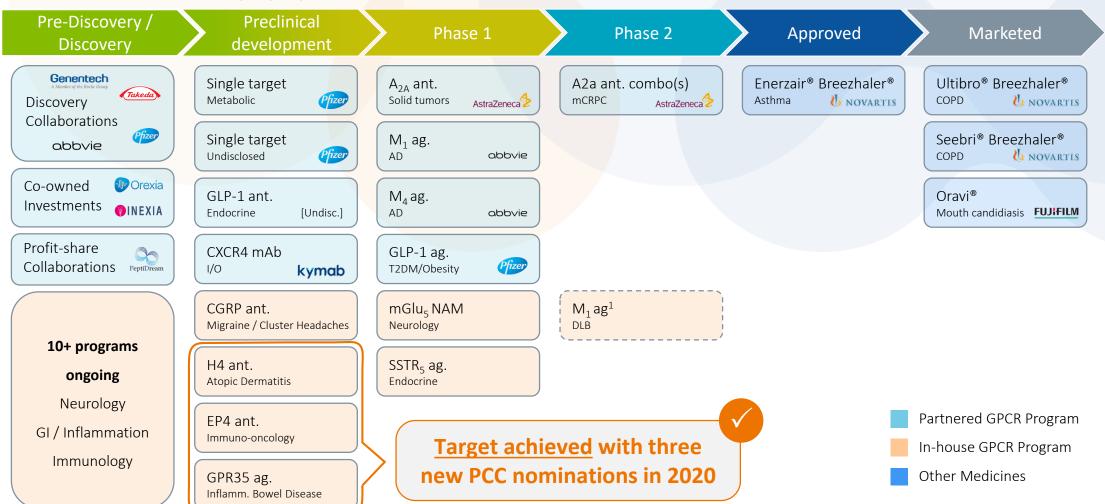


Focus on first-in-class targets across immunology, neurology and gastroenterology, with validated translational biology. Further emphasis on small molecule chemistry with efficient synthesis.



Note: <sup>1</sup> IND = Investigational New Drug

### Broad and deep pipeline will continue to fuel future value creation



Our platform has produced in total over 20 pre-discovery and discovery programs, 13 programs in preclinical studies, and multiple programs advancing through clinical development

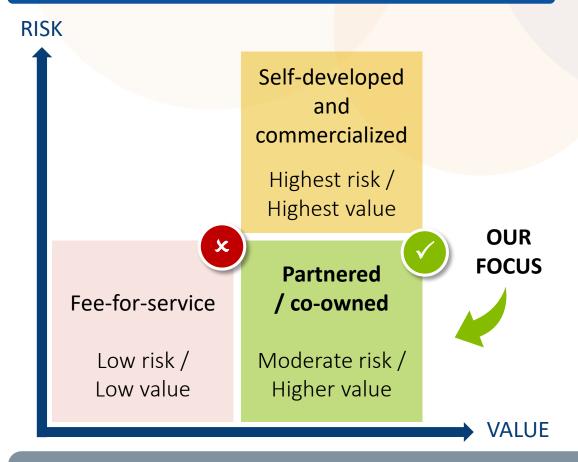
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# Executing high value partnerships and co-owned investments are core to our balanced strategy



Approaches to drug discovery and development



Strategic focus on generating programs
that will attract large partnership
opportunities with global pharma and
biotech or venture funds



Primary goal is for us to achieve outlicensing economics of \$500m+ per partnered target / program



Alternatively, we will seed novel candidates into co-owned asset-centric vehicles with long-term value upside

Targeting 2-3 new high value partnerships and co-owned investments every year



Newly announced deal with AbbVie **consistent with strategy** to execute high value partnerships and co-owned investments





Initial focus on novel small molecules targeting autoimmune and inflammatory diseases



Sosei Heptares to apply its StaR<sup>®</sup>/SBDD capabilities and take candidates through to end of **IND-enabling studies** 



AbbVie may then exercise its **exclusive license options** and assume global development and commercialisation responsibilities

Sosei Heptares to receive up to **US\$32 million** in upfront and near-term payments, plus **US\$377 million** in fees and milestones, plus royalties

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AbbVie has the option to expand and select up to 3 additional targets

"Combining AbbVie's more than two decades of expertise in Immunology with researchers developing cutting-edge technologies..."

abbvie



# New deal with AbbVie the latest of three major deals in the past 12 months



Partner	Program	Upfront / Near Term Payments	Potential Total Deal Value <sup>1</sup>	Additional Details
abbvie	2020 Discovery Collaboration and Option to License <sup>2</sup>	\$32m	\$400m+	Inflammatory and autoimmune diseases
Takeda	2019 Multi-target Collaboration	\$26m	\$1.2bn+	Initial focus on GI disorders
<b>Genentech</b> A Member of the Roche Group	2019 Multi-target Collaboration	\$26m	\$1.0bn+	Exclusive global rights to novel agents
abbvie <sup>3</sup>	2016 Alzheimer's Disease Collaboration	\$125m	\$3.2bn+	\$55m R&D funding committed to date
Pfizer	2015 Multi-target Collaboration	Nil	\$1.8bn+	Directed at up to 10 GPCR targets
AstraZeneca	2015 Immuno- oncology Collaboration	\$10m	\$500m+	Exclusive global rights to AZD4635, an A <sub>2A</sub> R antagonist

<sup>1</sup> Potential option fees, development, regulatory and commercial milestone payments, plus royalties on global commercial sales; <sup>2</sup> AbbVie has the option to expand the collaboration by an additional three targets; <sup>3</sup> Collaboration originally signed with Allergan plc in 2016. Allergan plc was acquired by AbbVie Inc. in May 2020.



Strategic growth plan focused on acquiring a revenue generating asset, and investing in technologies at the forefront of science

## **STRATEGIC** GROWTH PLAN





Seek out a transformative revenue-generating acquisition



**Future-proof drug discovery platform** by investing in novel technologies



**Expand beyond GPCRs** into new drug target classes



In-licensing late-stage assets for Japan

Funded from recent capital raising



# We are searching for a transformative revenue-generating acquisition

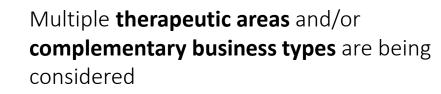


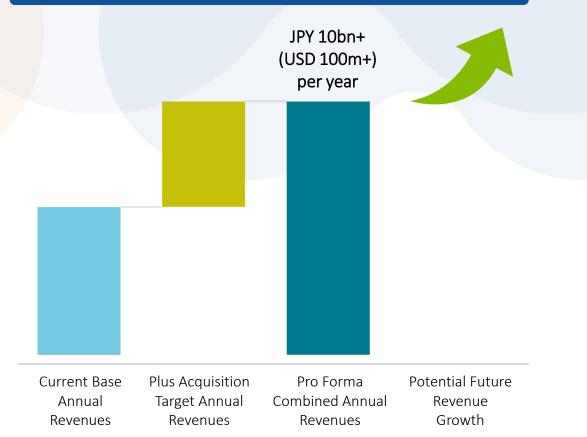


#### Acquisition search has commenced for revenue-generating companies, products or assets



Core target criteria includes minimum revenue generation of **at least JPY 5bn (USD 50m) per year and growing** 



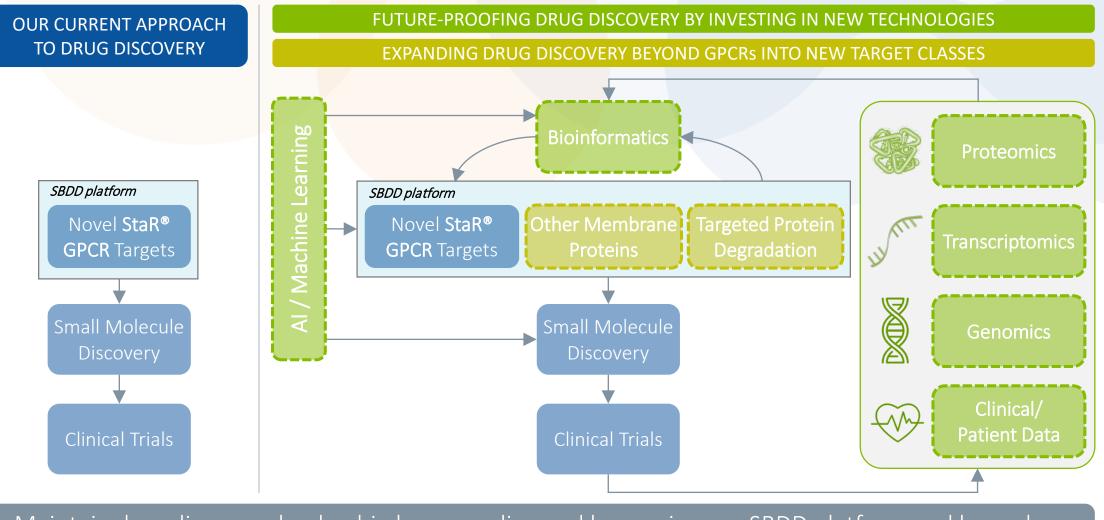


Illustrative Example – Pro Forma Revenue Impact

Aim is to create a global business with combined annual revenues of over JPY 10bn or USD 100m



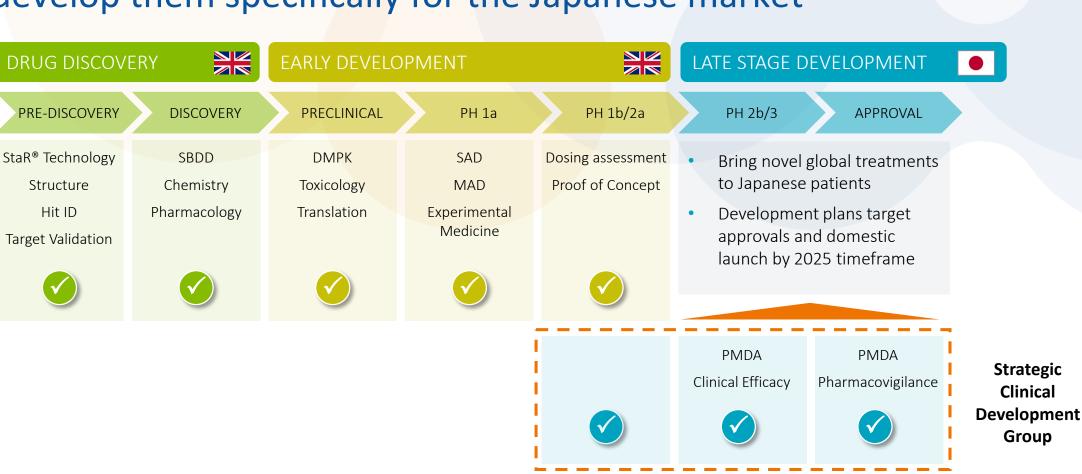
# We plan to future-proof our drug discovery platform, and also expand into new drug target classes



Maintain drug discovery leadership by expanding and leveraging our SBDD platform and know-how



# We plan to in-license late-stage assets from global pharma and develop them specifically for the Japanese market



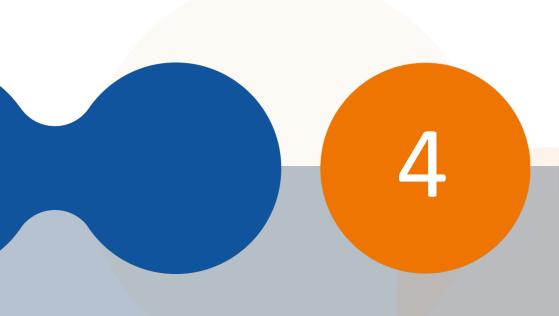
Leveraging our clinical development group in Japan to bring novel US/EU treatments to Japanese patients with high unmet medical need



### Strongly enabled to fast-track our corporate ambitions







# Appendix

### Proforma Unaudited Balance Sheet (As of 30-Jun-20)

Adjusted for net proceeds (USD194m) of Int'l Offering of new shares and convertible bonds

	JPY mill	lion	USD million	
	As of 30 Jun 2020	As of 31 Dec 2019	As of 30 Jun 2020	As of 31 Dec 2019
Goodwill & intangibles	25,304	27,364	234.9	249.8
Property, plant & equip.	3,604	4,120	33.5	37.6
Cash at hand	36,285	15,375	336.8	140.3
Equity Acc. investments	3,093	3,539	28.7	32.3
Other financial assets	1,030	2,053	9.6	18.7
Other assets	2,685	4,229	24.9	38.6
Total Assets	72,001	56,680	668.4	517.3
Bank loans	-	-	-	-
Convertible Debt	15,047	-	139.7	-
Other liabilities	10,139	11,602	94.1	105.8
Total Liabilities	25,186	11,602	233.8	105.8
Net Assets	46,815	45,078	434.6	411.5

Note: USD: JPY FX rates used - 107.74 (FY2020) and 109.55 (FY2019)



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