



StaR® / SBDD precision-designed selective muscarinic  $M_4$ ,  $M_1$  and dual  $M_1/M_4$  agonists

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### **Executive summary**

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Sosei Heptares regains worldwide rights to muscarinic agonist programs

- Decision a result of AbbVie's pipeline strategy, not based on any efficacy, safety or other data
- Sosei Heptares receives all programs under development, together with the associated IP and preclinical and clinical data generated from the partnership with Allergan
  - Includes a pipeline of next-generation selective muscarinic agonists with newly developed chemistry (benefitting from insights from clinical trials and our precision SBDD technologies)

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Executing our own review and will start activities to re-partner selected programs immediately

- Plan is to focus on rapidly developing these programs towards inflection points in order to re-partner them in the near term in-line with our strategy to execute 2 to 3 high value deals every year
- Strong track record of executing new business development deals from regained assets (A2a from Shire to AstraZeneca, CGRP from Teva to Biohaven)



# Executive summary (cont'd)

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Muscarinic programs highly attractive – selective  $M_4$  agonist and selective  $M_1$  agonist safe and well tolerated at active doses in Phase 1 studies

- Muscarinic M<sub>4</sub> and M<sub>1</sub> receptors are validated targets for the treatment of psychosis and cognition
- M<sub>4</sub> has completed (HTL'878) Phase 1a studies and was found to be safe and well tolerated in younger and older subjects, with the potential to be a first-in-class opportunity to revolutionize treatment options for SZ, AD and other neurological diseases
  - Prior to out-licensing to Allergan in 2016, SZ was Heptares' preferred lead indication and tractable clinical pathway for HTL'878, and we will now once again focus on this strategy
- $M_1$  has completed (HTL'318) Phase 1b studies in patients, is safe and well tolerated in humans, and demonstrated evidence of target engagement and effects on cognition in AD patients
  - We will now take full control of toxicology studies which will be concluded in early 2021
  - A next-generation selective  $M_1$  agonist with new chemistry is progressing to preclinical studies



# Sosei Heptares regains worldwide rights to muscarinic agonist programs

Decision is based on AbbVie's pipeline strategy, not as a result of safety or efficacy data

Decision is based on AbbVie's pipeline strategy

Muscarinic programs offer potential symptomatic treatment options, as opposed to disease-modifying approaches

Very common for big pharma to re-organize pipelines following a major acquisition

# AbbVie Completes Transformative Acquisition of Allergan NORTH CHICAGO, III., May 8, 2020

- NORTH CHICAGO, III., May 8, 2020
- Creates biopharmaceutical company with leadership positions in key therapeutic areas: Immunology, Hematologic Oncology, Neuroscience, and Allergan Aesthetics
- Robust portfolio of on-market and pipeline assets well-positioned for sustainable long-term growth
- Provides immediate scale and profitability to AbbVie's Growth Platform (ex-Humira)
- Elects Thomas C. Freyman to its Board of Directors

# Assembly Biosciences Regains Worldwide Rights to Microbiome Gastrointestinal Development Programs

-- Process to explore strategic alternatives underway --

June 18, 2020

AbbVie and Allergan Announce Agreements to Divest Brazikumab and Zenpep

Jan 27, 2020

AstraZeneca (NYSE: AZN) will acquire brazikumab

Nestle (Swiss: NESN) will acquire and take full operational ownership of Zenpep

Muscarinic programs regained by Sosei Heptares as a result of AbbVie's pipeline strategy focus



# Sosei Heptares regains worldwide rights to muscarinic agonist programs

Now a greatly advanced and enriched portfolio of selective muscarinic agonists

Sosei Heptares receives all programs under development, together with the associated IP and preclinical and clinical data generated from the partnership with Allergan

Includes a pipeline of next-generation selective muscarinic agonists with newly developed chemistry

StaR® and SBDD precision-design platform has delivered a patent estate of chemically diverse  $M_4$ ,  $M_1$  and  $M_1/M_4$  muscarinic agonist back-ups in preclinical development

Program	Compound	Stage
M <sub>4</sub> agonist	HTL'878	Ph 1
	Undisclosed	Preclinical
M <sub>1</sub> agonist	HTL'318	Ph 1
	HTL'936	Ph 1
	Undisclosed	<b>Candidate Selection</b>
	Undisclosed	Discovery
	Undisclosed	Discovery
M <sub>1</sub> / M <sub>4</sub> dual agonist	Undisclosed	<b>Candidate Selection</b>

We regain a **larger and strengthened IP portfolio** following over \$55m of investment from Allergan, including a pipeline of next-generation selective muscarinic agonists with novel and diverse chemistry

Note: Blue denotes currently in preclinical stage or about to enter preclinical stage



# Back in control and executing our own review and planning

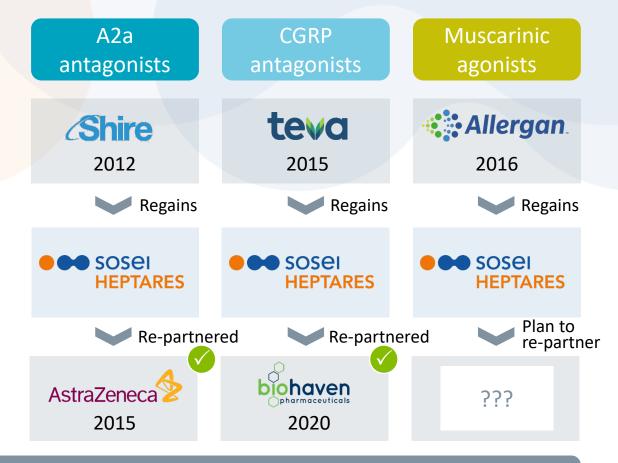
Aiming to advance development of the muscarinic programs for future re-partnering

Expert consultant appointed to support our rapid review of all regained muscarinic preclinical and clinical data

Following the outcome of this review, we will focus on rapidly advancing selected muscarinic programs towards new value inflection points

Aiming to re-partner selected muscarinic programs in the near term in-line with our strategy to execute 2 to 3 high value deals every year

Strong track record of extracting value from regained programs (A2a, CGRP)



Track record of executing new business development deals from regained programs. We will immediately commence discussions with potential future out-licensing partners.



Muscarinic M<sub>4</sub> and M<sub>1</sub> receptors are validated targets for psychosis and cognition

**GLOBAL GDP** 

Muscarinic M<sub>4</sub> and M<sub>1</sub> receptors represent validated targets for the treatment of psychosis and cognition, respectively

Selective orthosteric agonists have been very challenging despite over 25 years of effort by major global pharma

**COST OF DEMENTIA** 

Xanomeline, the M<sub>4</sub>/M<sub>1</sub> preferring agonist, achieved human Proof of Concept in double-blind, placebocontrolled trials in SZ and AD patients

Selective muscarinic receptor agonist xanomeline as a novel treatment approach for schizophrenia

Anantha Shekhar <sup>1</sup>, William Z Potter, Jeffrey Lightfoot, John Lienemann, Sanjay Dubé, Craig Mallinckrodt, Frank P Bymaster, David L McKinzie, Christian C Felder

Effects of xanomeline, a selective muscarinic receptor agonist, on cognitive function and behavioral symptoms in Alzheimer disease

N C Bodick <sup>1</sup>, W W Offen, A I Levey, N R Cutler, S G Gauthier, A Satlin, H E Shannon, G D Tollefson, K Rasmussen, F P Bymaster, D J Hurley, W Z Potter, S M Paul

Muscarinic  $M_4$  and/or  $M_1$  receptor agonists with selectivity over peripheral muscarinic  $M_2$  and  $M_3$  receptor subtypes have the **potential to be transformative treatments** 

Source: World Health Organization

**SOCIETAL COST** 



Karuna Therapeutics and Cerevel Therapeutics are advancing supportive muscarinic stories

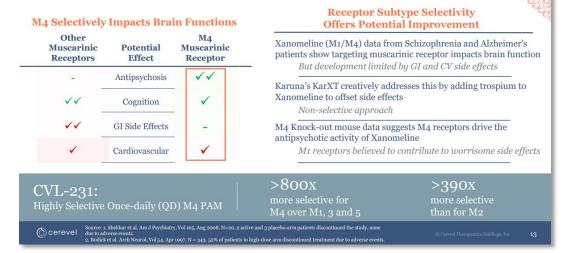


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KarXT  $(M_1/M_4 \text{ agonist}, M_2/M_3 \text{ antagonist})$ KarXT: Proprietary lead product candidate trospium chloride xanomeline **KarXT** (muscarinic antagonist) (muscarinic agonist) Does not meaningfully cross double-blind, placebo-controlled the blood-brain barrier, limiting effects to peripheral tissues xanomeline + trospium chloride Alzheimer's disease No known metabolic overlap Trials enrolled over 800 patients with xanomeline KarXT is designed to including 68 elderly patients for maintain efficacy of xanomeline Generic drug for overactive ≥ 1 year while ameliorating bladder used since the 1960s Exclusively licensed from Eli Lilly its cholinergic adverse events Sources: Bodick et al. 1997; Shekhar et al. 2008 M KARUNA RATIONALE FOR KarXT 10

### CVL-231 (M<sub>4</sub> PAM)

Cerevel's Selective M4 Modulation: A Compelling and Differentiated Approach to Drive Antipsychosis



Karuna Therapeutics' KarXT<sup>1</sup> and Cerevel Therapeutics CVL-231<sup>2</sup> have reawakened investors and the pharma industry to the potential of muscarinic programs for the treatment of psychosis and cognition

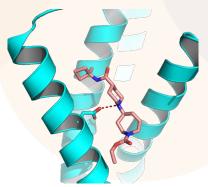
- 1. KarXT is combination of xanomeline (muscarinic M<sub>1</sub>/M<sub>4</sub> preferring agonist) and trospium chloride (muscarinic M<sub>2</sub>/M<sub>3</sub> antagonist). Source: Karuna Therapeutics Company Presentation (December 2020) LINI
- 2. CVL-231 is a selective muscarinic M<sub>4</sub> positive allosteric modulator (PAM). Source: Cerevel Therapeutics Company Presentation (November 2020) LINK

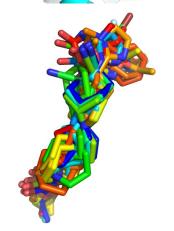


M<sub>4</sub> agonist program a potential next-generation, first-in-class treatment for SZ

Using our proprietary StaR® technology, we have developed crystallography systems for Muscarinic receptors stabilized in agonist forms

Details obtained from structures of a compound series enable tuning of interactions and affinities across receptor sub-types





#### HTL'878

Highly selective M<sub>4</sub> receptor agonist for the treatment of psychosis in schizophrenia and dementias

- Potent orthosteric agonist of the M<sub>4</sub> receptor
- Highly selective vs other muscarinic receptor subtypes
- Highly selective vs other GPCRs and other drug targets
- Excellent CNS penetration and good druglike properties to ensure access to the target (target engagement)

Our StaR® / SBDD precision designed M<sub>4</sub> agonist program is **highly selective for the muscarinic M<sub>4</sub> receptor subtype**, offering a differentiated approach versus the competitors in development



SZ remains a huge unmet medical need

Large market with blockbuster sales profiles...

~20M

SZ patients worldwide

Blockbusters sales profiles despite limited efficacy and severe side effects

\$10BN+ (2020)



Seroquel

\$13BN+ (2026)



...Despite no innovation in 70 years

Current treatments use the same MOA from the 1950s

1<sup>st</sup> Gen

D2 modulating

Atypicals

2<sup>nd</sup> Gen Atypicals Dual D2/5HT modulating

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Huge opportunity for HTL'878

Selective M₄ agonist

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Potential First in Class therapy with a novel MOA

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Improved tolerability



Significant need for new treatment options in SZ

The severe side effect profile of Atypicals continues to drive high relapse rates, disease progression and discontinuation of treatment – **there is a significant need for new treatment options** 

Source: World Health Organization; EvaluatePharma



Both KarXT and CVL-231 are advancing through clinical patient studies for SZ



### KarXT (M<sub>1</sub>/M<sub>4</sub> agonist, M<sub>2</sub>/M<sub>3</sub> antagonist)

KarXT is a promising drug candidate, however GI side effects have been observed

#### Summary of safety and tolerability

Well-tolerated with a discontinuation rate equivalent to placebo

#### Overall completion rate similar between KarXT and placebo (80%)

- The number of discontinuations due to TEAEs was equal in each treatment group (KarXT n=2; placebo n=2)
- All TEAEs were mild or moderate, with the exception of one serious AE: one patient on KarXT discontinued treatment, subsequently sought hospital care for worsening psychosis
- Most common AEs (≥5%) were all mild or moderate in severity and did not lead to any discontinuations
- BP and QTc similar to placebo; 5.5 bpm peak mean placebo-adjusted resting HR increase with downward trend after day 8; no syncope

#### Dose escalation on KarXT was high and similar to placebo

- Dose escalation based on tolerability
- 91% of KarXT subjects escalated to 125/30 KarXT (vs. 97% on placebo)
- 4% percent de-escalated back to 100/20 KarXT dose (vs 1% on placebo)

	KarXT (n=89) number (%)	Placebo (n=90) number (%)
Patients with any treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAE)	48 (53.9%)	39 (43.3%)
Patients with a serious TEAE	1 (1.1%)	0 (0%)
Patient with a severe TEAE	1 (1.1%)	1 (1.1%)
Patients with a TEAE leading to withdrawal	2 (2.2%)	2 (2.2%)
AEs ≥ 5%	.= =	
Constipation	15 (16.9%)	3 (3.3%)
Nausea	15 (16.9%)	4 (4.4%)
Dry mouth	8 (9.0%)	1 (1.1%)
Dyspepsia	8 (9.0%)	4 (4.4%)
Vomiting	8 (9.0%)	4 (4.4%)
Headache	6 (6.7%)	5 (5.6%)
Somnolence	5 (5.6%)	4 (4.4%)



### CVL-231 (M<sub>4</sub> PAM)

CVL-231 is a promising drug candidate, however potential CV effects have been observed

Cerevel's product candidates may cause undesirable side effects or have other properties that could delay or prevent their regulatory approval, limit the commercial profile of an approved label, or result in significant negative consequences following regulatory approval, if obtained.

Undesirable side effects have been observed in Cerevel's product candidates to date. For example, in clinical trials of tavapadon, a dose-dependent increase in the frequency of nausea and headache was observed, with nausea, vomiting, dyskinesia, fall, fatigue, sleep disorder and tremors being the most common adverse events leading to discontinuation of tavapadon. In clinical trials of CVL-231, some moderate treatment-emergent increases in heart rate and blood pressure were observed following single doses of CVL-231 (>10 mg), which may be due to CVL-231's activity on the M4 receptor subtype and its subsequent reduction of striatal dopamine levels.

KARUNA THERAPEUTICS

KarXT and CVL-231 have attracted significant funding and investor interest for their respective muscarinic programs despite obvious GI and CV side effect profiles

EMERGENT-1 RESULTS



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Karuna Therapeutics Company Presentation (December 2020) LINK

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: Cerevel Therapeutics Form S-1 Registration Statement (November 2020) LINK

Highly selective muscarinic M<sub>4</sub> agonist with potential to be best-in-class treatment

### M₄ Selectivity Impacts Brain Functions

M <sub>4</sub> Muscarinic Receptor	Potential Effect	Other Muscarinic Receptors
<b>√</b> √	Antipsychosis	_
?	Cognition	<b>√</b> √
_	GI Side Effects	<b>√</b> √
?	CV Side Effects	✓

### **Receptor Subtype Selectivity Offers Potential Improvement**

Xanomeline (M<sub>1</sub>/M<sub>4</sub>) data from SZ and AD patients show targeting muscarinic receptor impacts brain function

**Development limited by GI and CV side effects** 

Karuna's KarXT addresses this by adding trospium  $(M_2/M_3)$  antagonist) to offset the GI and CV side effects

Non-selective approach

Cerevel's CVL-231 is a Positive Allosteric Modulator (PAM) with selectivity for  $M_4$  over  $M_1$ ,  $M_3$  and  $M_5$  (>800x) and over  $M_2$  (>390x)

However, has demonstrated moderate treatment-emergent increases in heart rate

HTL'878

Highly Selective Muscarinic M₄ agonist HTL'878 much more selective for  $M_4$  (over  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$  and  $M_3$ ) compared with xanomeline and orthosteric agonists have quite different profile to PAMs

Source: Sosei Heptares Internal Data; Cerevel Therapeutics Company Presentation (November 2020) LINK; Shekhar et al. Am J Psychiatry, Vol 165, Aug 2008. N=20. 2 active and 3 placebo-arm patients discontinued the study, none due to adverse events; Bodick et al. Arch Neurol, Vol 54, Apr 1997. N = 343. 52% of patients in high-dose arm discontinued treatment due to adverse events.



HTL'878 is safe and well tolerated following evaluation in 120 healthy volunteers

- HTL'878 promising Phase 1 data in healthy volunteers
- Lower dose level of selective M<sub>4</sub> agonist may be sufficient in patients
  - Observed from pharmacodynamic effects including cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) levels of free drug (> pEC50), electrophysiology (EEG) and mismatched negativity (MMN) in ERP, and episodic memory cognitive testing
- Potential for better tolerability and improved therapeutic index versus other muscarinic modulators in development

### Phase 1a study (NCT03244228)

Up to 7 days of oral single and twice-daily dosing.

Safe and well tolerated in the young at dose that is expected to be efficacious

- 89 young subjects (Male)
- 31 elderly subjects (Male and Female)
- No serious adverse events
- No typical muscarinic side effects
- Minor CV effects observed but deemed acceptable when dosed for up to 7 days to a dose level demonstrating SZ-relevant pharmacodynamic effects (as seen with KarXT)

HTL'878 has demonstrated clear validation of a selective  $M_4$  orthosteric agonist on cognitive measures. More details regarding our development plans for this program will be disclosed later this year



Progress update regarding HTL'318 and next-generation selective M<sub>1</sub> agonist backups

### HTL'318 – safe and well tolerated in humans, evidence of target engagement and effects on cognition

- Safe and well tolerated in humans with very few side effects at likely active doses
- Evidence of target engagement and effects on cognition in AD patients from our Phase 1b study in AD patients (NCT03456349)
  - HTL'318 well tolerated at 28 days using a titration regimen in AD patients on top of donepezil indications of both pro-cognitive effects and potential effects on neuropsychiatric symptoms (study not powered for statistical significance)
- HTL'318 remains on voluntary clinical hold due to findings of rare tumour in Non-Human Primates (NHPs) in a separate long-term preclinical toxicology study
- No clinical findings of concern have been identified in any human subjects that received HTL'318
  - Extensive testing including imaging has been conducted
- Investigations are ongoing
  - We will conduct our own further toxicology studies before making any decisions regarding HTL'318

### Next-generation selective M<sub>1</sub> agonist programs are now also part of our focus

- In parallel we are advancing development of next-generation selective M<sub>1</sub> agonists with new chemistry
- Next-generation compounds are advancing towards preclinical development in 2021

Next-generation  $M_1$  agonists with novel chemistry are advancing. We will decide by the end of 2021 at the latest which selective  $M_1$  agonist program to prioritize after further analysis.



### Summary

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Muscarinic programs highly attractive – selective  $M_4$  agonist and selective  $M_1$  agonist safe and well tolerated at active doses in Phase 1 studies



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