

# Tackling AD at the roots: early intervention to address multiple hallmarks of AD

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# VIVORYON THERAPEUTICS

## Investment Highlights



#### STRONG BALANCE SHEET AND CORPORATE POSITION

- Led by seasoned biopharma experts
- Strong IP position including composition of matter coverage beyond 2035
- Recent investment from KKR



- PURPOSE-BUILT PIPELINE of small molecules addressing medical need in multiple disease areas including neurodegeneration, oncology, inflammatory diseases and fibrosis
- LEVERAGING IN-DEPTH UNDERSTANDING of pathological pathways for the discovery and development of small molecules
- FOCUSED ON TARGETED INTERVENTION by enzyme inhibition to modulate the activity of proteins altered in disease settings



- DIFFERENTIATED UPSTREAM APPROACH TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE treatment targeting major hallmarks of disease with proven early signs of disease-modifying activity:
  - Orally available small molecule
  - Statistically significant change from baseline in working memory after 3-months treatment
  - Upstream intervention with dual MoA: Targeting Abeta and CCL2 modulation
  - Addresses all three major hallmarks of AD: Abeta aggregation, neuroinflammation and tau pathology, as well as synaptic function
  - Favorable safety profile and no signs of ARIA side effects in clinical setting

# EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP

Seasoned Biopharma Experts Covering All Relevant Aspects of Drug Development

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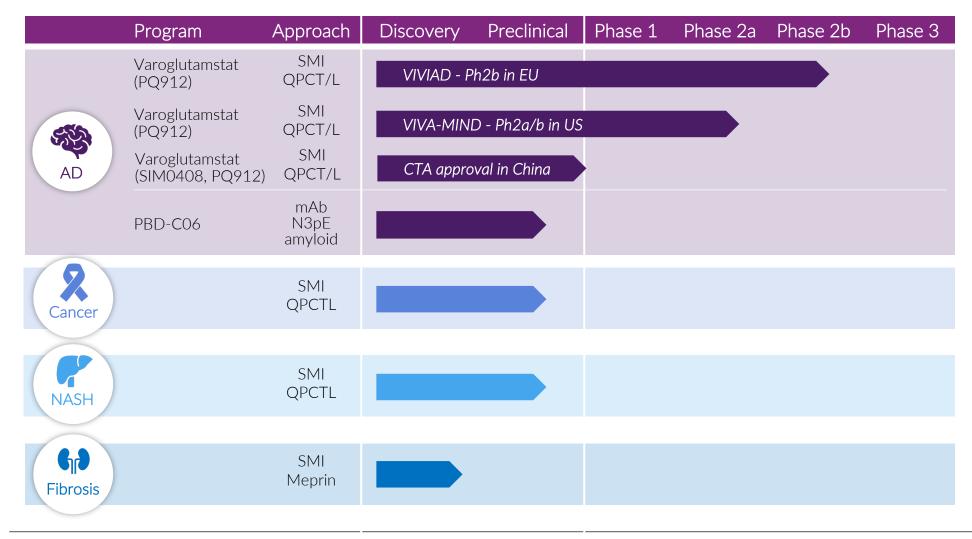
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# DIVERSE PIPELINE ADDRESSING SEVERE DISEASES



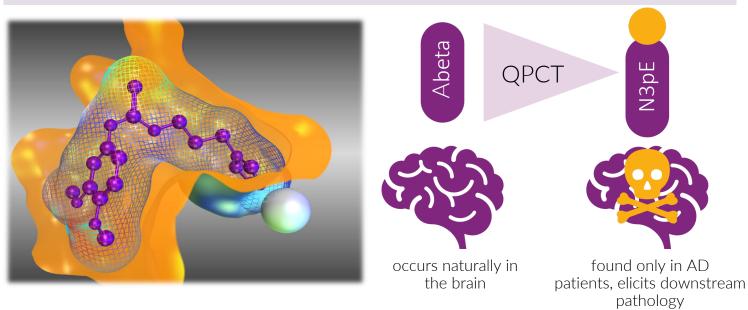
# ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

## THE BURDEN

- ~30 million people suffering from AD worldwide, number expected to double by 2050, with ~12.7 million in the US alone
- Heavy burden on patients, families, caregivers and the public healthcare system
- No cure available, five established drugs on the market address symptoms only
- Aducanumab recently approved amid controversial discussion on reduced Abeta plaque load as surrogate marker for cognitive improvement

## A PATH FORWARD

- VVY discovered QPCT-mediated formation of a neurotoxic Abeta variant, N3pE amyloid (pGlu-Abeta), as driver of AD pathology<sup>1,2</sup>
- VVY is developing small molecule inhibitors to prevent N3pE amyloid formation - rather than aiming to clear existing plaques<sup>3</sup>

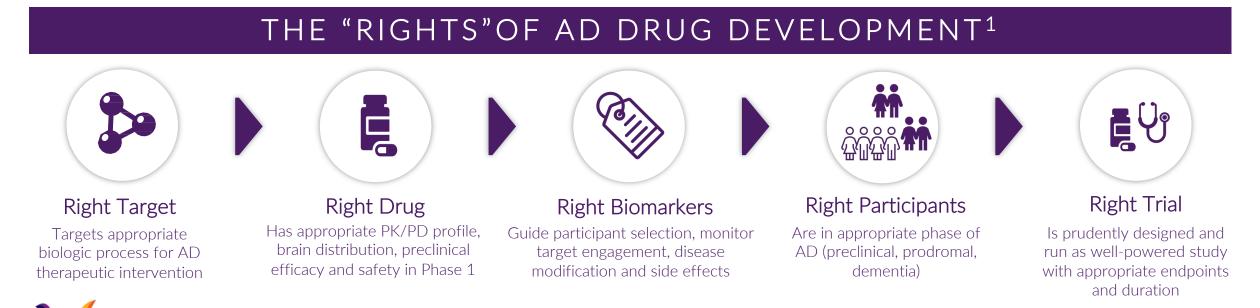


<sup>1</sup> Schilling et al., Nat. Med. 2008; <sup>2</sup>Grochowska et. al. EMBO 2017; <sup>3</sup>Buchholz et. al., J. Med. Chem 2006, Nussbaum et. al. Nature 2012

# DRUG DEVELOPMENT IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

## THE CHALLENGE

- Low success rate and long development phase delay new treatments and discourage investment in AD drug development
- Studies across drug development programs have identified important strategies for decreasing the risk and increasing the likelihood of success in drug development programs
- These experiences provide guidance for our approach to AD drug development



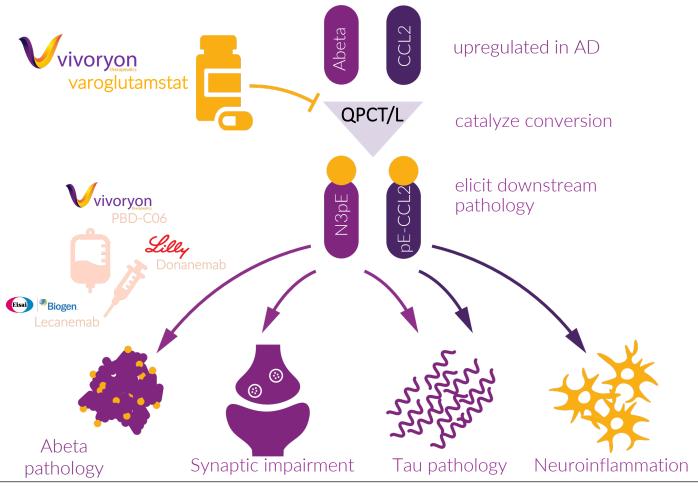
#### <sup>1</sup> adapted from Cummings, Feldman and Scheltens, 2019 7

# LEAD PRODUCT CANDIDATE: VAROGLUTAMSTAT PREVENTS N3pE-FORMATION IN AD

#### ROLE OF QPCT/L IN AD PATHOLOGY

- Increased activity of glutaminyl cyclase (QPCT) is associated with AD pathology in humans<sup>1</sup>
- QPCT catalyzes formation of neurotoxic N3pE-Abeta by cyclization of N-terminal glutamate on Abeta<sup>2</sup>
- N3pE amyloid correlates with QPCT expression and MMSE status in AD patients and is not found in healthy individuals<sup>3</sup>
- Varoglutamstat and PBD-CO6 target all aggregation states of Abeta as N3pE is equally present in soluble and insoluble forms of Abeta<sup>4,5</sup>
- Targeting QPCTL (isoform of QPCT):
  - Inhibits neuroinflammation by modulating CCL2 activity
  - Increased levels of QPCTL and high pE-CCL2 levels correlate strongly with low MMSE scores<sup>6</sup>

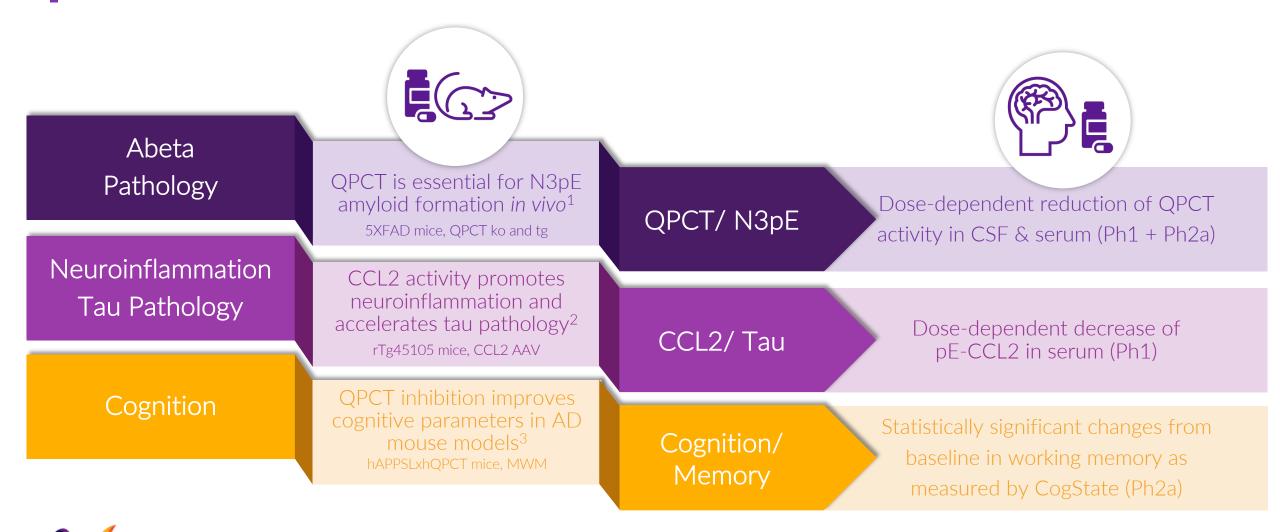
#### VAROGLUTAMSTAT TARGETS UPSTREAM PATHOGENESIS





<sup>1</sup>Gunn et al., J.Neurochem 2021; <sup>2</sup> Schilling et al., Nat. Med. 2008; <sup>3</sup>Morawski et. al., JAD 2014; Nussbaum et al., Nature 2012; <sup>4</sup>Upadhaya et.al., Brain 2014, <sup>5</sup>Hettmann et.al., Nature Sci.Reports 2020; <sup>6</sup>Hartlage-Rübsamen et al., Acta Neuropathol, 2015

# TRANSLATING IN VIVO EVIDENCE FOR RELEVANCE OF QPCT/L INHIBITION INTO HUMAN AD



# VAROGLUTAMSTAT CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Clear Path To Potential Regulatory Approval Based on Well-Informed Trials Extensive Phase 1 and Phase 2 Trials



Preclinical research In vitro and in vivo studies

#### COMPLETED

- QPCT inhibition improves cognitive parameters in AD mouse models
- ♦ QPCT is essential for N3pE amyloid and pE-CCL2 formation in vivo





Phase 1 Assessment of safety and tolerability in 205 healthy volunteers

#### COMPLETED

 Varoglutamstat is welltolerated – no DLT at 800 mg twice daily or up to 3.6g once daily

Phase 1 Assessment of safety and tolerability



Phase 2a SAPHIR Assessment of safety and tolerability in 120 patients with early AD

#### COMPLETED

- ♦ Statistically significant changes from baseline in working memory after only 3 months of treatment (as measured by CogState)
- ♦ High target occupancy detected at doses of 150 mg BID and above



## Phase 2b VIVIAD

Assessment of safety, tolerability and efficacy in 250 patients with MCI or mild AD

> Fully recruited Final readout Q1/2024

- Endpoints: safety, attention/working memory, NTB, biomarkers
- Parallel group, dose-finding part completed, study continues with DSMB recommended maximum dose of 600 mg BID or placebo
- Fully enrolled (259 pts); planned to allow for mean treatment duration of ~82 weeks

Phase 2a/b VIVA-MIND Assessment of efficacy and safety in 180 patients with early AD

Expanded treatment duration in Phase 2a portion (72 weeks) Study status update in Q1/2023

 Endpoints: safety, attention/working memory, CDR-SB, biomarkers

#### Pivotal study or accelerated approval

- FDA Fast Track designation granted in 2021
- Two possible scenarios for late-stage development
  - Application for accelerated approval (based on consistent / positive data of Phase 2b studies)
  - Phase 3 clinical development



# SAPHIR- GUIDING PHASE 2B TRIAL DESIGN

#### COGNITION

- Statistically significant changes from baseline in a working memory parameter within 3 months (One Back Test)
- Notable changes from baseline in attention (Detection Test, Identification Test)

#### CSF BIOMARKERS

- Strong QPCT-inhibition (target occupancy >80% at 600 mg BID, >70% at 300 mg BID)
- Reduction of neuroinflammatory and synaptic markers (pE-CCL2, YKL40, neurogranin)

#### SYNAPTIC FUNCTION (EEG)

- Statistically significant reduction in theta power (marker for synaptic dysfunction)
- Notable changes from baseline in functional connectivity as measured by AEC (*post-hoc* analysis)

### INFORMED TRIAL DESIGN OF EU PHASE 2B

#### DOSING

- DLT reached at 800 mg BID; reported AEs mostly mild to moderate, fully reversible (skin and gastrointestinal)
- Varoglutamstat is well-tolerated at doses resulting in high target occupancy (600 mg BID)
- Dose adjustments for Phase 2b to prevent AEs while maintaining high target occupancy

#### PLANNING

- Composite Attention/Working Memory Simulation selected as Primary Endpoint
- Robust statistical planning with 3 CogState parameters (one back test, detection, identification)
- Based on available Phase 2a data matched with large historical control data set on longitudinal rate of progression for identical cognitive composite

# MULTIPLE AVENUES TO VALUE GENERATION

Diverse Pipeline of Oral Small Molecule Inhibitors to Address Exceptionally High Medical Need

## ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

- Small molecule oral QPCT/L inhibitors with good blood-brain barrier penetration
- Inhibits production of N3pE amyloid (pGlu-Abeta): neurotoxic, glutaminylated, soluble Abeta peptides
- Statistically significant effects on CSF biomarkers, synaptic function & working memory after 12w treatment

## CANCER

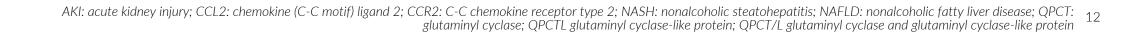
- Small molecule QPCTL inhibitors to modulate cancer immune checkpoint activity
- Precision intervention to modulate the activity of pro-metastatic chemokines of the CCL family
- Opportunity for combination therapies

## INFLAMMATION/NASH

- Small molecule QPCTL inhibitors to modulate the CCL2-CCR2 axis
- In vivo proof of concept in NAFLD mice
- Investigated as single agent and in combination with meprin inhibitors

### **AKI/FIBROSIS**

- Novel meprin alpha/beta single and dual selective small molecule inhibitors
- In vivo proof of concept in AKI animal model
- Unique recognition pattern allows design of selective and specific meprin protease inhibitors



# QPCTL INHIBITION IN CANCER

Opportunity to Develop Oral Small Molecule Inhibitors in Immuno-Oncology

BACKGROUND	OPPORTUNITY
<ul> <li>Large unmet medical need remains to effectively and safely treat cancer patients</li> <li>Combination therapies as powerful tool</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Novel orally administered small molecule approach with differentiated mode of action: no antigen sink effect, potential for improved tumor penetration</li> <li>Large patent portfolio: Composition of matter and indication coverage with expirations beyond 2035</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Evidence for therapeutic potential of:</li> <li>Leveraging the power of innate immunity: target the CD47-SIRPα axis</li> <li>Interfering with metastasis: modulating potency/stability of</li> </ul>	
CCL chemokines	PROOF OF CONCEPT
<ul> <li>Selective small molecule QPCTL inhibitor prevents:</li> <li>Post-translational modification of CD47 to pE-CD47, thus abrogating CD47-SIRPα binding</li> <li>Full maturation of CCL2, 7, 8, and 13 to pE-CCL2, 7, 8 and 13, leading to decreased potency and stability</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In vitro/in vivo evidence of synergies with antibody-mediated immunotherapy, e.g. rituximab, daratumumab, trastuzumab, cetuximab, avelumab:</li> <li>Combination increases phagocytosis and cytotoxicity over single agent activity</li> <li>Significant increase of tumor doubling times in syngeneic mouse models</li> </ul>

# QPCTL INHIBITION IN INFLAMMATION/NASH

Opportunity to Develop Oral Small Molecule Inhibitors in Inflammatory Kidney and Liver Diseases

## BACKGROUND

- Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) is a chronic hepatic disorder characterized by steatosis in early stages, leading to non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) in more advanced stages
- NASH is expected to become the leading cause of liver transplantation in the US in the coming years
- Significant medical need to find effective therapies to manage NASH

## OUR APPROACH

- Treatment of NAFLD by modulating the monocyte/macrophage-related immune response in affected livers using a QPCT/L inhibitor
- CCL2 is upregulated in liver inflammation, our QPCTL inhibitor is used to destabilize CCL2

## OPPORTUNITY

- Novel orally available compounds with a differentiated mode of action targeting a subclass of therapeutically relevant chemokines
- In vitro/in vivo evidence of decreased inflammatory macrophages, and reduced liver fibrosis
- Large patent portfolio:
  - Composition of matter and indication coverage with expirations beyond 2035

## IN VIVO PROOF OF CONCEPT

 In vivo NASH model (STAM<sup>™</sup>) demonstrated reduction of inflammation score, inflammatory cytokines like CCL2 and TNFalpha

# MEPRIN INHIBITION IN AKI/CKD

Opportunity to Develop Oral Small Molecule Inhibitors In Fibrosis and Kidney Diseases

BACKGROUND	OPPORTUNITY
<ul> <li>The estimated incidence rate of acute kidney injury (AKI) during hospitalization in the US is 2-5%, it arises in more than 50% of intensive care unit patients</li> <li>More than 1 in 7, that is 15% of US adults or 37 million people, are estimated to have chronic kidney disease (CKD)</li> <li>Significant medical need to find effective therapies to manage AKI/CKD</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Novel orally available picomolar small molecule inhibitors targeting metalloproteases meprin alpha and/or beta</li> <li>In vivo evidence of kidney protection in cisplatin induced AKI model</li> <li>Large patent portfolio:</li> <li>Composition of matter and indication coverage with expirations beyond 2037</li> </ul>
OUR APPROACH	IN VIVO PROOF OF CONCEPT
<ul> <li>Block collagen remodeling in fibrosis by selectively inhibiting the meprin protease</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Evidence of kidney protection in cisplatin induced AKI model</li> <li>Effect on clinical parameters for kidney function demonstrated</li> </ul>

- Provide kidney protection for patients treated with cytostatics by co-medication with meprin inhibitor
- Effect on clinical parameters for kidney function demonstrated with with knockout animals and small molecule compound

# POSITIONED FOR CONTINUED VALUE GENERATION



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