



Sosei Heptares R&D Day

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Agenda

Thursday 22 October 2022 15:30 to 17:30

1. Business Overview and Update

Chris Cargill, CEO

2. Key Partnered Programs and Platform Technologies

Dr. Matt Barnes, President of Heptares and Head of UK R&D

3. Priority Wholly-owned Programs

Dr. Rie Suzuki, Senior Director, Translational Biology

4. Q&A



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Business Overview and Update

Chris Cargill, CEO

The vision for Sosei Group

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JAPANESE QUALITY
*Science-led development
and engagement,
delivering innovative medicines
to patients*



WORLD-LEADING SCIENCE

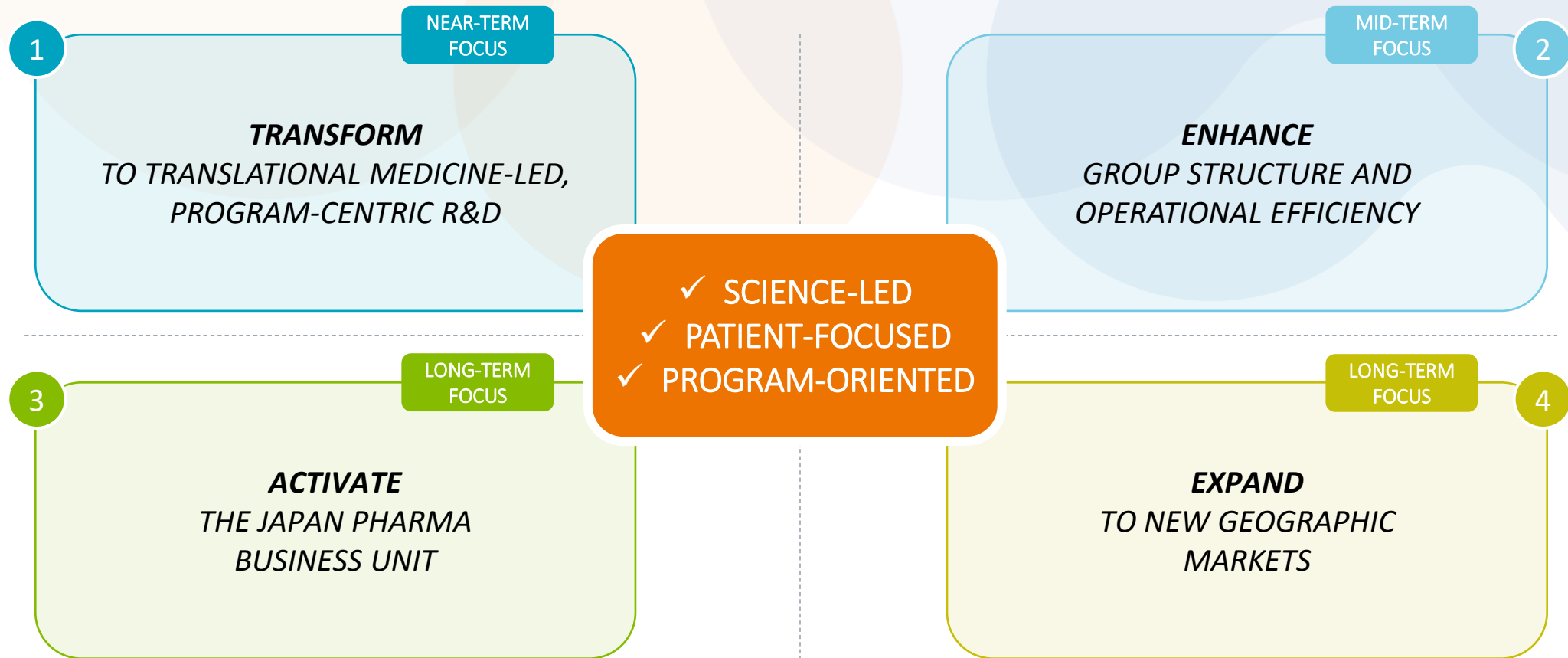
LIFE-CHANGING MEDICINES

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WESTERN INNOVATION
*World-class scientific platform,
discovering life-changing
medicines*



Clear and transparent objectives to drive the business forward



World-leading science. Life-changing medicines.

What do we mean by **transforming to TM-led R&D**?



*Choosing
the right target*

- Will modulating the target affect disease?
- Can a good modulator of the target be found?

The Right Target



*Discovering
a therapeutic agent*

- Identifying a modulator with the appropriate profile
- Differentiating from competitors (if any)

The Right Asset



*Conducting
the right patient studies*

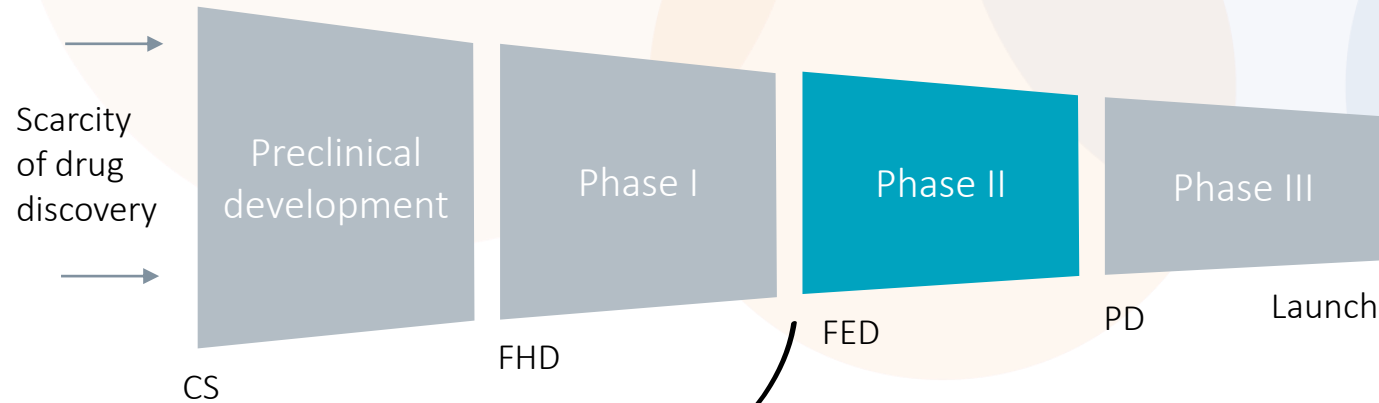
- Demonstrating the value of the agent in treating disease
- Utilizing biomarkers to support patient stratification

The Right Therapeutic Hypothesis

Driven by programs, and requiring close interaction of internal and external subject matter experts

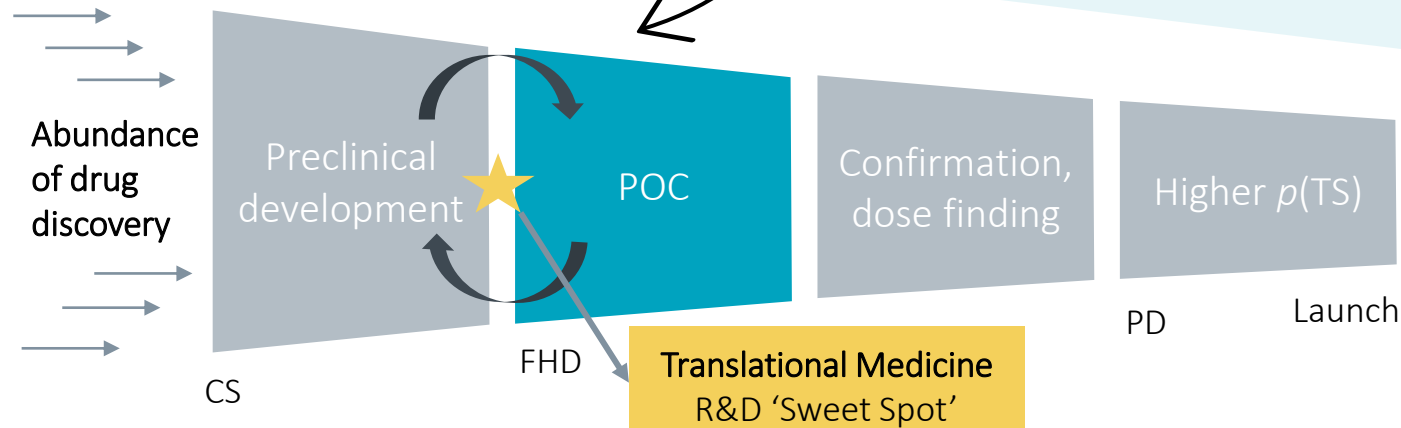
Transforming to TM-led R&D to enhance value and success

Traditional



- Traditional approach (10+ years)
- Increasingly unproductive
- Capital intensive, billions of \$ wasted
- Focus on “keeping the program alive”
- Low probability of success

Quick win, Fast fail



- Increase critical information earlier
- Shift program attrition to earlier, cheaper phase
- Faster attrition drives reinvestment in R&D ‘sweet spot’ for new programs

- Venture Capital approach
- Highly productive, “quick-win/fast-fail”
- Optimized use of capital
- Focus on “testing the hypothesis”
- Higher probability of technical success

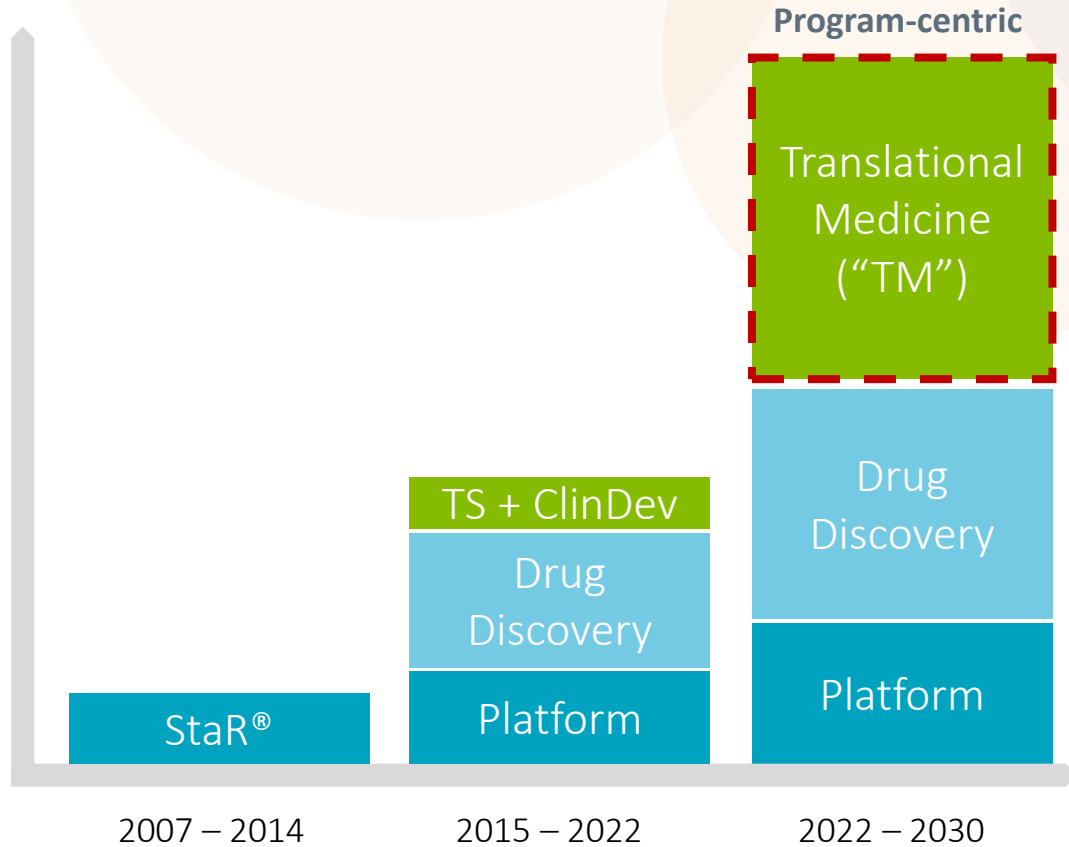
Quick-win/fast-fail approach may enhance value by improving the probability of technical success

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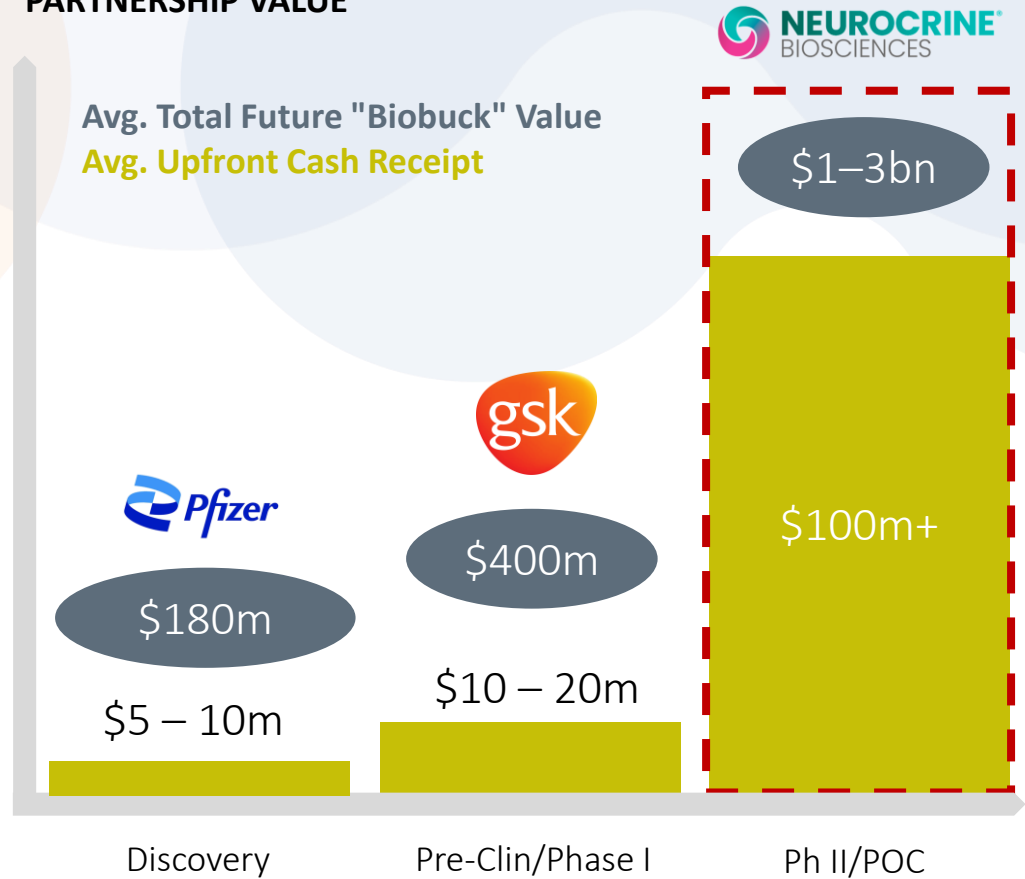
Transforming to TM-led R&D to transact at higher values

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CORPORATE VALUE



PARTNERSHIP VALUE



Building our Translational Medicine capability to support the next 10 years of growth

Source: Management figures

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Transforming to program-centric R&D to drive productivity

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PROGRAM CENTRIC

Empowered leaders and team structures
with aligned incentives

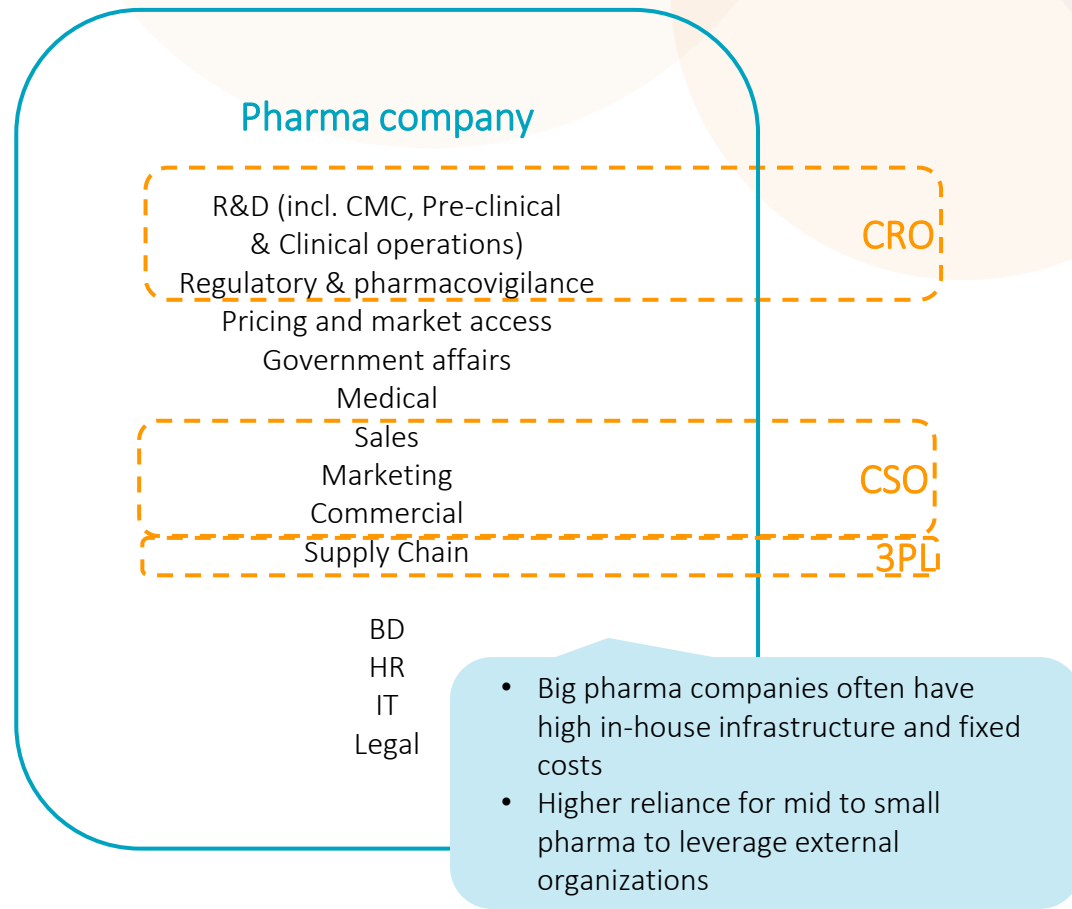
Programs accountable for R&D budget, risk
management & project plans

Functions exist to support programs

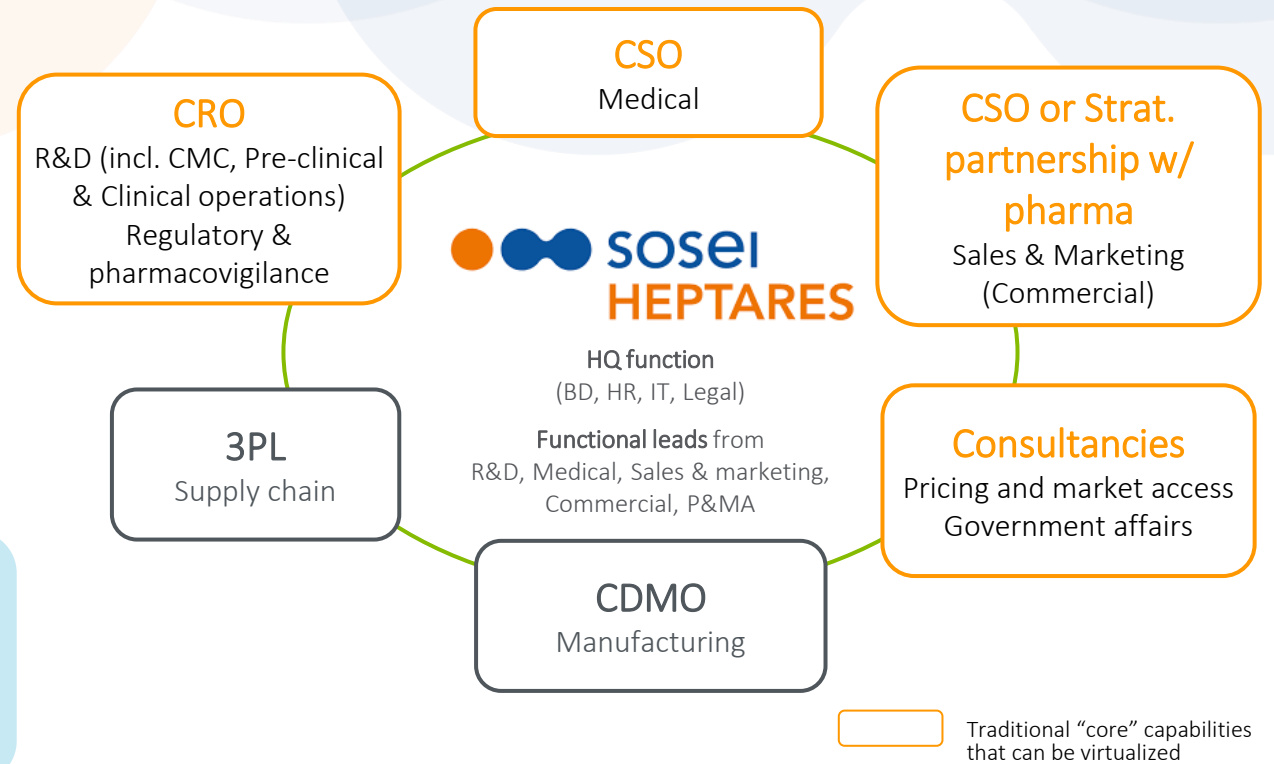
Traditional functional reporting lines structures kill productivity. Program-centricity drives productivity

Enhance the group structure and operational efficiency more rapidly by building a disruptive virtual infrastructure

Traditional pharma model



Disruptive, “virtual infrastructure” pharm model (illustrative)



Source: Management

Collaboration with Weatherden is **enhancing** efficiency by enabling us to flexibly access scientific and strategic services

Weatherden Science & Strategy Services

Focused on translation into patients



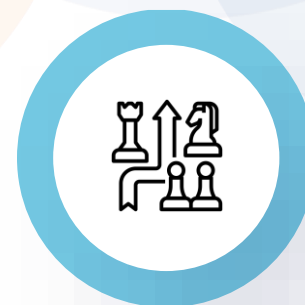
Scientific strategy

- Indication selection
- Asset positioning
- Competitive landscape



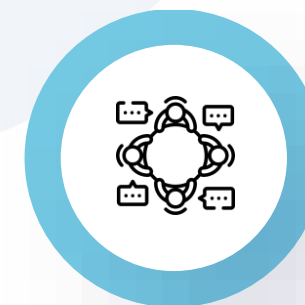
Clinical development

- Trial design
- Patient Stratification
- Early Efficacy signals



Regulatory expertise

- Regulatory strategy
- Lead/support regulatory meetings (e.g. EMA, MHRA, FDA)
- Orphan Drug Designation
- Paediatric Investigation Plans

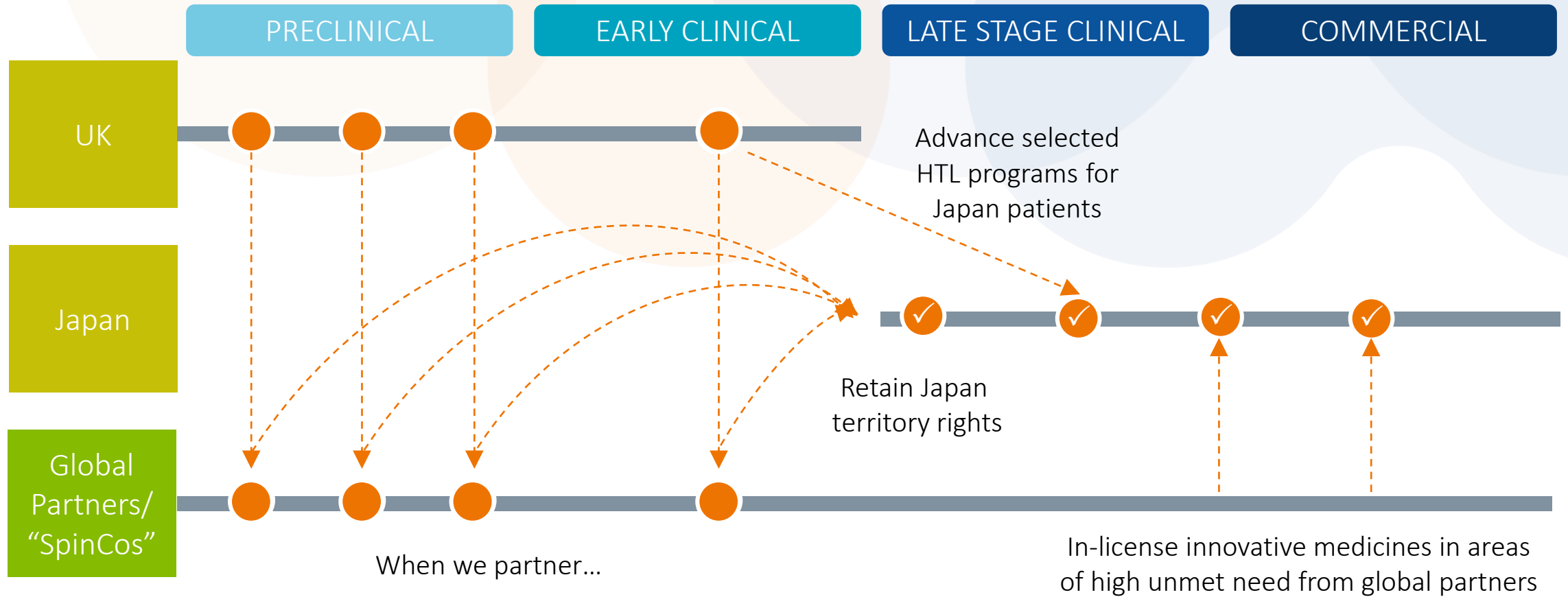


Scientific advisory boards

- World-leading experts
- Key questions
- Clear advice

Long-term plan to **activate** a late-stage pipeline that will benefit Japanese patients living with unmet need

LONG-TERM FOCUS



We are a Japanese company with a priority to deliver innovative medicines to patients in Japan and globally

Source: Sosei management

Several key factors support our long-term plan to **activate** a disruptive pharma business in Japan

- 1 Second largest pharma market globally (ex-China) and expected to remain large
- 2 Large, ageing population driving sustained demand and ability-to-pay
- 3 Universal health care system sets a certain level of prices
- 4 Stable and pro-innovation market driven by innovative specialty drugs
- 5 Weak incumbents creating opportunities for insurgents
- 6 Attractive market for disruptors validating existence of opportunities



There is room in Japan to be a disruptive player:

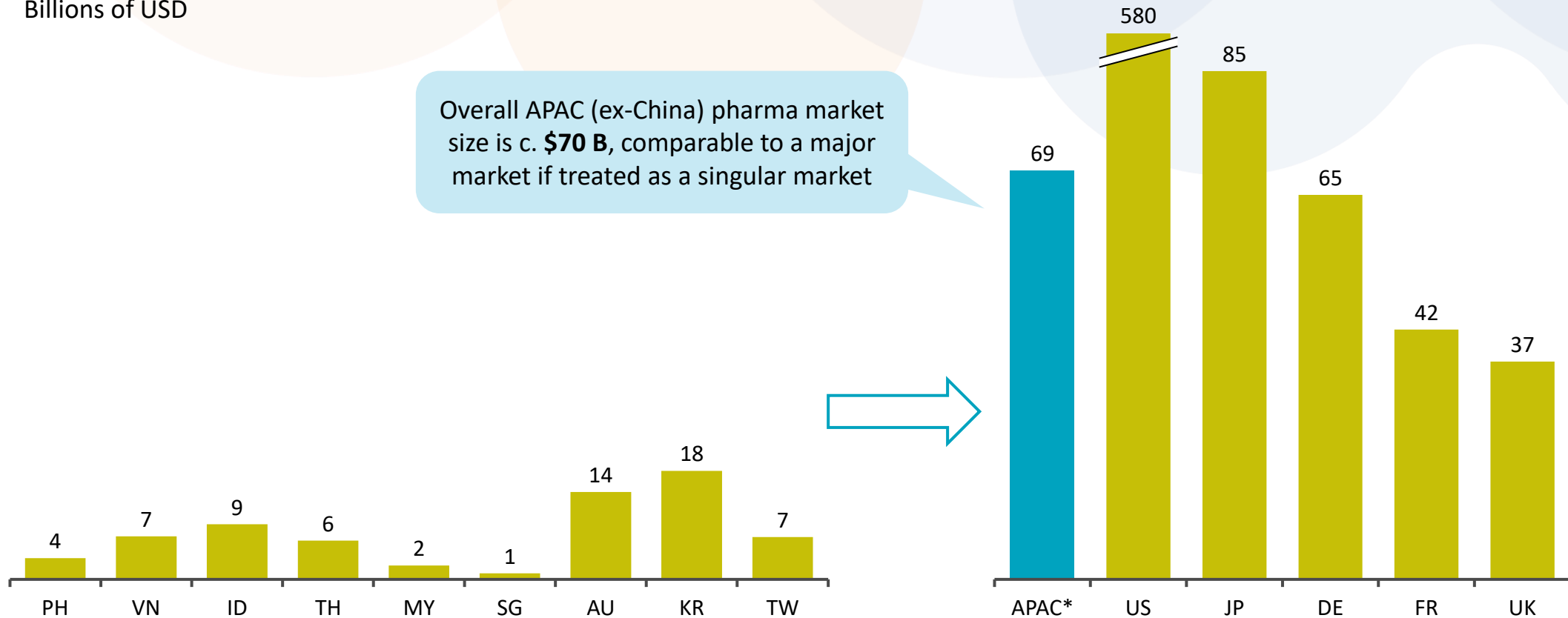
- 1 Focusing on underserved, specialty TAs/DAs
- 2 Adopting a lean, rational development and commercial model
- 3 Building a core in Japan that maximizes value from across the broader APAC region

Expand to new geographies in APAC which consist of developed and developing markets with a critical mass of patients

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Pharmaceutical market size of APAC and major markets (2021)
Billions of USD

Overall APAC (ex-China) pharma market size is c. **\$70 B**, comparable to a major market if treated as a singular market



Note: *China and small APAC markets are not included
Source: BMI; IQVIA; World Bank; Taiwan Ministry of Health and Welfare



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Key Partnered Programs and Platform Technologies

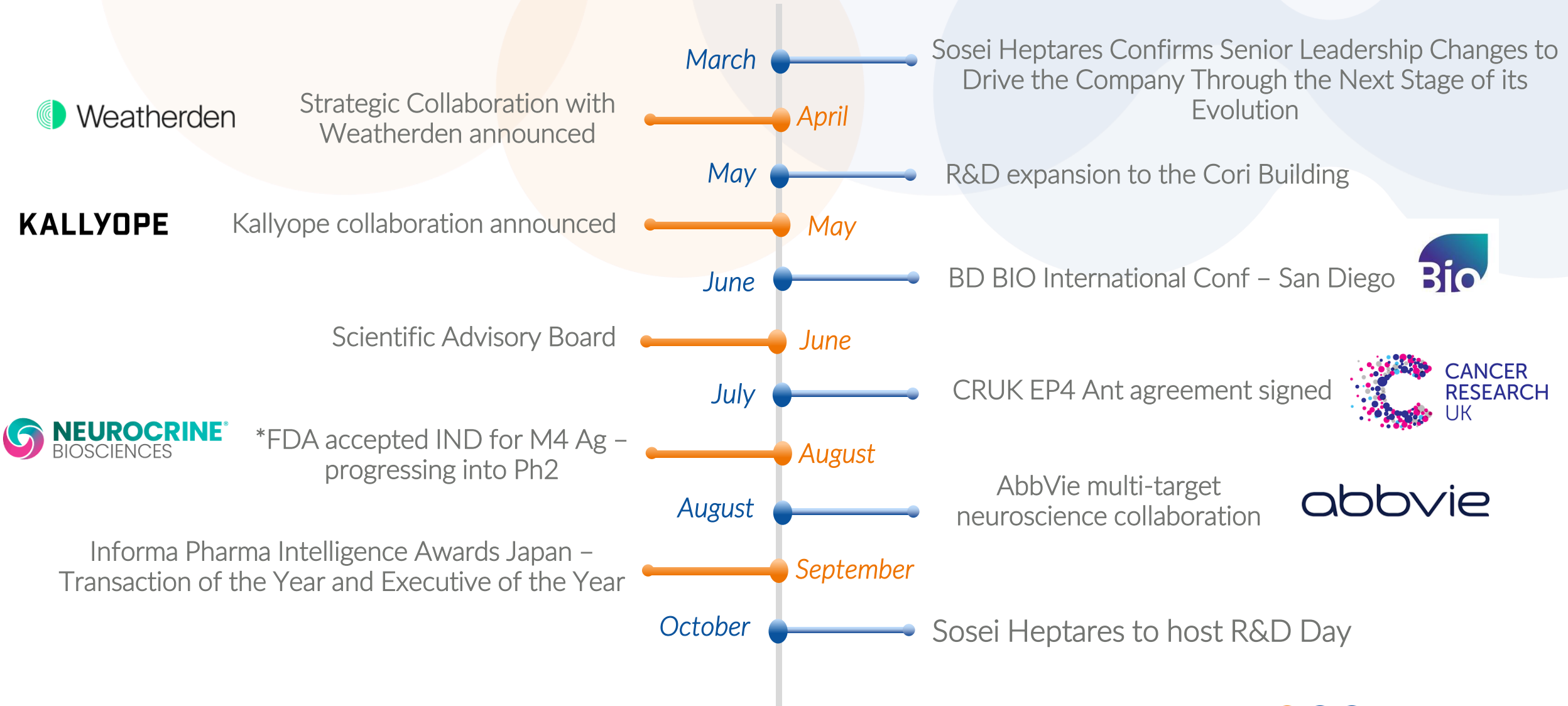
Dr. Matt Barnes, President of Heptares
and Head of UK R&D



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R&D Key Events Summary

Key event summary - March -> September 2022





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R&D Operations Update

World leading drug discovery targeting GPCRs

There were lower number of milestone events until end of June, compared with FY21

World leader in
GPCR drug discovery
and early development

Proprietary GPCR-targeted
StaR® technology and SBDD
platform capabilities

Japan-anchored biotech, with
state-of-the-art R&D centre in
Cambridge, UK

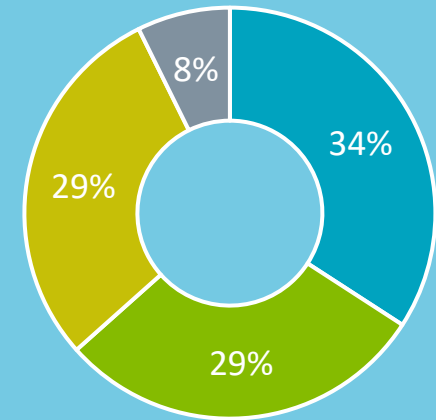
Listed on Tokyo Stock Exchange
(4565-JP)



EVOLVING WITH A SPECIALIST THERAPEUTIC FOCUS

Advancing a broad and deep
pipeline of **over 40** partnered
and in-house programs across
multiple therapeutic areas:

- Neurology
- Immunology
- Gastroenterology
- Other



200+
EMPLOYEES
WORLDWIDE



350+
STRUCTURES
SOLVED



500+
GLOBAL
PATENTS



20+
WORLD-LEADING
PARTNERS



\$800M+
PARTNER REV.
RECEIVED TO DATE¹

¹ Includes upfront and milestone payments, royalties and R&D funding received from active, inactive and completed partnerships from 2005 to 2021.

Stabilized Receptor (StaR[®]) platform

We are driving a new era of GPCR Structure-Based Drug Design



- **GPCR drug discovery remains challenging**

- *Low expression levels* – often with complicated expression and secretion pathways
- *Difficult purification* – lose structural integrity outside the membrane
- *Heterogeneity* – inherently flexible; changing conformation depending on the bound ligand

- We introduce point mutations into a GPCR which leads to **increased thermostability**

- The receptor is trapped in a relevant conformation to match the drug product profile
- The **Stabilized Receptor (StaR[®])** can be extracted from the membrane and purified with function retained

70+ Stabilized Receptors generated in agonist and/or antagonist conformations

Structure-Based Drug Design (SBDD) platform

StaR[®] technology plus SBDD is a powerful tool for GPCR drug discovery



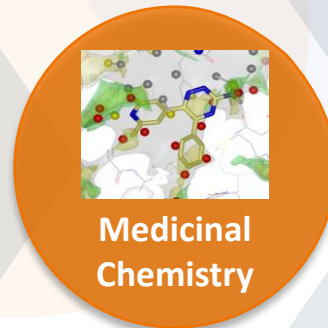
DRUG TARGET PROFILE

HOMOLOGY MODEL

STRUCTURE

BIOPHYSICS

HIT SELECTION



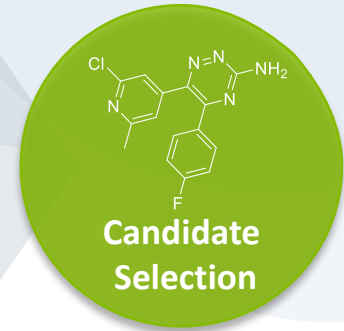
PHARMACOLOGY

CADD

STRUCTURE

BIOPHYSICS

OPTIMIZATION



- **GPCR focused SBDD**

- *Hit Identification* – Virtual Screening, Biochemical and Biophysical assays
- *Structure Determination* – characterize binding modes
- *Pharmacology* – understanding mode of action and signalling

- Medicinal Chemistry working closely with Computer Aided Drug Design (CADD)
- Establish detailed Screening Cascade and progression criteria
- Typically 2 year process from starting the target screening to entering Candidate Selection phase

25+ Preclinical Candidates identified for in-house and collaboration pipeline

Translating world-leading science into life-changing therapeutics

Focus areas to build on our global leadership position for the next generation of growth

PLATFORM GROWTH

Build on the strength of our industry leading SBDD platform, drug discovery and early development position

Lead the next wave of growth through expansion beyond GPCRs and adding new technology capabilities

TARGET BIOLOGY

Entrench target biology into all projects for a greater understanding of disease processes

Defining a robust, testable hypothesis linking target, cell, mechanism and site of action to clinical efficacy

TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE

Fully integrate our preclinical and clinical capabilities to support a translational medicine approach, which is fit for purpose and best practice

PROGRAM CENTRIC

Empowered and aligned team structures with aligned incentives

Projects accountable for R&D budget, Risk Management & Project Plans. Functions exist to support projects.

PATIENT FOCUS

Continually strive to deliver innovative, quality drugs to patients faster

Recognise that partnering some projects can deliver clinical validation earlier

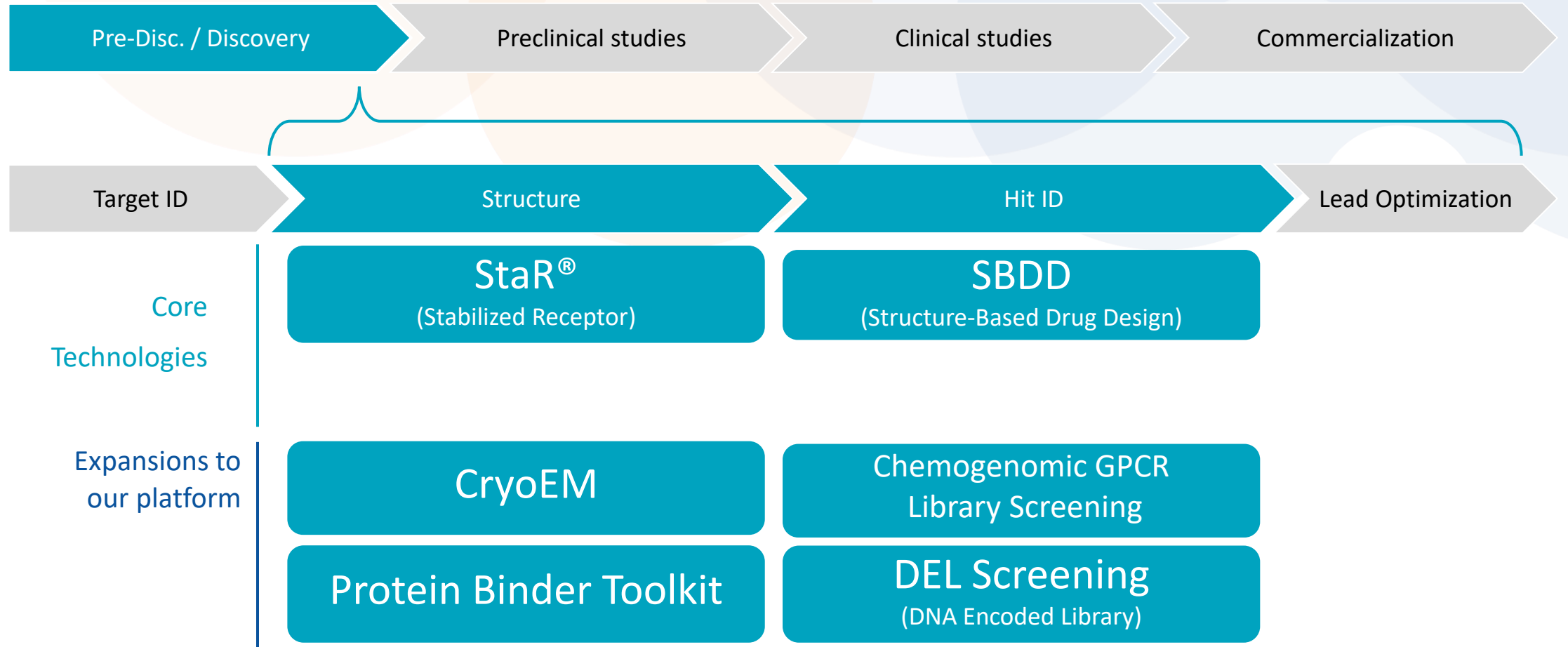
OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Complement our world leading science with operational best practice

Increase efficiency, Probability of Success (Pos) & Return on Investment (ROI). Employ Project Managers into Enterprise Portfolio Management Office (EPMO). Provide more accurate information to senior management, store data in a format that facilitates external communication faster.

Strengthening our world leading GPCR platform

Expanding on complementary technologies

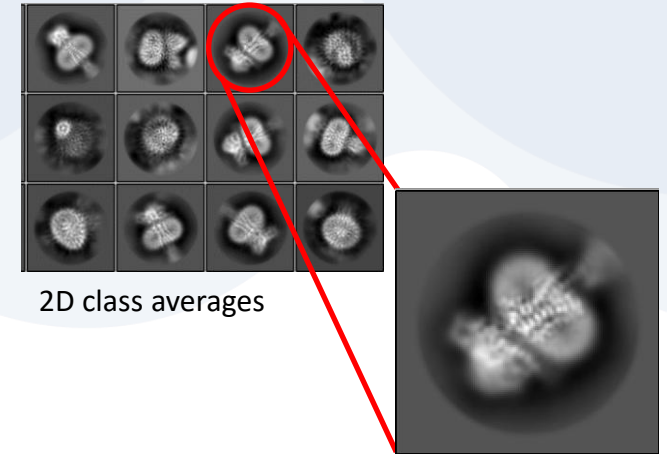


Strengthening our world leading GPCR platform (cont'd)

Combining with our StaR/SBDD, 4 new technologies makes our platform better and faster

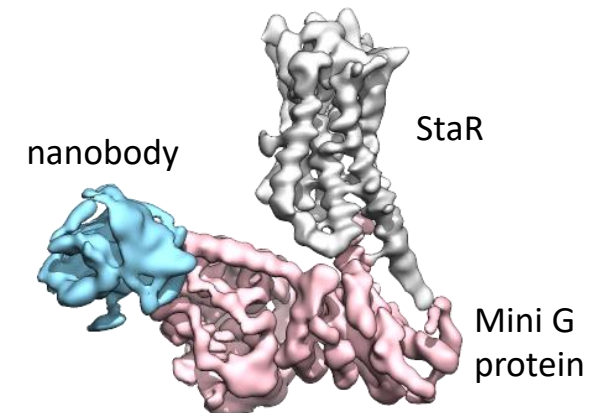
Cryo-EM

- **Early adopters** of Cryo-EM with continued growth (c.f. Richard Henderson - Nobel prize -2017)
- **Routine Cryo-EM structure determination** to support SBDD.
- **45+ structures of 15+ unique GPCRs** determined by Cryo-EM at Sosei Heptares including Family A, Family B and Family F receptors **by both X-ray crystallography and cryo-EM to enable SBDD.**



Protein Binder Toolkit

- **CryoEM structure determination often benefits from the introduction of additional protein domains.**
- These include domains **fused to the StaR** or introduced during expression or purification.
- Clear benefits in structure determination for other **non-GPCR membrane** protein classes.
- Internal Protein Binder platform is included as part of **Cambridge site lab expansion.**



Strengthening our world leading GPCR platform (cont'd)

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DEL Screening (DNA Encoded Library)

- Alternative strategy for **Hit identification** in early drug discovery.
- **15 billion to >1 trillion compound libraries** allowing access to unprecedented levels of diversity.
- StaR proteins can be panned with known tool molecules to identify **new binding sites**
- **10+ StaR proteins** have now been utilized in DEL screens



Chemo- genomic GPCR Library Screening


- Chemogenomic GPCR library screening (WT protein)
- **~50k compound set** based on proprietary GPCR structural chemogenomics & pharmacology knowledge
- Contains GPCR diversified ligand sets covering **390+ GPCR-ligand modality combinations**
- **10+ GPCR** targets screened




Future innovations

Investing in non-GPCR membrane drug target exploratory research

Sosei Heptares Core Technologies	
StaR®	SBDD
CryoEM	DEL Screening
Protein Binder Toolkit	Chemogenomic GPCR Library Screening

Partner Core Technologies

Partners with complementary technologies / expertise in non-GPCR membrane target classes

Choosing the right target



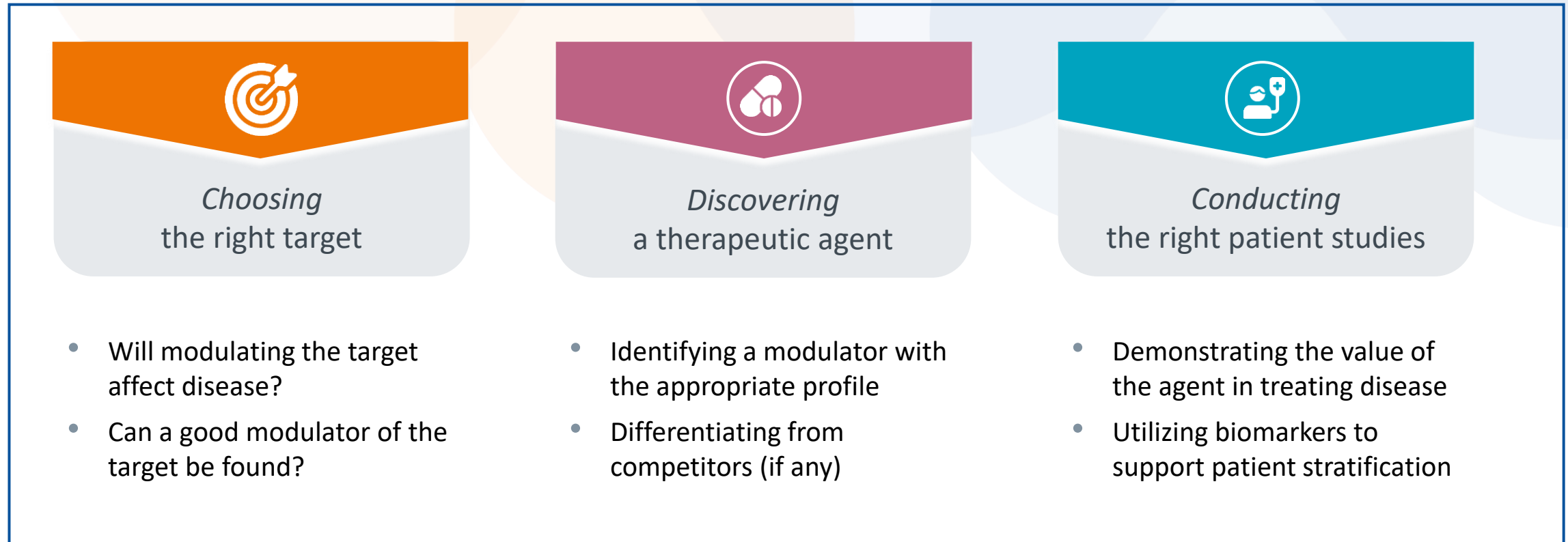
- *Ion Channels*
- *Transporters*
- *Integrins*
- *Oral SME alternatives to biologics*

- Technical Feasibility of non-GPCR membrane target classes
- Choosing Targets with low Biological Risk

World leading SBDD Platform for Membrane Proteins

Translational Medicine & Target Biology

Greater emphasis required on Translational Medicine & Target Biology

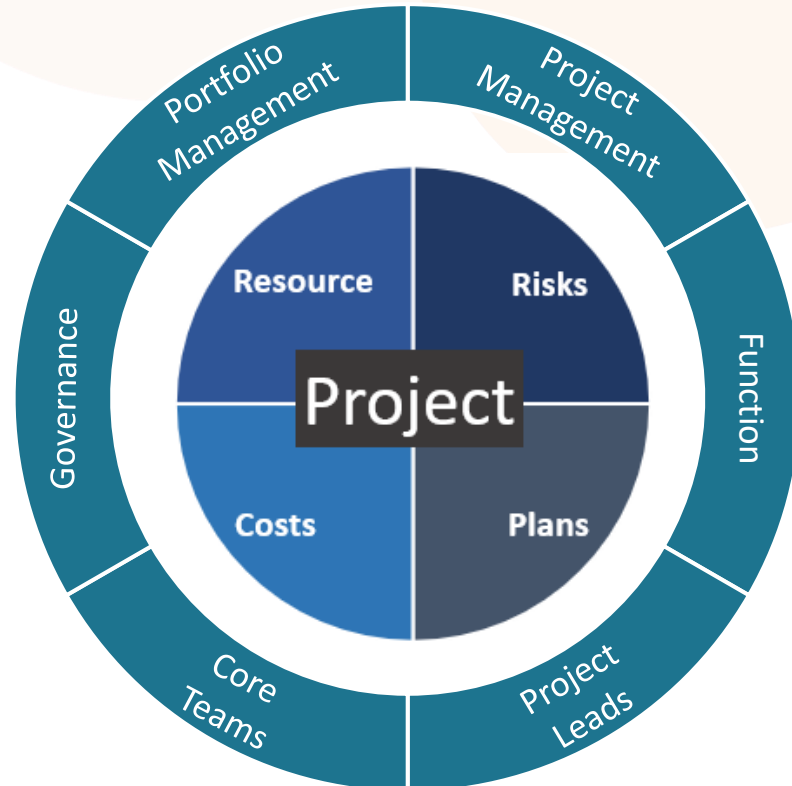


 The Right Target

 The Right Asset

 The Right Therapeutic Hypothesis

Instill a project centric focus throughout the organization



Portfolio Management ensure project strategies are aligned to business deliverables and ROI

Effective, transparent **Governance** enabling timely decision making

Project Leaders accountable for *Asset Generation* and *Therapeutic Hypothesis* aspects of project

Core Team model overseeing project deliverables

Specialist **Project Managers** drive operational best practice

Budgets aligned to projects

Functions exist to serve projects

Empowered and accountable team structures with aligned incentives

Focus on clear unmet medical need

Target product profiles & treatment algorithms

TARGET PRODUCT PROFILE

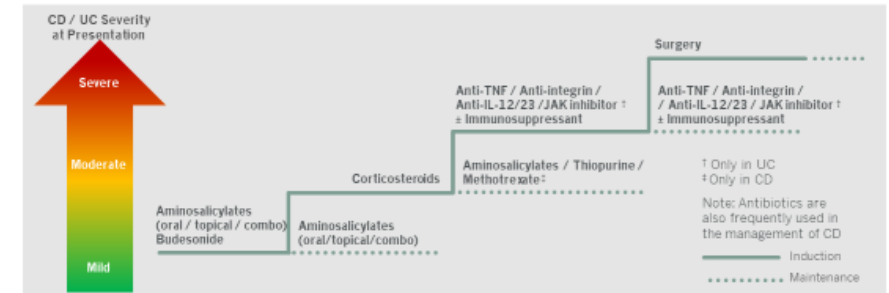
Parameter	GPR52 Agonist
Clinical Pharmacology	Orally available CNS penetrant molecule, demonstrated to have efficacy on several models of pre-clinical activity pertinent to CNS diseases including schizophrenia
Indication	Positioning of HTL'149 for schizophrenia to be refined as we move through development – initial focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment of psychotic symptoms in acute psychosis • Adjunctive treatment of schizophrenia symptoms in patients with inadequate response to SoC Additional and/or alternative neuropsychiatric indications also under consideration
Efficacy Endpoints	5-6 point reduction on PANSS scale above placebo response, is appropriate for approvability and in line with previously approved labels
Safety / Tolerability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar to currently approved antipsychotics • No QTc risk
Edge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No/less weight gain than currently approved antipsychotics; lack of metabolic effects • Lack of movement disorders warnings or neurocognitive dysfunction (e.g sedation) • No dose adjustment with regard to renal or hepatic insufficiency, or in the elderly • No risk of neutropenia, or agranulocytosis DDIs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Base case) Similar pattern to Identifiable and Manageable DDIs with respect to CYP3A4 and 2B6 as currently approved antipsychotics. • (Upside) no DDI in the therapeutic dose range.

TREATMENT ALGORITHMS

GI Strategy

IBD – Current Management: Overview

- There is no curative pharmacological therapy, and the goal of current medical treatment is to control inflammation, and symptoms as well as to achieve mucosal healing and steroid-free remission
 - A stepwise approach is utilised in the management of IBD patients, with therapy choice determined by disease activity and severity (mild, moderate or severe), and response to other therapies
 - The main classes of drugs used to treat IBD include aminosalicylates (for induction and maintenance) and corticosteroids (for induction) for mild-to-moderate patients, and biologics (anti-TNF, anti-integrin and anti IL-12/23) for moderate-to-severe patients who have failed conventional therapy



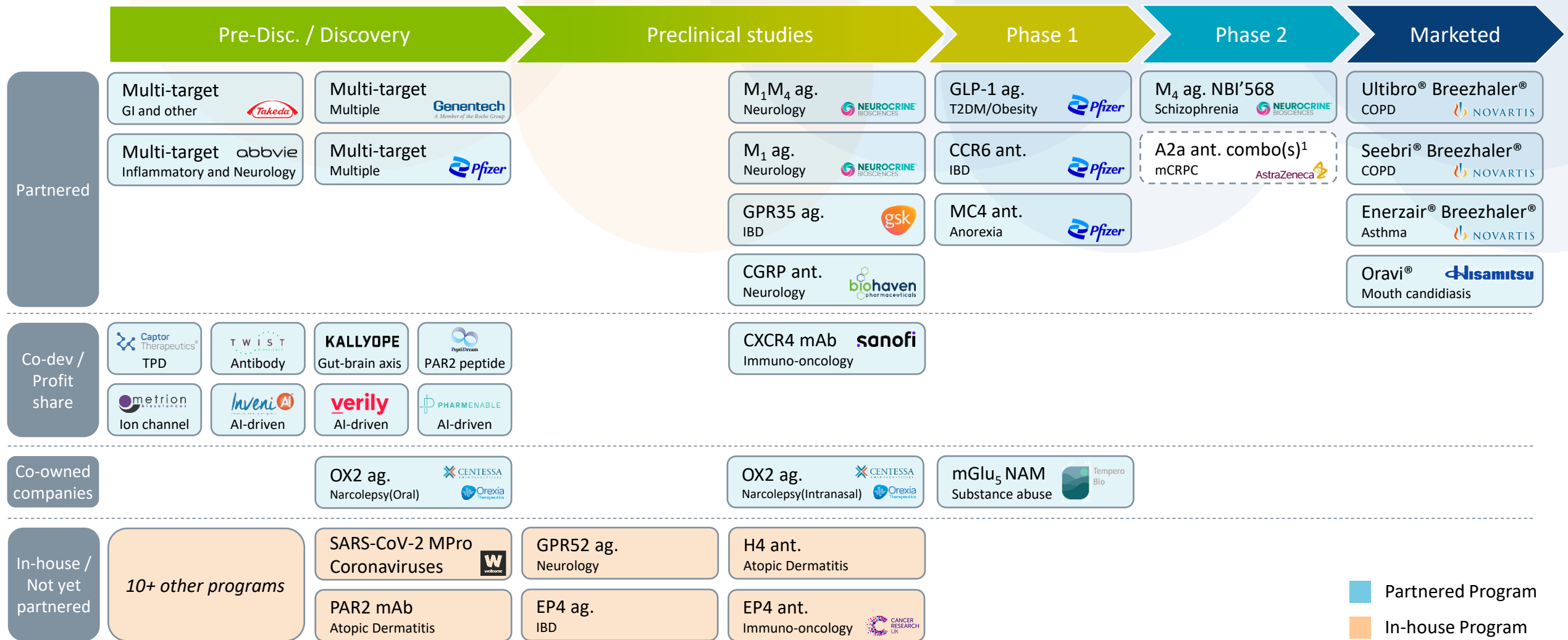
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R&D Portfolio & Projects

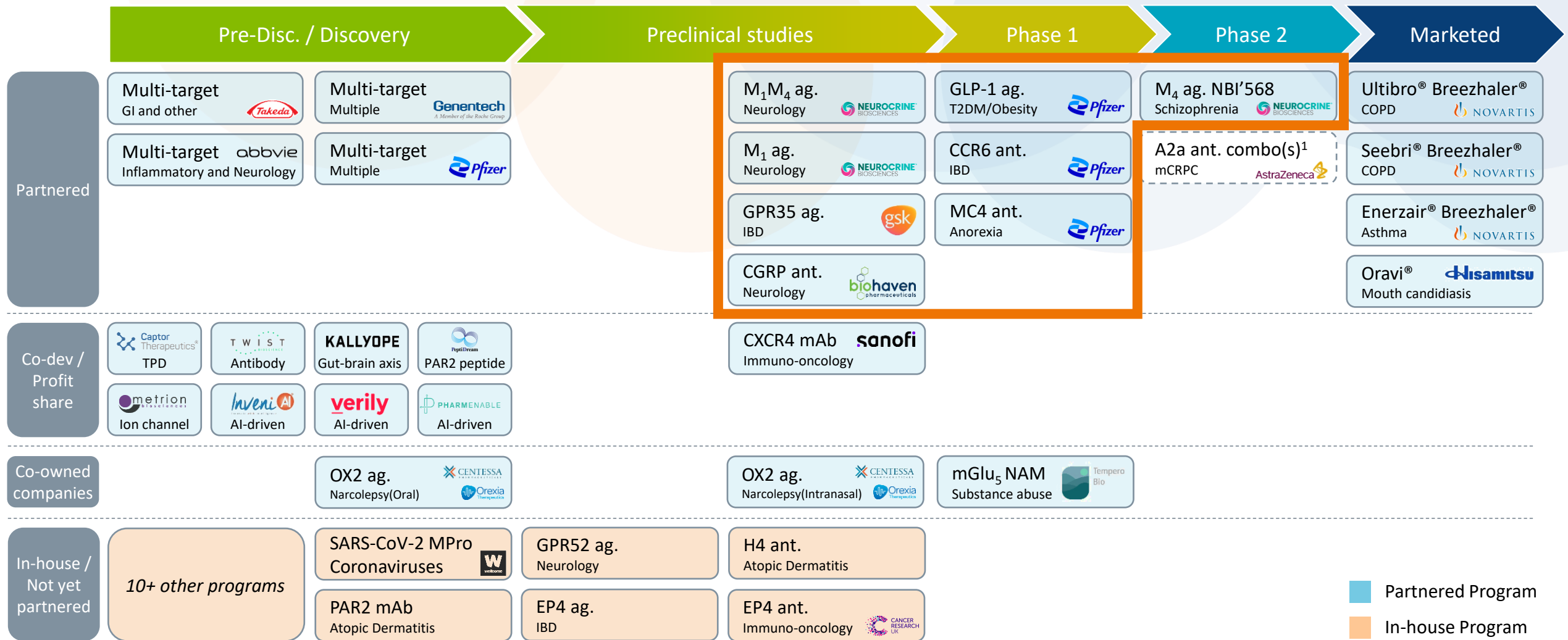
Overview of major pipeline



■ Partnered Program
■ In-house Program

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Muscarinic M4 agonist (NBI-1117568)

Collaboration with Neurocrine, announced IND of Ph2 study trigger \$30 million milestone

Novel Muscarinic Receptor Agonists Collaboration with Sosei Heptares

Neurocrine Biosciences Initiating Clinical Studies for Muscarinic Portfolio

Initiating clinical studies, including:

- **Phase 2 placebo-controlled study** of NBI-1117568*, a selective M4 orthosteric agonist, as a potential treatment for schizophrenia scheduled to start in 2022
 - ✓ NBI-1117568 offers the potential for an improved safety profile:
 - ❑ Without the need of combination therapy to minimize side effects
 - ❑ Avoids the need of cooperativity with acetylcholine when compared to non-selective muscarinic agonists and positive allosteric modulators in development
- **Phase 1 study** of a dual M1 / M4 orthosteric agonist in 2023
- **Phase 1 study** of a selective M1 orthosteric agonist in 2023



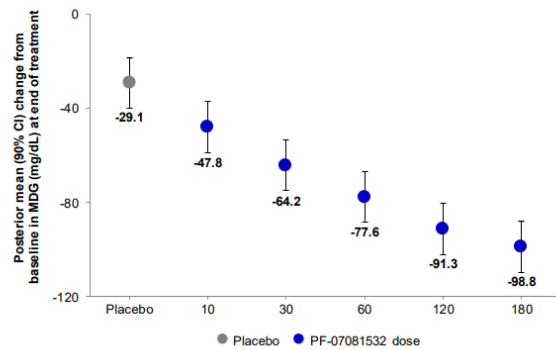
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GLP-1 agonist (PF-07081532)

Pfizer recently presented potentially best-in-class data at EASD (19-23 September)

Robust Declines in Mean Daily Glucose with Once-daily PF-07081532 in Participants with T2D



Observed mean reductions from baseline in MDG were dose-dependent

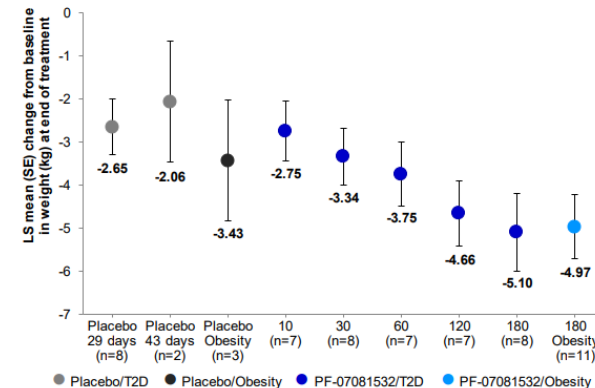
Each of the PF-07081532 doses were statistically significantly different to placebo

A Bayesian 4-parameter dose-response Emax model was applied to the change from baseline on Day 28 or Day 42. The model included stable dose as a continuous variable and baseline as a covariate. Stable dose refers to the PF-07081532 dose (or placebo) that participants received during Days 24 to 28 (28-day) or Days 38 to 42 (42-day). Placebo data were pooled across 5 T2D cohorts with 28 or 42 days of dosing. CI, confidence interval; MDG, mean daily glucose; T2D, type 2 diabetes



Analyst and Investor Call to Review Oral GLP-1 Data

Dose-responsive Weight Reduction with Once-daily PF-07081532 for 4 to 6 Weeks



While longer duration of intervention is required to assess the effect of treatment on body weight, reductions were observed following dosing with PF-07081532 for 4 to 6 weeks: mean decreases from baseline of up to approx. -5.5% in participants with T2D and approx. -5.2% in participants with obesity

Baseline is defined as the pre-dose measurement on Day 1. LS, least squares; SE, standard error; T2D, type 2 diabetes

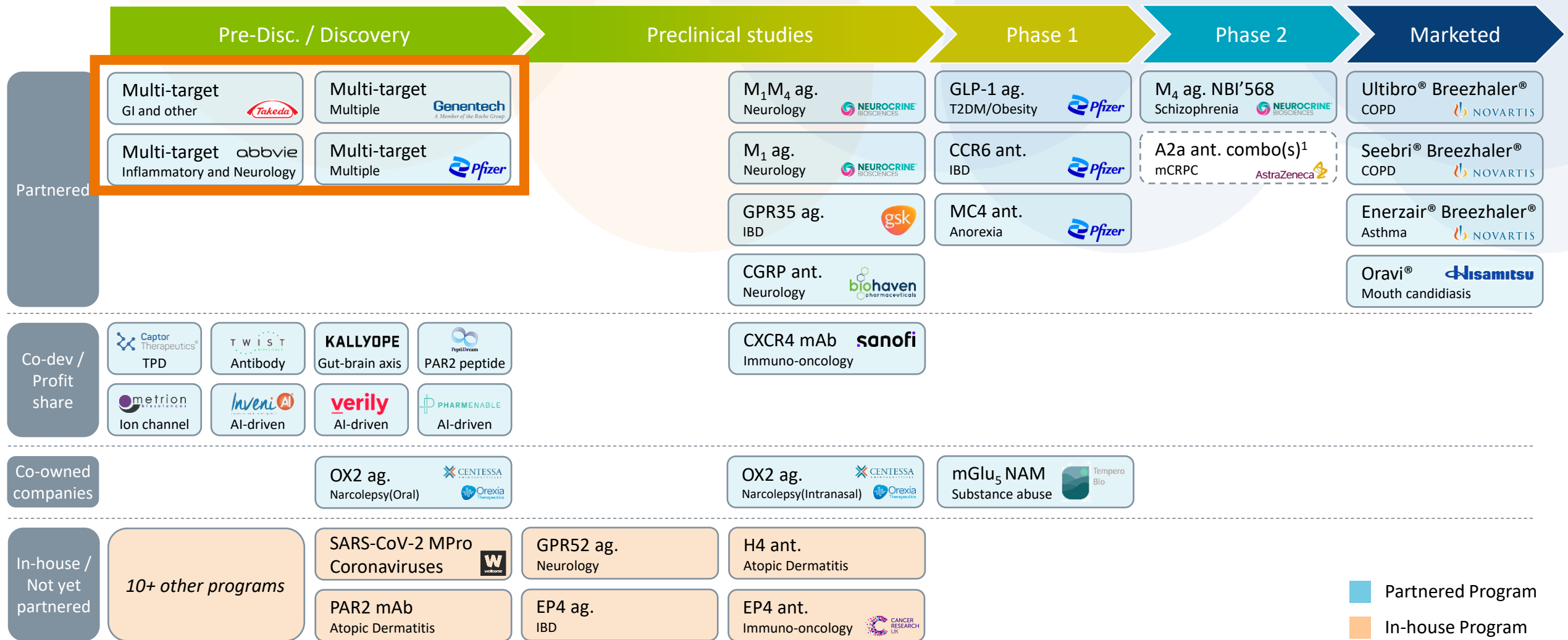


Analyst and Investor Call to Review Oral GLP-1 Data

Source: Pfizer Analyst and Investor call to review Oral GLP-1 Data – EASD meeting Sep 2022

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Multi-target collaboration partners

Making excellent progress with new and long-term partnered programs

Partner	Execution	Therapeutic Area	Stage	Progress
	November 2015	Multiple	Phase 1	x3 clinical stage assets achieved in 6 years and clinical development is ongoing
 <small>A Member of the Roche Group</small>	July 2019	Multiple	Discovery	x5 milestones achieved in 3 years with targets for small and large molecule drugs
	August 2019	Multiple (Initial focus on Gastrointestinal)	Discovery	Early Discovery milestones achieved
	June 2020 August 2022	Inflammatory, Autoimmune and Neurology	Discovery	

Sosei Heptares and AbbVie collaboration

Multi-target collaboration announced – upfront payment of \$40 million

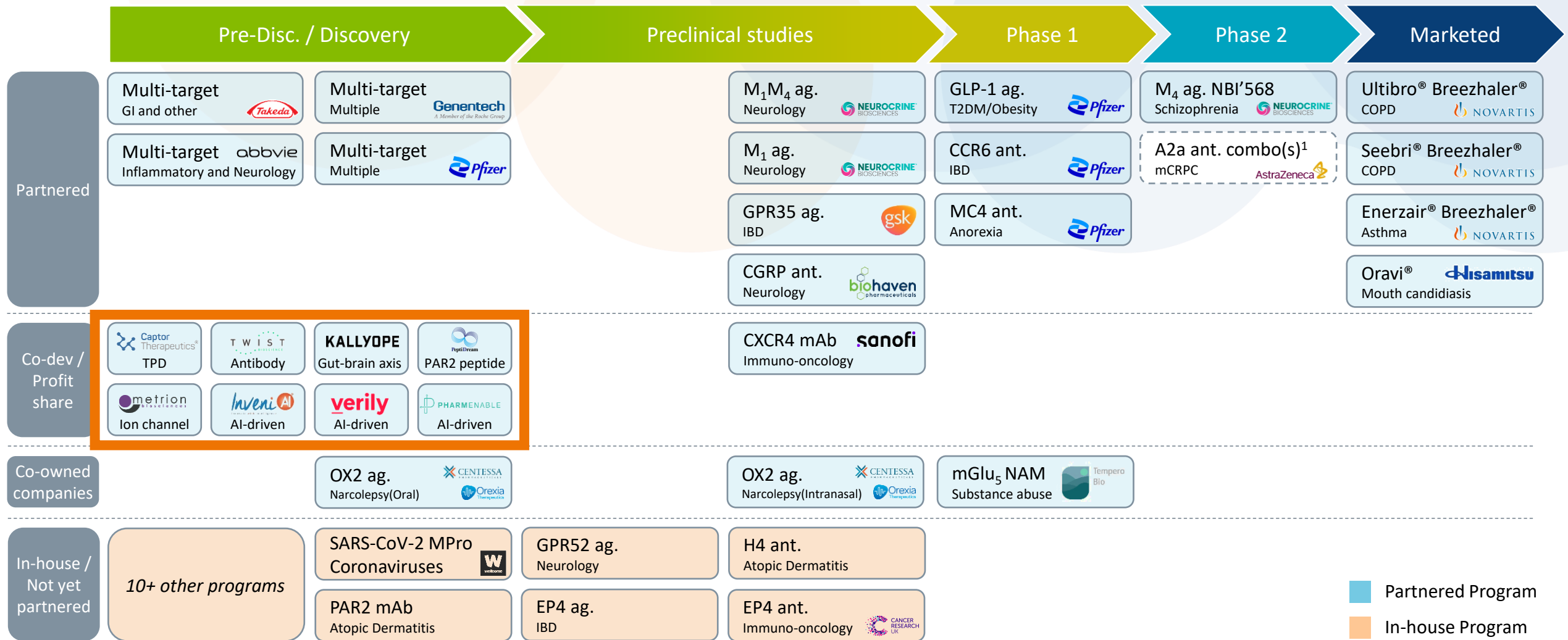
PRESS RELEASE

Sosei Heptares and AbbVie Enter New Multi-target Collaboration to Discover, Develop and Commercialize Novel Medicines Targeting Neurological Diseases

- *New strategic collaboration leverages Sosei Heptares' StaR® technology and SBDD platform and AbbVie's extensive neuroscience expertise*
- *Second collaboration with AbbVie follows 2020 agreement focused on inflammatory and autoimmune diseases*
- *Sosei Heptares eligible to receive up to \$80 million in upfront and near-term milestone payments and has potential to receive further downstream payments totalling up to US\$1.2 billion, plus tiered royalties*

Tokyo, Japan and Cambridge, UK, 2 August 2022 – Sosei Group Corporation (“the Company”; TSE: 4565) and AbbVie (NYSE: ABBV), a research-based global biopharmaceutical company, announce they have entered a new drug discovery collaboration and option-to-license agreement to discover, develop and commercialize small molecules that modulate novel G protein-coupled receptor (GPCR) targets associated with neurological disease.

Overview of major pipeline

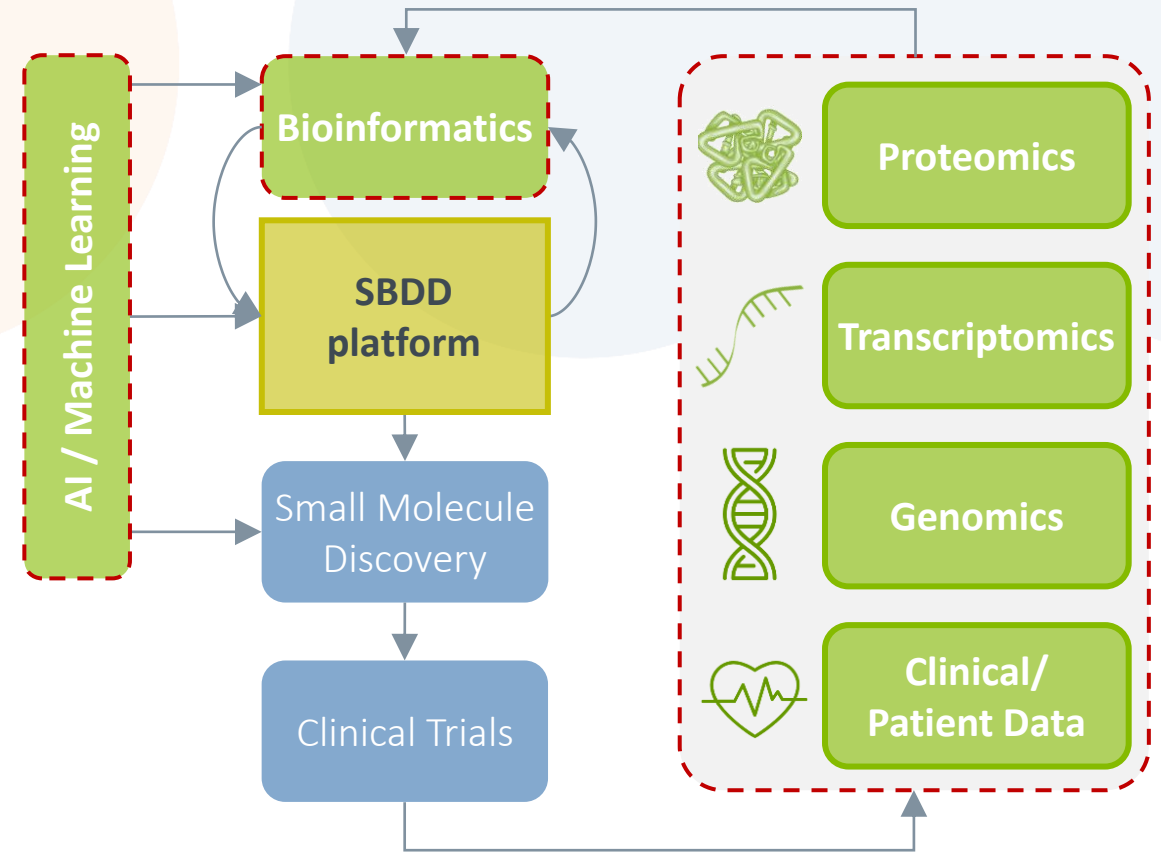


■ Partnered Program
■ In-house Program

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New Target Identification and Validation (TIV) framework to give us the next generation of GPCR targets

Aim	To support the identification and validation of new drug GPCR targets across our core therapeutic areas (GI, immunology, immuno-oncology and neuroscience)
How	By leveraging top-end external company omics platforms/databases and validation capabilities
Why	To add exciting novel GPCR targets to our pipeline which have evidence of a direct involvement in a disease / mechanism process to fuel partnering activity and higher value creation



Continuously expanding our know-how and SBDD platform to maintain our leadership position in GPCR drug discovery

Strategic collaboration partners

Identification and validation of novel GPCR targets for new discovery programs

2021~



AI drug discovery (Target)

- Discovery collaboration combining InveniAI's AI-powered platform for target discovery with SH's GPCR SBDD and early development capabilities
- Collaboration aims to identify new therapeutic product concepts for immune diseases and generate novel compounds that could improve responses to existing immunotherapies

Immunology/Multi-target

2022~



AI drug discovery (Target)

- Research collaboration combining Verily's immune profiling capabilities and SH's StaR® platform and SBDD capabilities
- Collaboration aims to identify GPCRs expressed in immune cells, enhance our understanding of their functional relevance and prosecute as potential drug targets in immune-mediated diseases

Immunology/Multi-target

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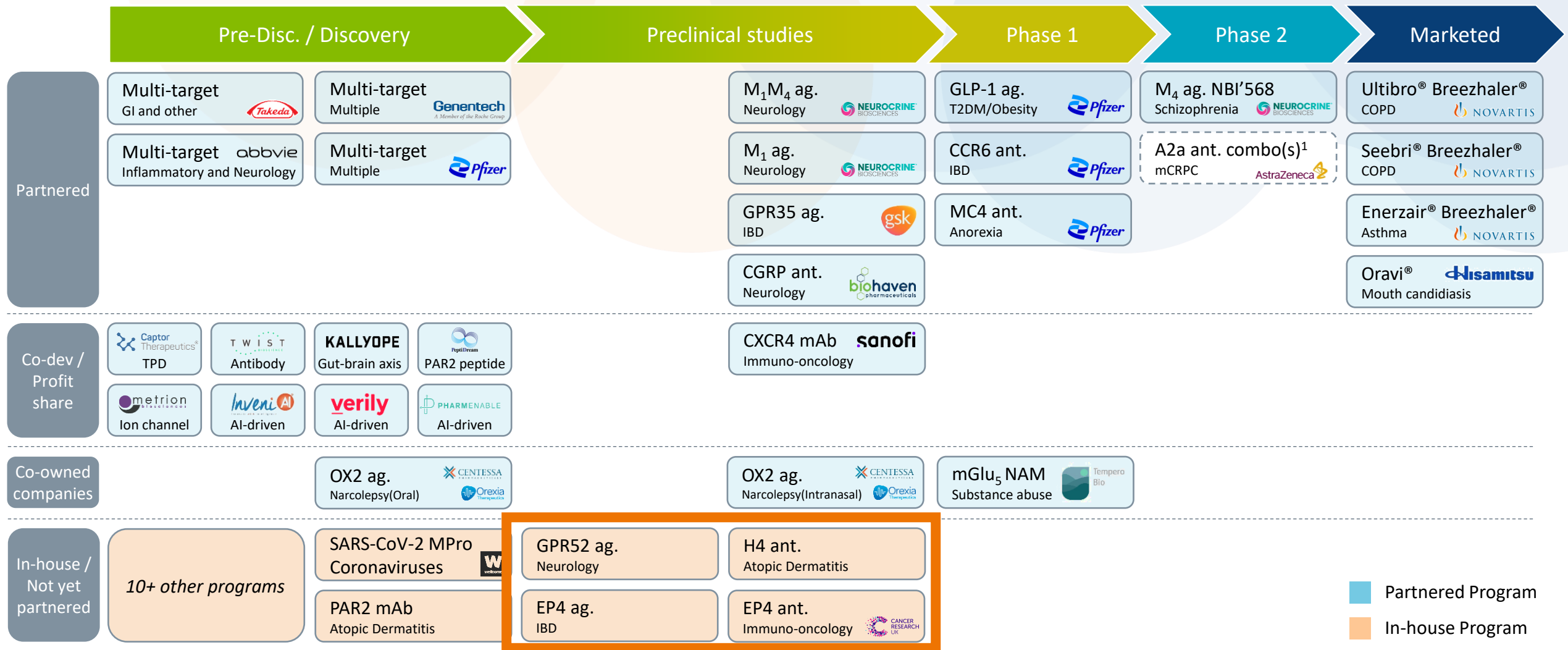
KALLYOPE

Gut-brain axis platform (Target)

- Strategic research collaboration leveraging Sosei Heptares capabilities with Kallyope's gut-brain axis platform
- Collaboration aims to identify, prioritize and validate novel GPCR targets with a goal of creating new drug discovery programs in the area of gastrointestinal (GI) diseases

Gastroenterology/Multi-target

Overview of major pipeline








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Advancing four wholly-owned programs

Advancing priority programs into early clinical studies, including collaboration with CRUK

Indication and target	 Schizophrenia and Psychosis	 Atopic Dermatitis	 Immunosuppression in solid tumors	 Inflammatory Bowel Disease
	GPR52 agonist	H4 antagonist	EP4 antagonist	EP4 agonist
Target Product Profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Once daily oral small molecule24hr target engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Once daily oral small moleculeTo be used as a monotherapy or in combination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Once daily oral small moleculeTo be used in combo with checkpoint inhibitorsCollaboration with CRUK	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oral GI restrictedGood potency and selectivityMinimal GI systemic exposure
Clinical start target	H1 2023	H1 2023	H1 2023 	End of 2023



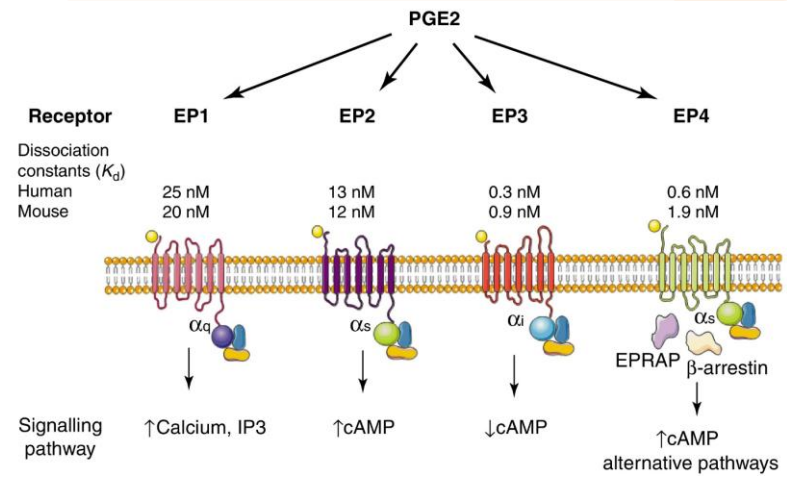
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Priority Wholly-owned Programs (EP4 antagonist and EP4 agonist)

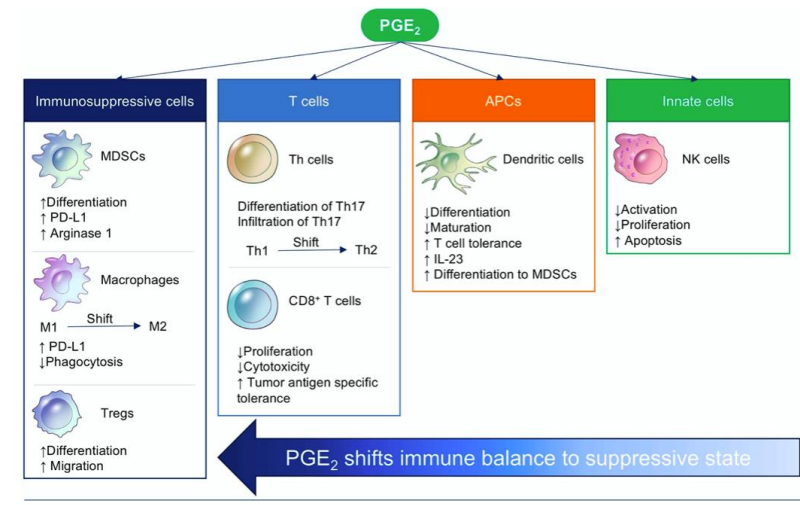
Dr. Rie Suzuki, Senior Director,
Translational Biology

EP4 receptor: GPCR with multiple therapeutic opportunities

EP4 is a key receptor for PGE2



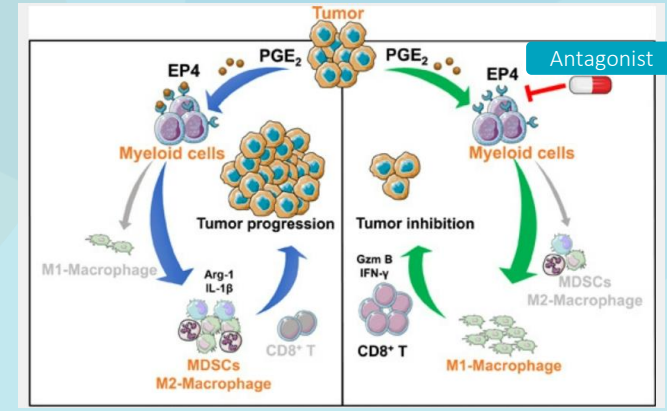
Potent anti-inflammatory action



Source: Figure adapted from Wang and Dubois, Role of prostanoids in gastrointestinal cancer, J Clin Invest, 2018

Immuno-oncology

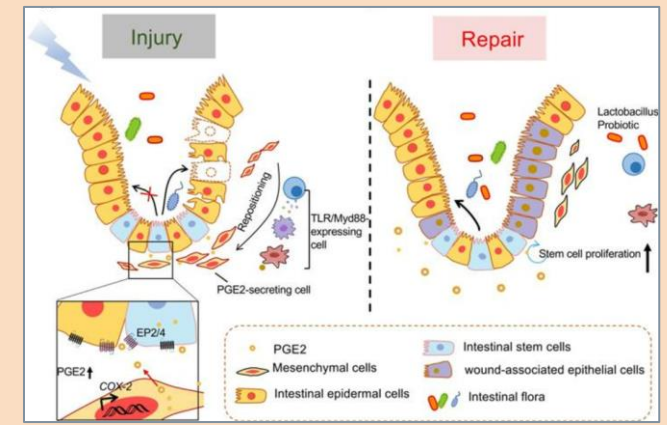
EP4 Antagonist



Project Hypothesis:
Restore immune surveillance and enhance efficacy of checkpoint inhibitors

Inflammatory bowel disease

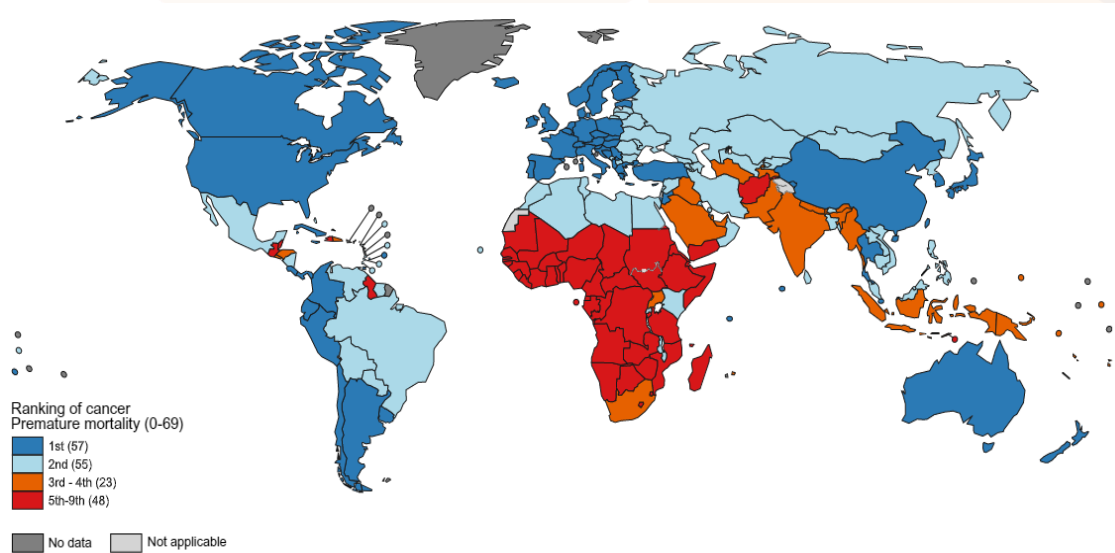
EP4 Agonist



Project Hypothesis:
Dampen inflammation, restore gut homeostasis and accelerate mucosal healing

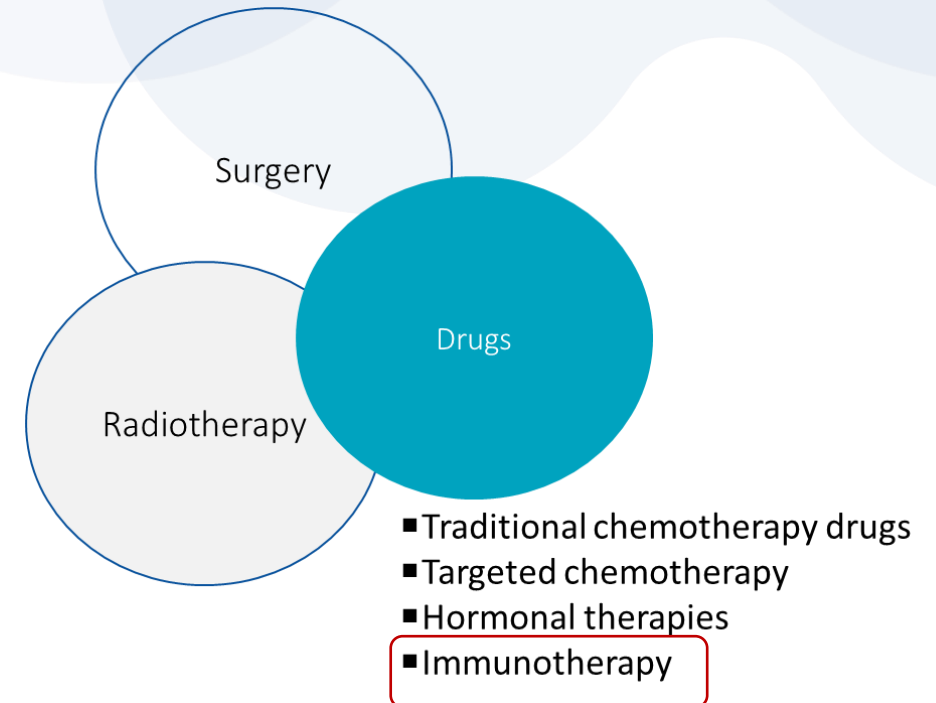
Cancer is the leading cause of premature death in high development index countries

National Ranking of Cancer as a Cause of Death at Ages <70 Years in 2019.



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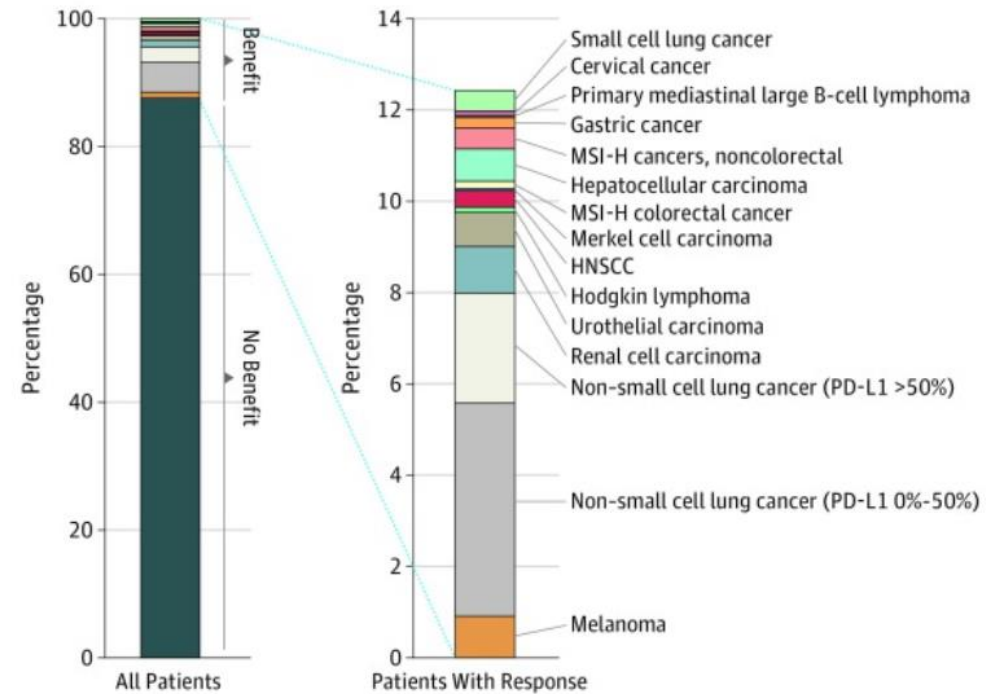
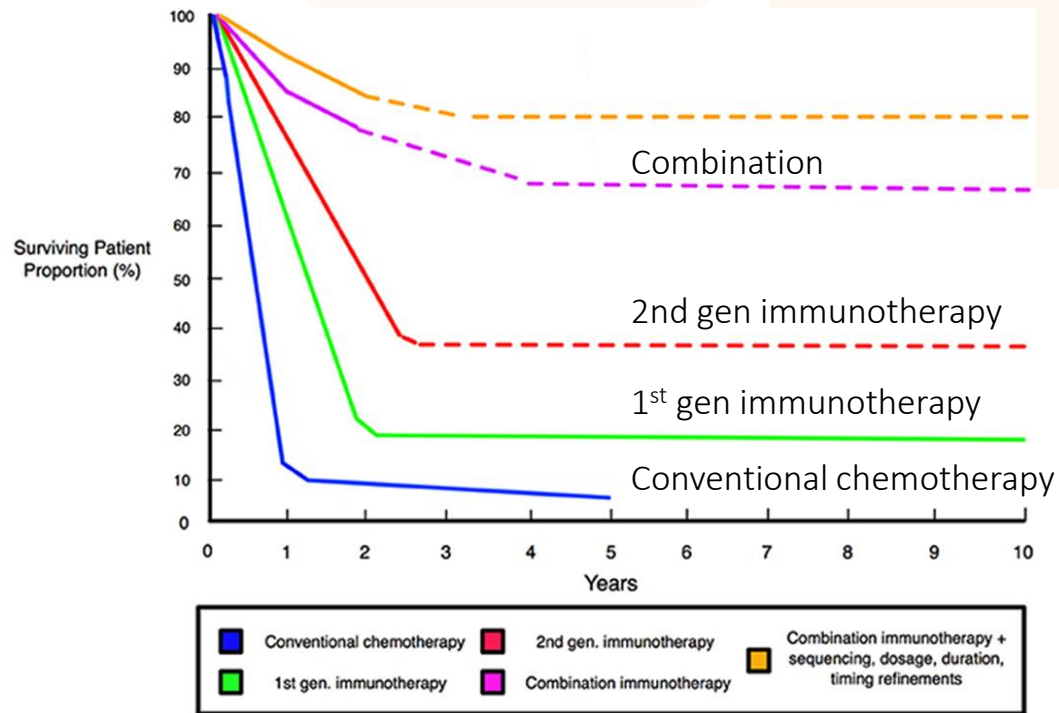
Current treatments



Immunotherapy offers improved survival in some patients – but room for improved efficacy

Immunotherapy provides lasting remission for some patients

Only <20% patients eligible for Checkpoint inhibitors respond to treatment

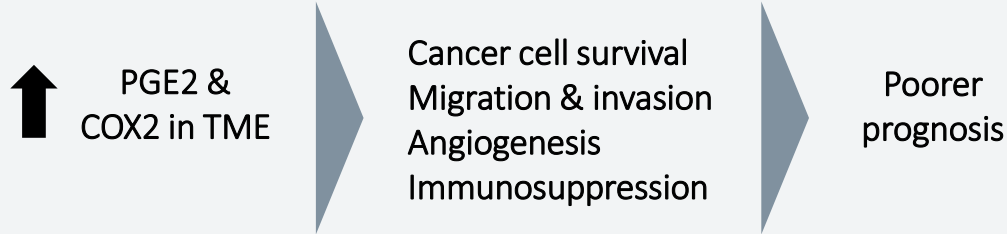
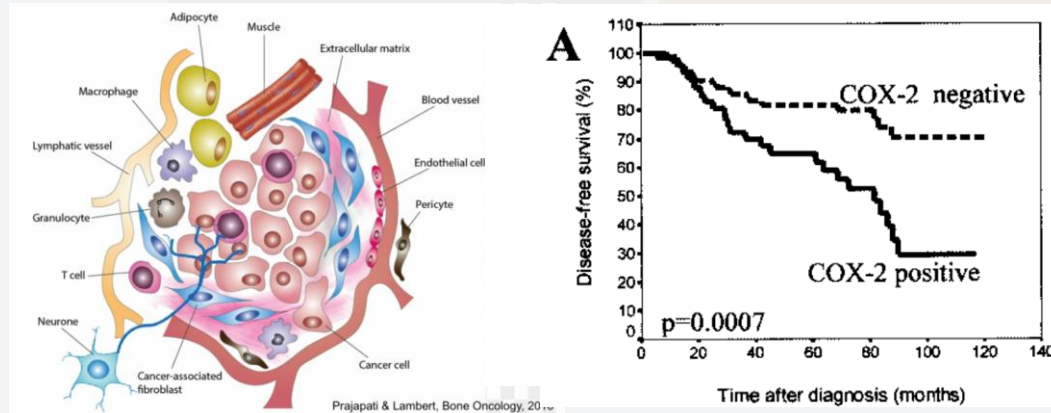


Haslam & Prasad (2019); JAMA Network Open; 2(5): e192535
 First generation immunotherapies: anti-CTLA-4 ipilimumab and the therapeutic vaccine Sipuleucel-T
 Second generation immunotherapies target PD-1/PD-L1 and deliver effective responses in up to 40% of patients across many clinical trials

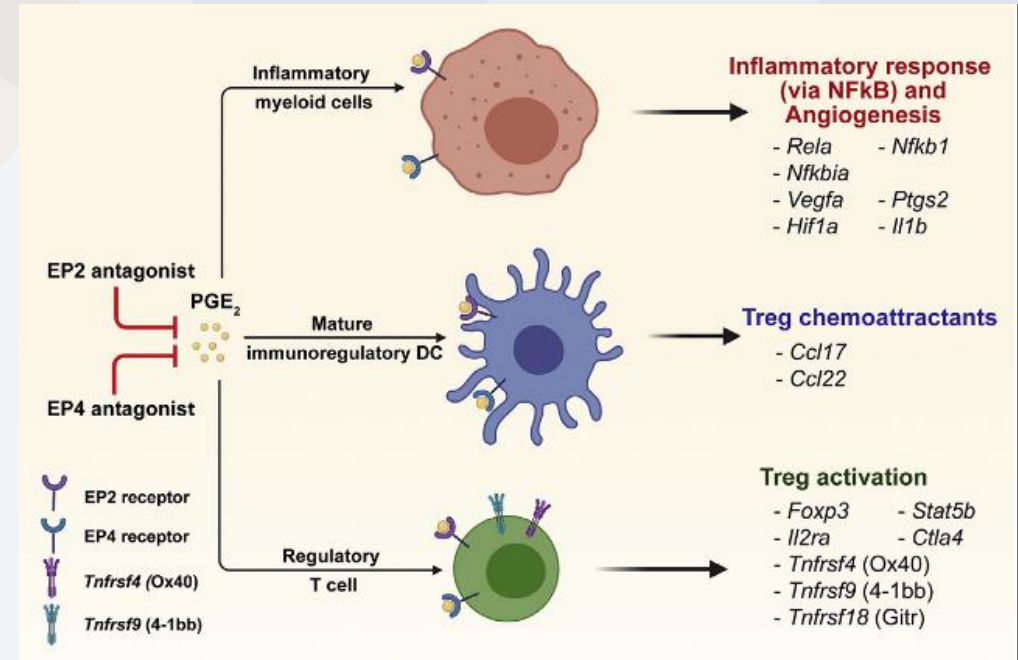
EP4 Antagonist and role in cancer

PGE2 and COX2 is elevated in tumour microenvironment and contributes to poorer prognosis in cancer

Tumour microenvironment (TME)



How do EP4 antagonists provide therapeutic benefits?



Block of PGE2-EP4 signalling will lead to:

- Reduced immune suppression of the TME
- Enhanced antigen presentation
- Activation of T and NK cells
- Inhibition of tumor proliferation/metastasis

EP4 Antagonist target molecule profile

Early chemistry H2L inspired from extensive literature ligand mining

EP4 Antagonist Chemistry Strategy

- **Goal:** Identify potent, EP4 selective antagonist targeting high receptor cover ($C_{\min} > IC_{90}$ over 24 hrs) from a low oral dose (<100 mg)
- Utilise SBDD approach to identify best-in-class agent
 - Wealth of published prostanoid structures and internal StaR mutagenesis work facilitated development of homology models
- Multi-series approach driven by deep literature/patent mining to design novel ligands

EP4 Antagonist Competitor Landscape

E7046 +/- Pembrolizumab (Phase 1b)



Grapiprant +/- Pembrolizumab (Phase 1 & 1b/2)



BMS-986310/ONO-4578 +/- Nivolumab (Phase 1 & 1b/2a)



TPST-1495 +/- Pembrolizumab (Phase 1)



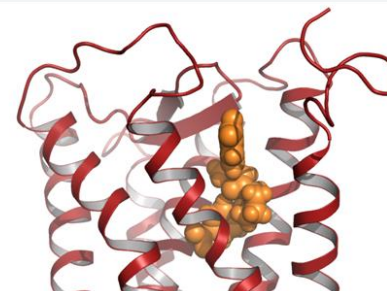
HTL0039732



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Ph 1

Ph 2



Sosei Heptares EP4 antagonist structure

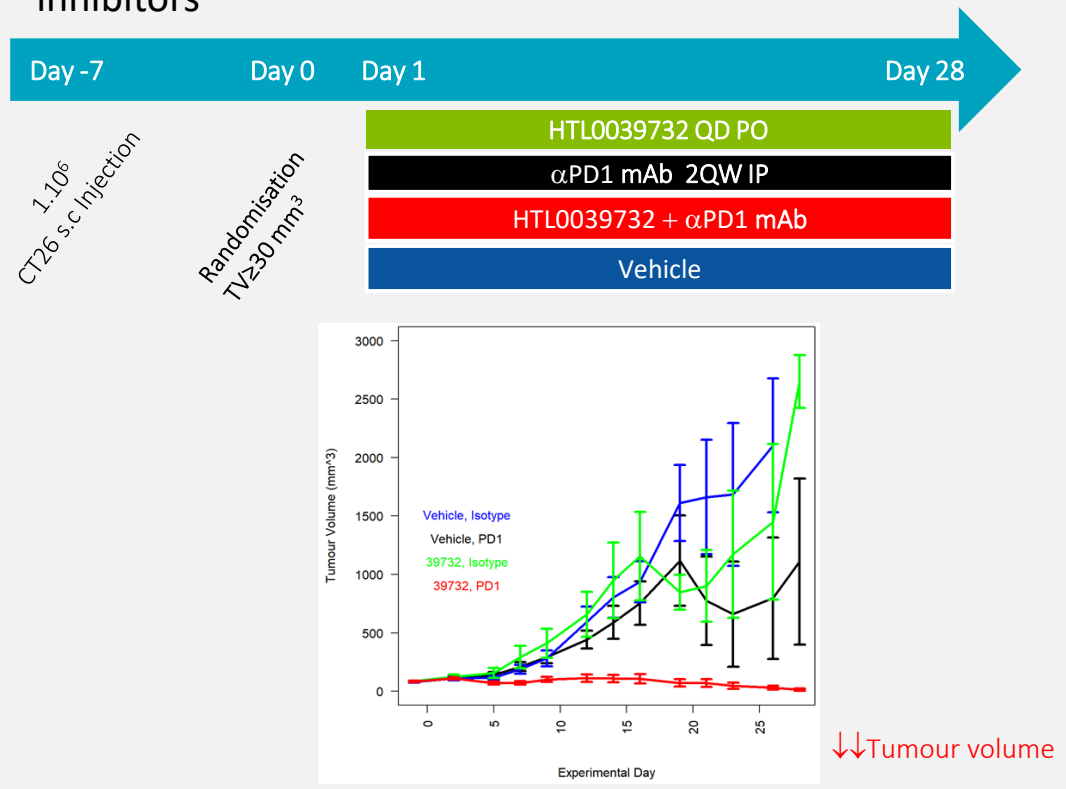
Sosei Heptares EP4 Antagonist molecule profile: HTL0039732

Sosei Heptares EP4 antagonist molecule Profile

- ✓ High potency
- ✓ High selectivity vs EP2 agonism
- ✓ Excellent in vitro safety profile
- ✓ Excellent in vitro ADME properties
- ✓ Excellent PK profile across 3 sp. (low Cl, long $T_{1/2}$)
- ✓ High free fold cover at low doses

HTL0039732 displays synergy with α PD1 mAb

Blockade of EP4 in PGE2 high tumours will restore immune surveillance facilitating enhanced efficacy of checkpoint inhibitors



Summary and future directions

- Sosei Heptares (SH) has successfully utilised the Proprietary StaR[®] platform and Structure based drug design to develop novel, high potency EP4 antagonist, HTL0039732.
- HTL0039732 has broad potential use in treatment of solid tumours in combination with immune checkpoint inhibitors (CPI), with targeted therapies and with chemotherapy and radiotherapy

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Press release

Jul 22, 2022

Cancer Research UK and Sosei Heptares sign agreement to advance cancer immunotherapy candidate into clinical trials

- *HTL0039732 is a novel EP4 antagonist with potential to treat a wide range of cancers in combination with other immunotherapies*

Tokyo, Japan, London and Cambridge, UK, 22 July 2022 - Sosei Group Corporation ("the Company"; TSE: 4565), an international biopharmaceutical company and world leader in GPCR¹-focused structure-based drug design (SBDD) and development, and Cancer Research UK, the world's largest private funder of cancer research, today announce the signing of an agreement to bring Sosei Heptares' cancer immunotherapy drug candidate into a first-in-human trial.

Under the Clinical Trial and Licence Agreement (CTLA), Cancer Research UK's Centre for Drug Development will sponsor, design and execute a Phase I/IIa clinical trial of HTL0039732², a novel selective EP4 antagonist.

Sosei Heptares will be responsible for CTA enabling activities, including GLP toxicology, IMP manufacture¹ and other necessary pre-clinical studies in preparation for the opening of the clinical trial. Sosei Heptares holds a licence to the results generated under the trial to continue the clinical development and commercialisation of HTL0039732.

HTL0039732 has been proposed for a range of cancers including microsatellite stable³ colorectal, gastroesophageal, head and neck and castrate resistant prostate cancer.

Many people with these types of cancer have missed out on the benefits that common immunotherapies, such as PD1/L1 checkpoint inhibitors⁴, have brought to other cancer types. The hope is that this trial could find that HTL0039732 is an effective immunotherapy for these under-served patient populations.

HTL0039732 is a type of immunotherapy known as an EP4 antagonist, which means it selectively binds and blocks a specific type of prostaglandin receptor⁵ called EP4. Prostaglandin E2 (PGE2) mediated signalling through EP4 can trigger cancer cells to evade the immune system and can also influence tumour cell growth. Therefore, blocking this type of receptor may improve patient survival, especially if used in combination with another immunotherapy.

The Director of Cancer Research UK's Centre for Drug Development, Dr Nigel Blackburn, said: "People with these cancer types have, to date, largely missed out on some of the remarkable advances in the field of immunotherapy.

"We are therefore thrilled to be partnering with Sosei Heptares to bring their novel immunotherapy candidate into human trials. The hope is that with more trials like this, all cancer patients will eventually be able to benefit from this potentially life-saving form of cancer treatment."

Matt Barnes, President of Heptares Therapeutics and Head of UK R&D, commented: "We are extremely pleased to collaborate with Cancer Research UK to advance HTL0039732 into Phase I/IIa clinical trials and take a step towards bringing new treatments to cancer patients.

"HTL0039732 was rationally designed using our highly productive SBDD platform specifically for this type of immunotherapy approach and as such we believe it offers the potential to be a best-in-class EP4 antagonist agent."

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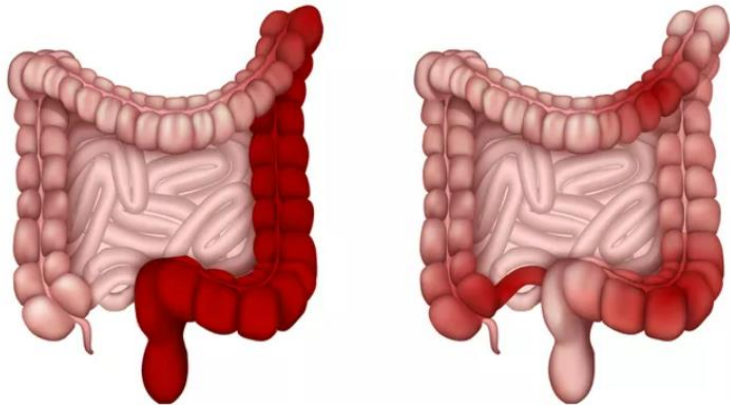
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Opportunities for EP4 Agonist for the treatment of IBD

What is IBD?

Typical course of disease progression in IBD:

Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)

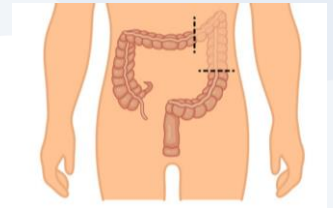


Ulcerative colitis

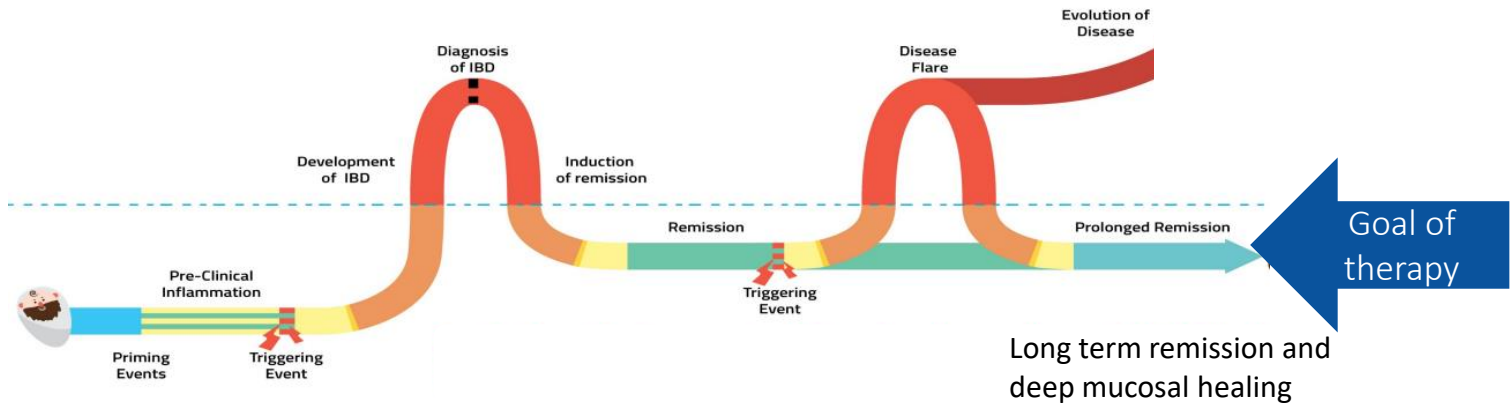


Crohn's disease

Disease cycles through episodes of active flare & remission



Uncontrolled inflammation
Bowel resection



Current SOC primarily target the immune axis: opportunity for differentiation

Unmet need remains in IBD despite biologic therapy

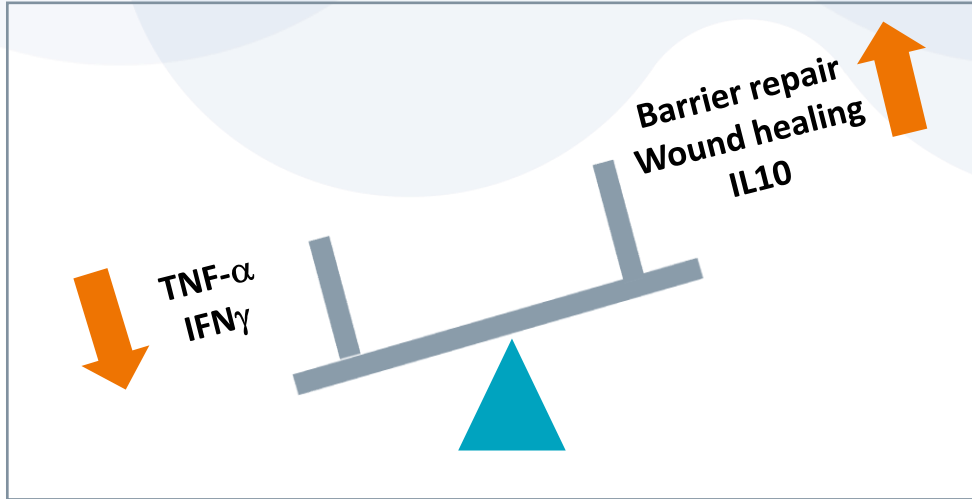
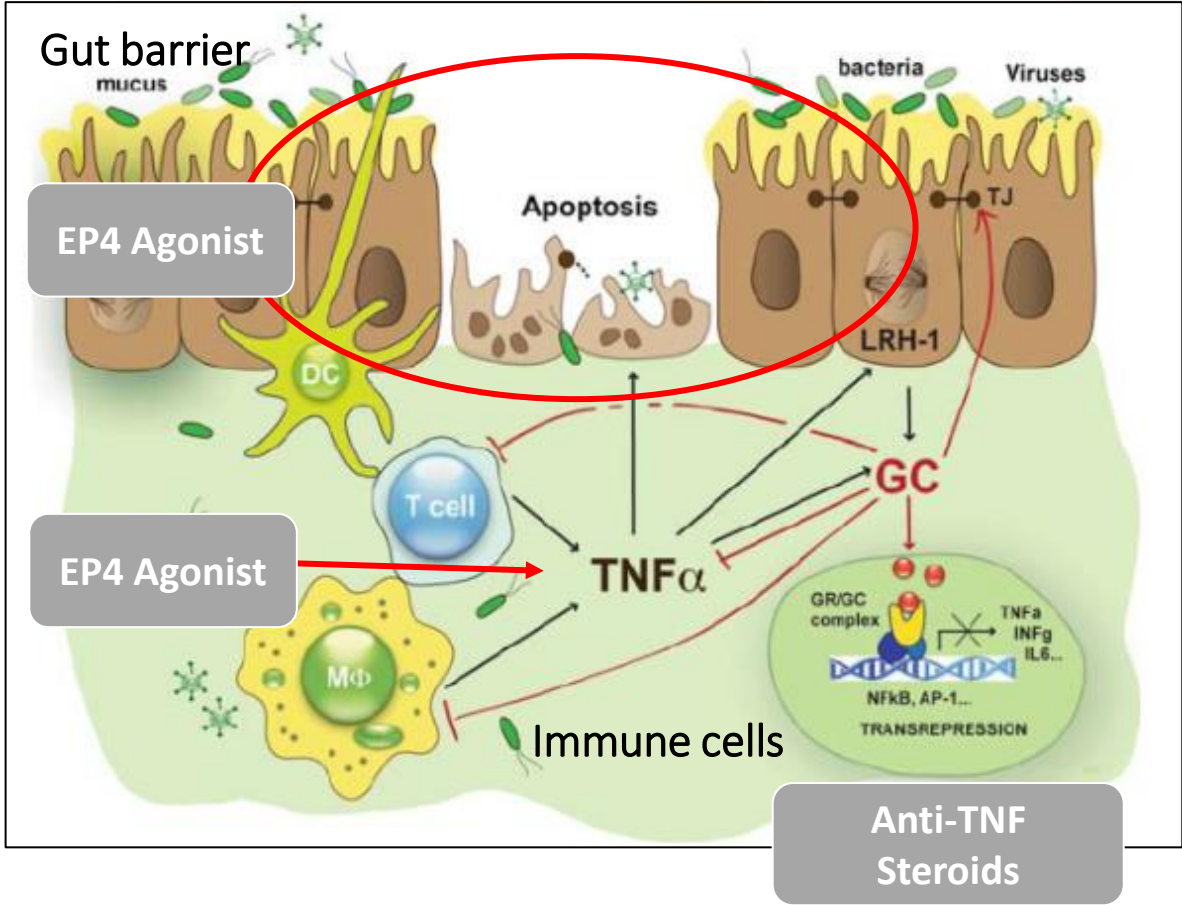
		Remicade	Humira	Simponi	Entyvio	Stelera
Manufacturer		Janssen/Merck	Abbvie	Janssen/Merck	Takeda	Janssen
Mechanism		Anti-TNF	Anti-TNF	Anti-TNF	Anti- $\alpha 4\beta 7$	Anti IL12/IL23
Rate of remission: Induction	Placebo	15%	9.3%	9.5%	5.4%	7%
	Active	39% (W8)	16.5% (W8)	17.8% (W6)	16.9%	19%
Rate of remission: Maintenance	Placebo	17%	8.5%	15.4%	15.9%	26%
	Active	35% (W54)	17.3% (W52)	28.6% (W52)	41.8%	45%
Key safety information		Boxed warning	Boxed warning	Boxed warning	Warning for PML	Warning for infections, malignancies, RPLS, pneumonia

PML = Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy; RPLS = Reversible posterior leukoencephalopathy syndrome

Proposed benefits of EP4 Agonist in IBD

Target hypothesis

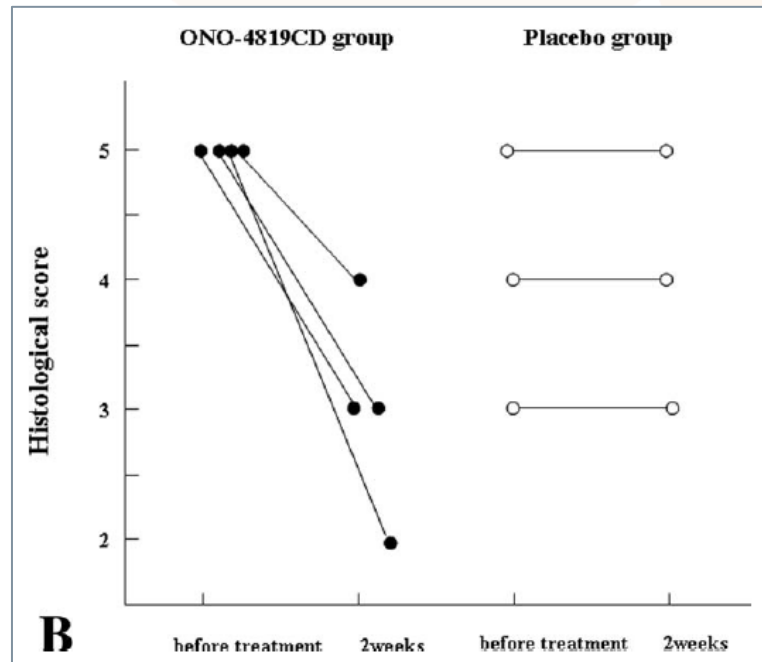
EP4 Agonist produces potent anti-inflammatory activity and enhances barrier repair & regeneration



- EP4 agonist represents a novel MOA targeting a differentiated axis to current SOC.
- Opportunity to enhance efficacy in IBD via combination therapy (e.g. anti-TNF)

ONO4819-CD EP4 agonist in patients with mild to moderate UC

Disease activity index and histological scores following ONO-4819 or placebo treatment



- Randomised Placebo controlled PhII trial
- Mild to moderate UC patients refractory to 5-aminosalicylates

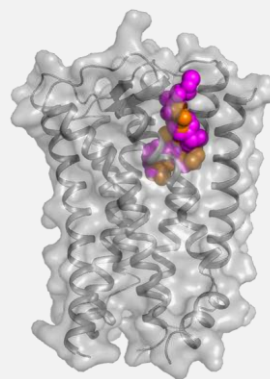
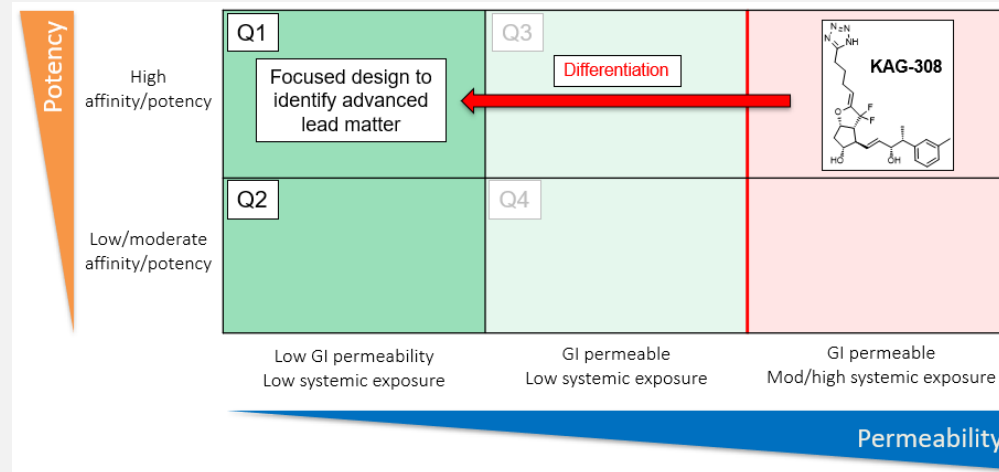
Early signs of histological benefit demonstrated in ONO-4819CD group after 2 weeks treatment

Sosei Heptares GI restricted EP4 Agonist program

EP4 Agonist Chemistry strategy

- **Goal:** Identify potent, oral GI restricted EP4 selective agonist with minimal systemic exposure
- SBDD driven design to optimise molecules to minimise oral absorption
- Identification of novel EP4 agonists with excellent in vitro pharmacological activity and selectivity
 - Superior EP selectivity compared to KAG308
- Excellent physicochemical and DMPK properties aligned to minimal systemic exposure profile
 - Clear differentiation in terms of systemic exposure and luminal drug distribution

Sosei Heptares Chemistry and Differentiation



Competitor status:

KAG308 (Kaken Pharmaceuticals): UC

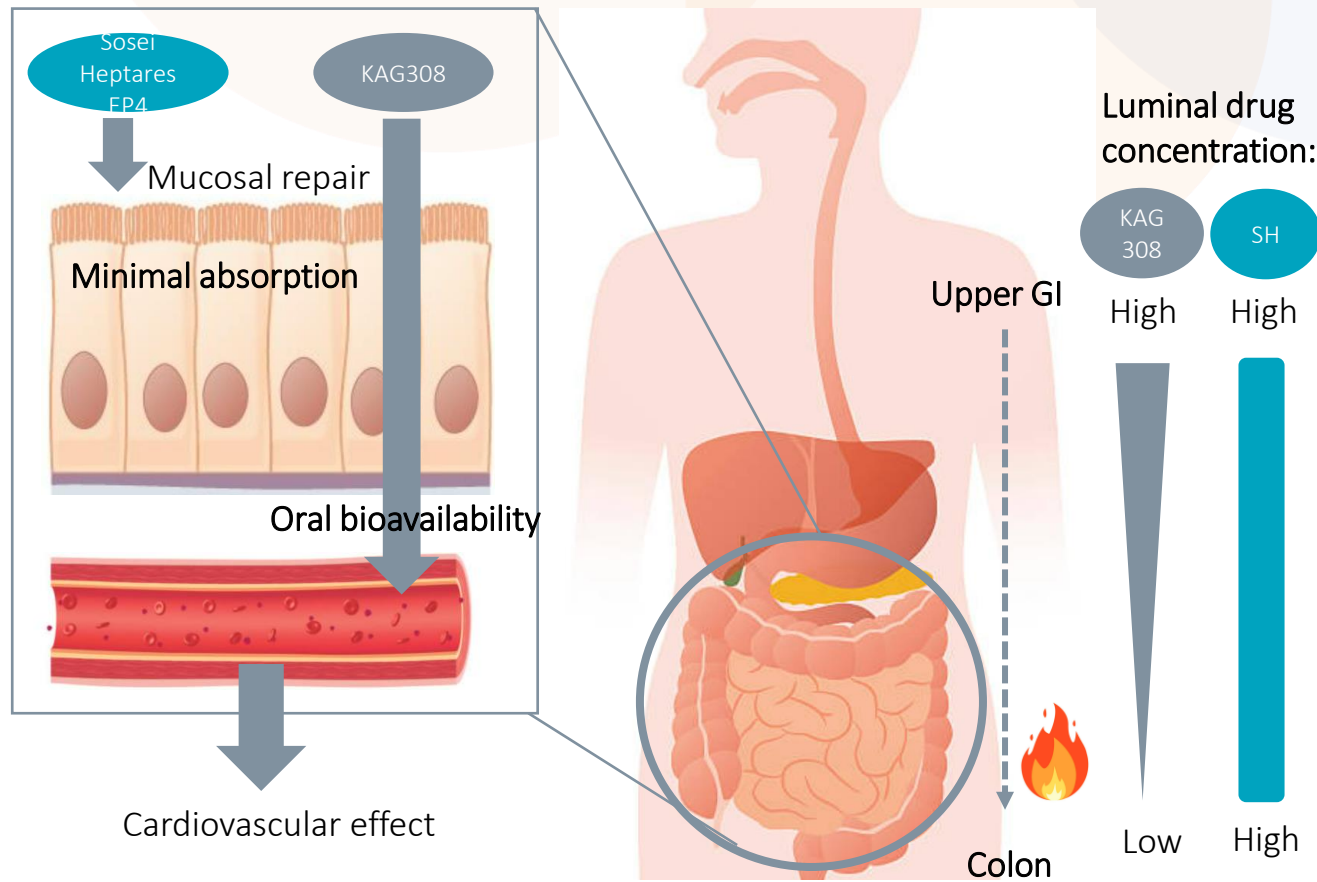
- Status: Inactive*
- RoA: Oral

ONO-4819CD (Ono Pharmaceuticals): UC

- Status: Discontinued
- RoA: IV

* Source: Global Data

Sosei Heptares GI restricted EP4 agonist offers a novel approach to target IBD disease



	ONO4819	KAG308	Sosei EP4 Agonist
Route	IV	Oral	Oral
Permeability		Permeable	Low
Systemic exposure	Yes	Yes	Minimal absorption
Potency	+	+++	+++
EP Selectivity		+	+++
Colon tissue concentration	+	+	+++



Successful design of a novel, GI restricted EP4 agonist:

High affinity, potent full agonist, good EP receptor selectivity

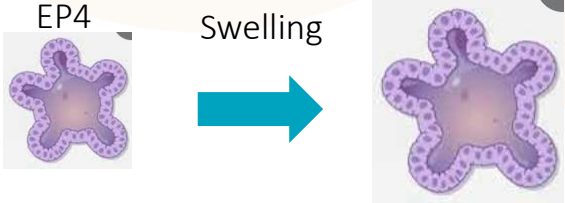
Low permeability, minimal oral absorption

Good in vivo efficacy

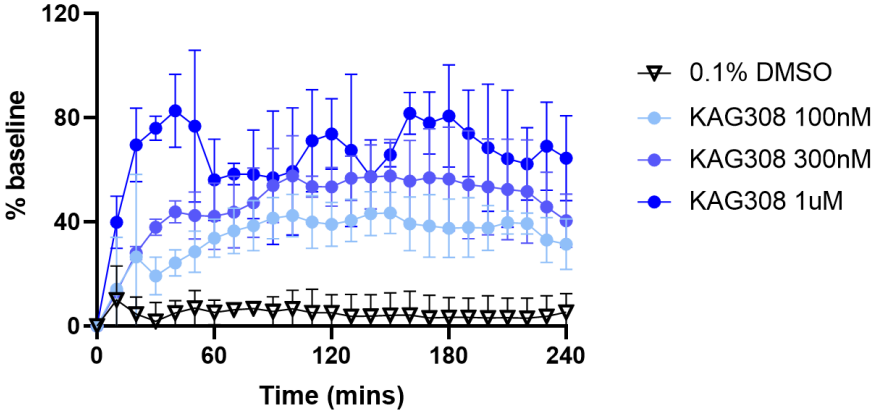
Favourable in vitro safety profile

EP4 agonists improve barrier function and colitis *in vivo*

Mouse organoid



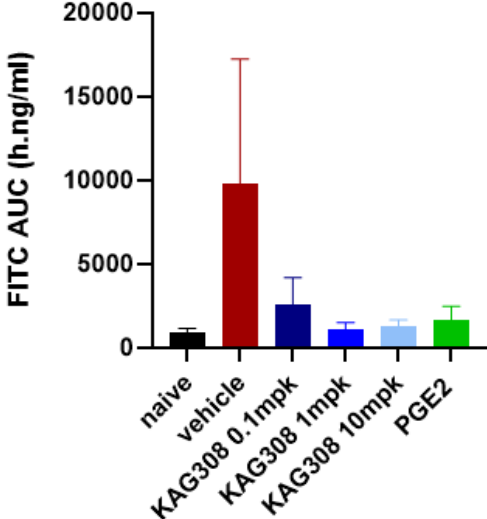
Mouse intestinal organoid



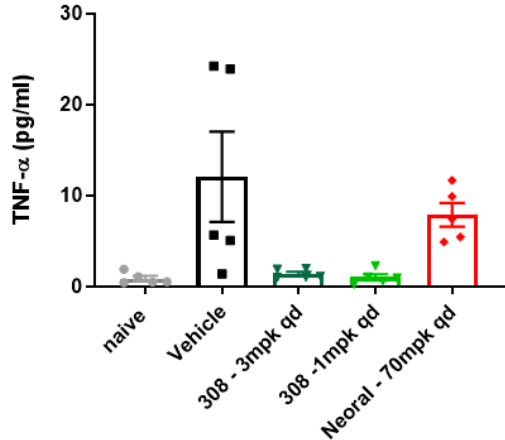
EP4 agonist shows protective effects on the intestinal barrier and shows potent anti-inflammatory effects



Improved GI permeability in NSAID model of GI damage



Anti-inflammatory effects in DSS colitis model



Summary

- Sosei Heptares has successfully developed 2 high quality lead assets with high potency, selectivity and excellent physchem properties.
 - Application of Sosei Heptares StaR platform to support Structure based drug design
 - EP4 represents an exciting GPCR target with opportunities in different therapeutic areas.
- **EP4 Antagonist for Immune-oncology:**
 - Successful partnership established with Cancer Research UK (2022).
 - HTL0039732 is a high affinity EP4 antagonist molecule anticipated to have class matching efficacy and low predicted oral daily dose
- **EP4 Agonist for GI inflammatory disease (IBD):**
 - Successful design of a novel, gut restricted EP4 agonist
 - Opportunity to promote epithelial repair and reduce immune mediated damage in the inflamed gut.
 - Differentiation from current SOC.



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Q&A

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