

### Innovation to Improve Kidney Health Outcomes Lead Program: Varoglutamstat in Diabetic Kidney Disease

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# Vivoryon's approach and expertise positions company for future growth and supports development of innovative oral therapies for kidney disease



Transforming the treatment of kidney disease



#### High medical need

Therapies needed that can stabilize or improve kidney function and prevent progression to kidney failure / end-stage kidney disease (ESKD)



#### Unique oral product profile shown to improve kidney function

Varoglutamstat improves kidney function and reduces key drivers of inflammation and fibrosis, setting it apart from other therapies



#### Program de-risked by compelling data

Statistically significant and clinically meaningful impact on kidney function demonstrated in two independent Phase 2 studies<sup>1</sup>



#### Significant opportunity for value creation

Clearly defined commercial strategy in promising therapeutic space, active big Pharma players, attractive time to market and long IP runway to 2044+\*



# Inhibiting QPCTL has potential to halt the progressive course of kidney disease through unique approach to tackle inflammation and fibrosis

Huge unmet medical need



Current treatments do not stabilize / improve kidney function leaving significant risk of ESRD (dialysis, transplant) or cardiovascular event

Inflammation a key underlying driver



Inflammation and fibrosis have long been known as key drivers of disease yet attempts to develop effective therapeutics selectively targeting key pathways have had limited success

Targeting QPCTL to unlock inflammatory approach

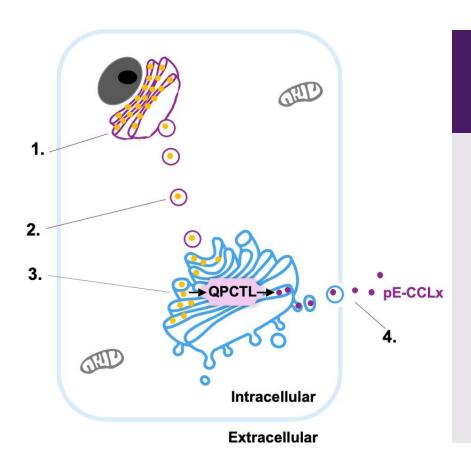


Vivoryon has identified QPCTL, an enzyme that creates pro-inflammatory pE-versions of key inflammatory proteins, as a promising target with potential to stabilize disease

#### Varoglutamstat

- Oral, selective QPCTL inhibitor
- Significantly improved kidney function<sup>1</sup> in two independent Phase 2 studies<sup>2</sup>
- Unprecedentedly large and sustainable effect size over two years

### Varoglutamstat's target QPCTL plays a crucial role in protein maturation and inflammation



Chronic kidney tissue damage can lead to higher expression of QPCTL which can accelerate inflammation and organ fibrosis, organ dysfunction and finally kidney failure

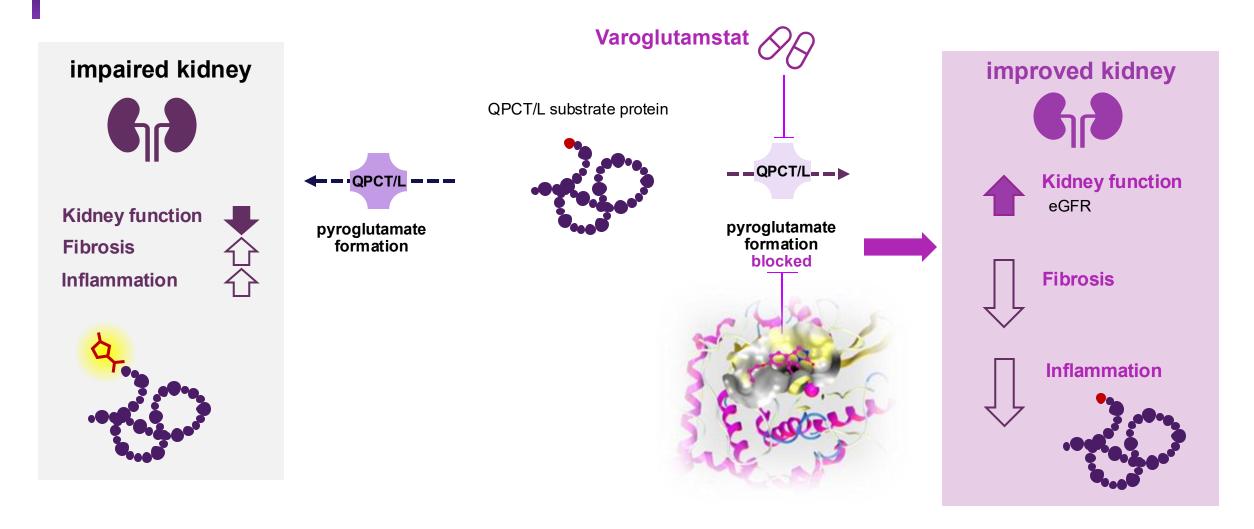
- Peptides including pro-inflammatory chemokines are synthesized on the endoplasmic reticulum (ER)
- 2. These are transported to the Golgi apparatus where they undergo further maturation / modification
- The enzyme QPCTL resides in the Golgi and mediates pyroglutamylation, a crucial step in enhancing the potency and stability of certain proteins
- Pyroglutamylation leads to excretion of more mature, potent and resilient proteins from the cell, including chemokines such as pE-CCL2 and pE-CCL13

Pyroglutamylated (pE) version



Proteins/Peptides

### Pyroglutamated peptides produced by QPCT/L are a central part of the proinflammatory/pro-fibrotic pathways in kidney disease





# Vivoryon has evaluated varoglutamstat's effect on kidney function in two independent randomized double-blind placebo-controlled Phase 2 studies



VIVA-MIND Phase 2 (USA)

#### Similarities and differences between VIVIAD & VIVA-MIND

Parameter	VIVIAD (Europe)	VIVA-MIND (U.S.)		
Patient selection	Mild AD, mean age 68 yrs	Mild AD, mean age 72 yrs		
No. of patients treated	n=259	n=109		
Varoglutamstat dose	300 and 600 mg BID	600 mg BID		
Dose escalation period	Slow: 600 mg start week 13	Fast: 600 mg start week 9		
Treatment duration	76 wks (mean) / 96 wks (max.)	46 wks (mean) / 72 wks (max.)		
eGFR¹ sampling	Every 12 weeks plus week 4	Every 12 weeks plus weeks 4, 8,16		
No. of patients with diabetes	n=32 (12.4%)	n=16 (14.7%)		

Kidney function, measured using eGFR, was a pre-specified safety / exploratory endpoint



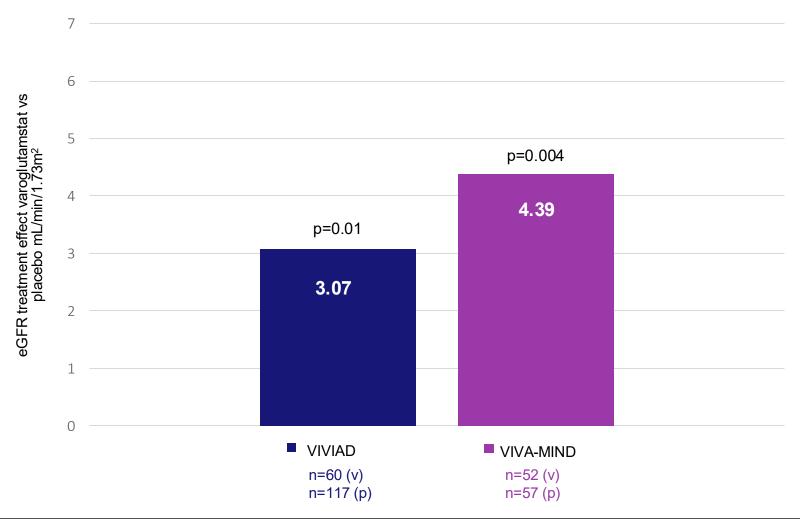
# VIVIAD and VIVA-MIND both show a statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement in eGFR over baseline

eGFR results (MDRD); all patients randomized to 600 mg BID varoglutamstat (v) and placebo (p)

#### eGFR treatment effect:

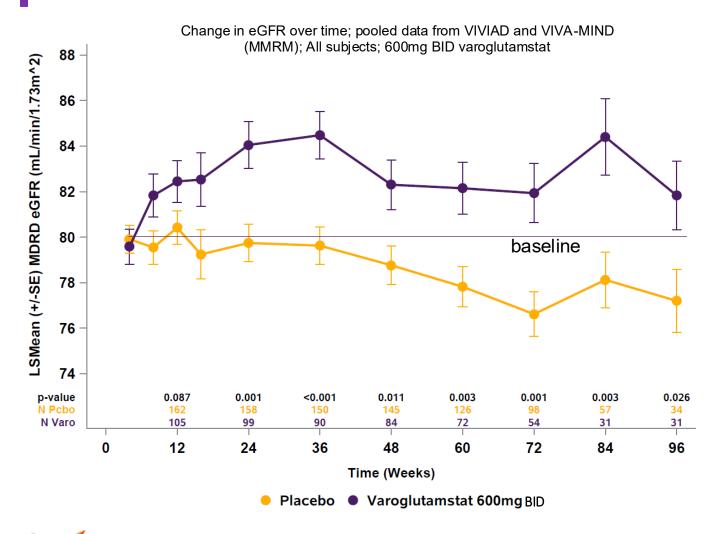
Difference between varoglutamstat and placebo (LSmean change from baseline)

Total population, 600 mg BID patients only, all visits





## Compelling beneficial effect on kidney function in subjects treated with varoglutamstat compared to placebo



#### Varoglutamstat

- Clear and consistent separation of curves after 24 weeks
- Effect stable and maintained above baseline for 2 years
- Placebo patients decline mildly

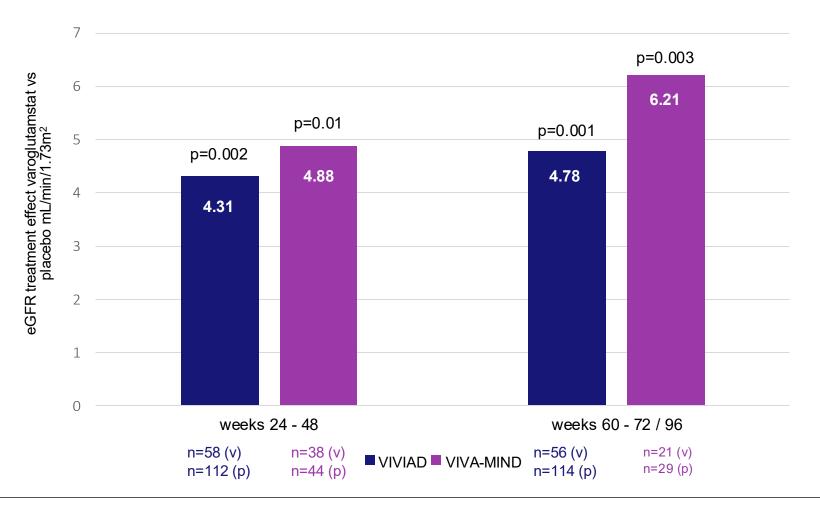


# Consistent improvement in kidney function and effect size across distinct treatment periods in both studies

Sensitivity analysis; all patients randomized to 600 mg BID varoglutamstat (v) and placebo (p)

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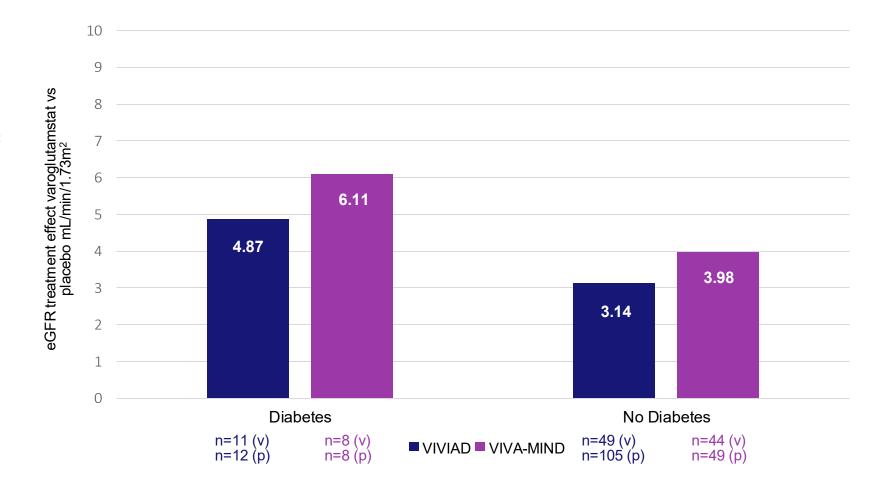


# Results are nearly identical between studies when comparing treatment effect in patients with or without diabetes, with consistently higher effect in diabetes

Subgroup analysis; with and without diabetes; 600 mg BID varoglutamstat (v) and placebo (p)

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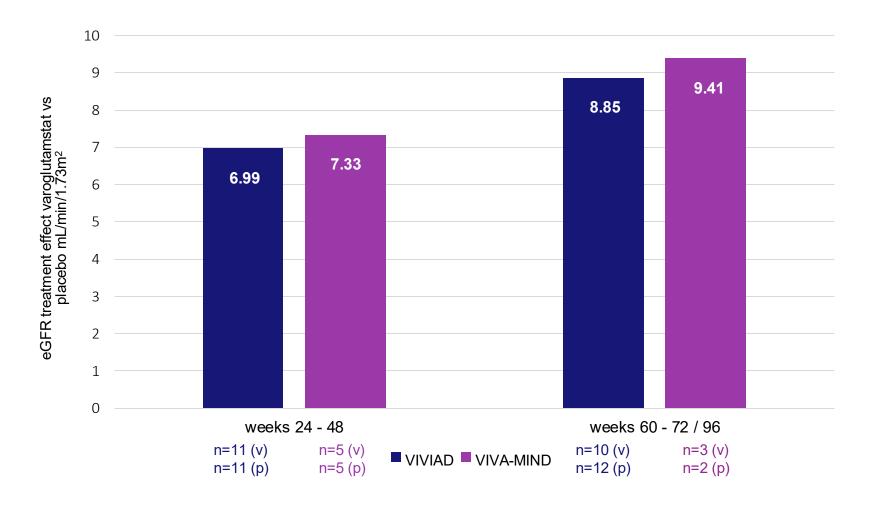


# Consistent and very strong efficacy signal and large treatment effect observed in both studies in patients with diabetes at different timepoints

Subgroup analysis; patients with diabetes; 600 mg BID varoglutamstat (v) and placebo (p)

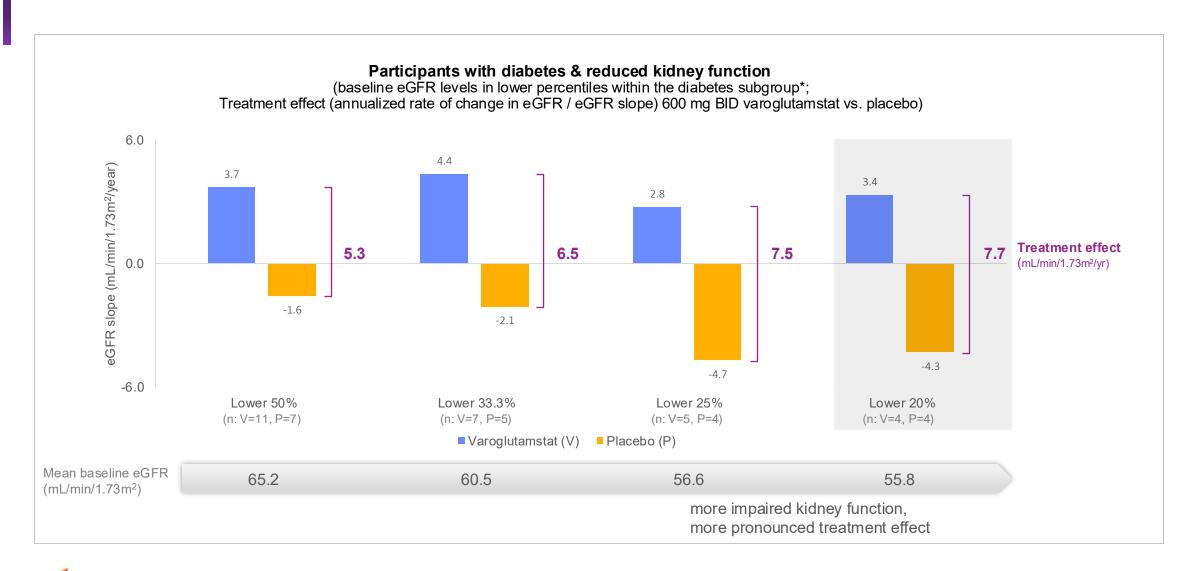
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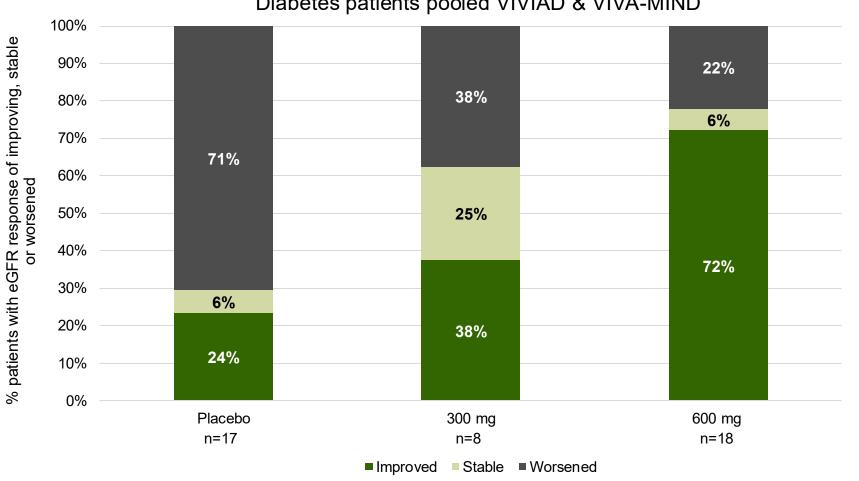
## Varoglutamstat showed consistent and strong improvement of eGFR in patients with lower baseline eGFR values and diabetes





### Responder analysis: kidney function predominantly improved or stabilized in varoglutamstat treated patients compared to a decline in the placebo group





#### Classification of eGFR response

(change vs. baseline, mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>)

• Improved: ≥ 2 mL above baseline

≥ 0 - < 2 mL above baseline

Worsened: < 0 mL below baseline</li>

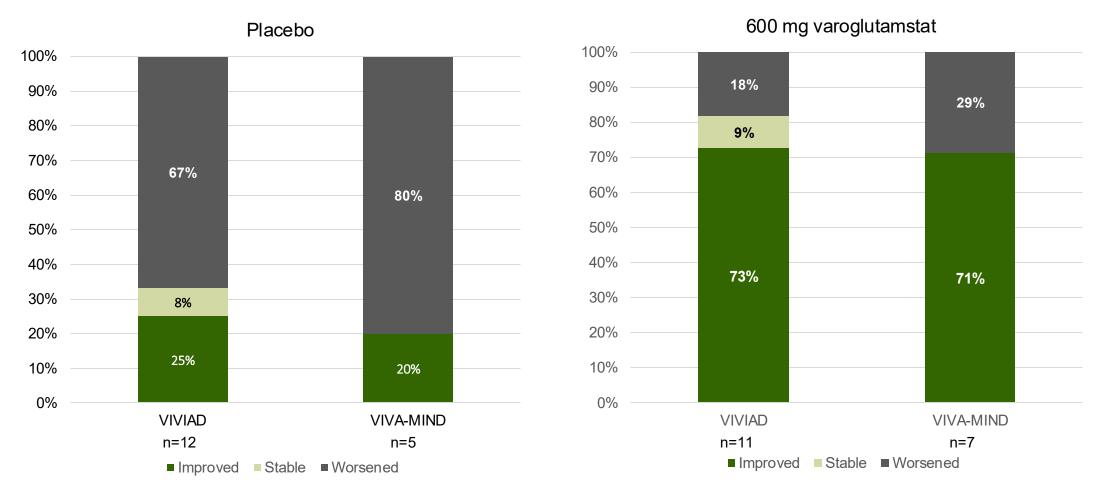
#### Response analysis (proportional odds)

300 mg vs placebo 2.91, 95% CI (0.55, 15.53), p=0.2106

600 mg vs. placebo 9.20, 95% CI (2.14, 39.50), p=0.028



# Sensitivity analysis: side by side comparison of responder analysis in diabetes patients shows high consistency between studies in diabetes patients

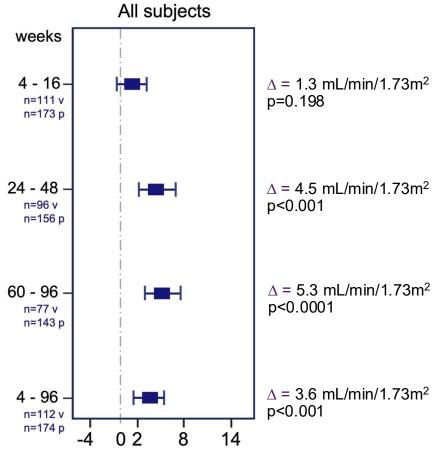


Classification of eGFR response (change mean eGFR (week 12-EOT) vs. baseline, mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>): Improved: ≥ 2 mL above baseline, Stable: ≥ 0 - < 2 mL above baseline, Worsened: < 0 mL below baseline



### VIVIAD and VIVA-MIND: Meta-analysis shows strong effect on eGFR

### Difference of change from baseline between varoglutamstat (v) and placebo (p) of eGFR (MDRD)



Treatment effect and 95% confidence intervals (mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>)

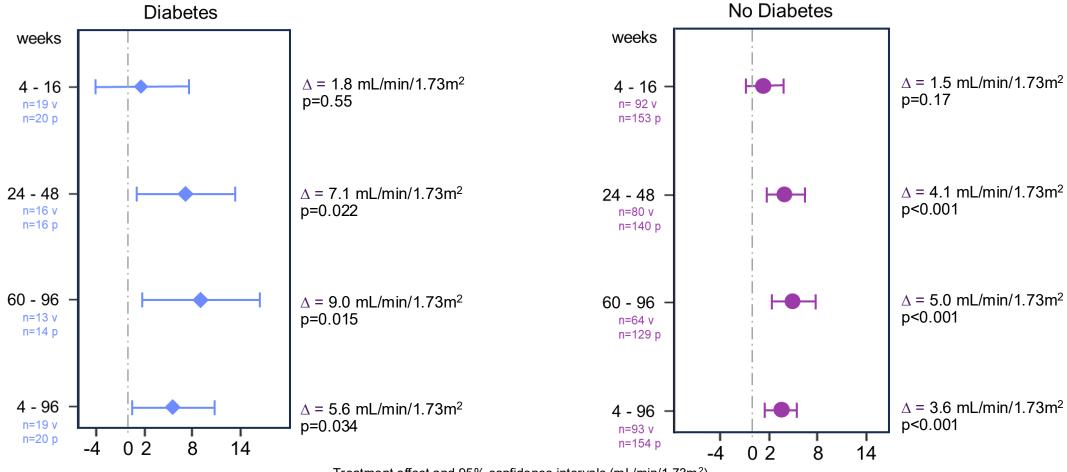
- 0: No treatment effect; > 0: Improvement of eGFR (MDRD);
- n: Number of patients in the varoglutamstat (v) and placebo (p) group

- Meta-analysis includes all patients on placebo and all patients randomized to 600 mg varoglutamstat BID of both studies (patients randomized to 300 mg BID in VIVIAD not included)
- Improvement of eGFR kidney function is demonstrated in the total population
- Difference of change from baseline between varoglutamstat and placebo becomes significant at week 24
- Treatment effect is maintained for 2 years



# VIVIAD and VIVA-MIND: Meta-analysis shows a larger effect size in diabetes versus non-diabetes patients

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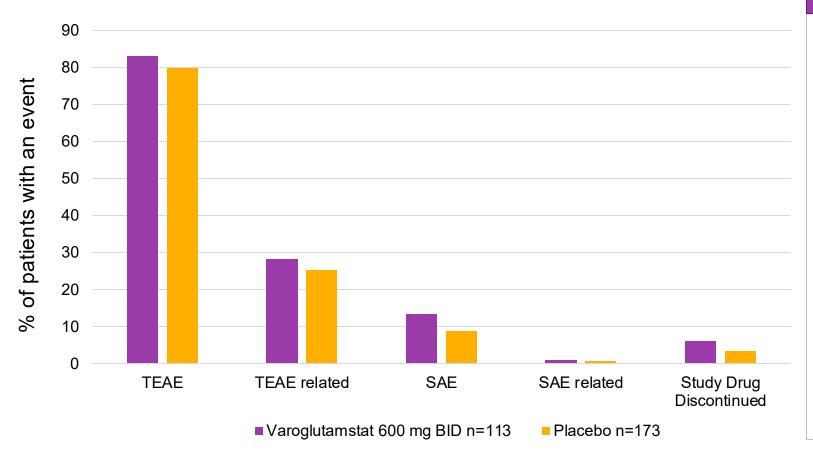
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# Safety: pooled analysis of VIVIAD and VIVA-MIND 600 mg varoglutamstat is well tolerated

All patients randomized to 600 mg varoglutamstat BID and placebo



### Extensive safety package (# / duration)

#### Pharmacology / Phase 1

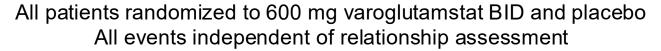
- Phase 1 study: large trial with 205 subjects
- Human ADME / mass balance study completed

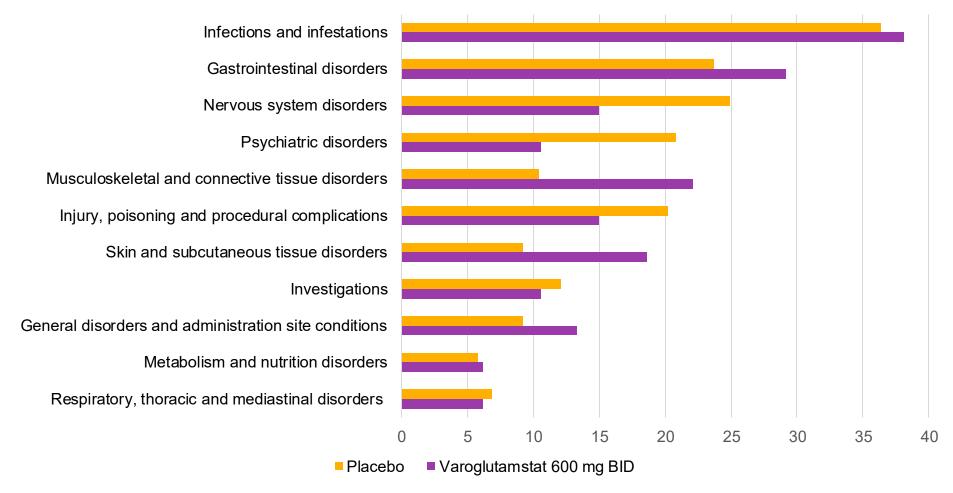
#### Phase 2 double-blind, placebocontrolled

- Phase 2a study: 120 patients, 12 weeks
- VIVIAD Phase 2b study: 259 patients, avg. treatment duration ~80 weeks
- VIVA-MIND Phase 2 study: 109 patients treated, avg. treatment duration
   ~46 weeks



### Pooled safety analysis VIVIAD and VIVA-MIND: TEAE by system organ class

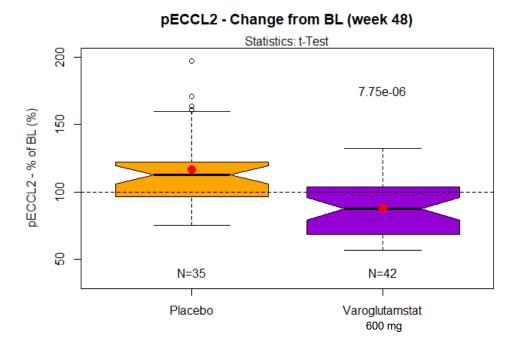


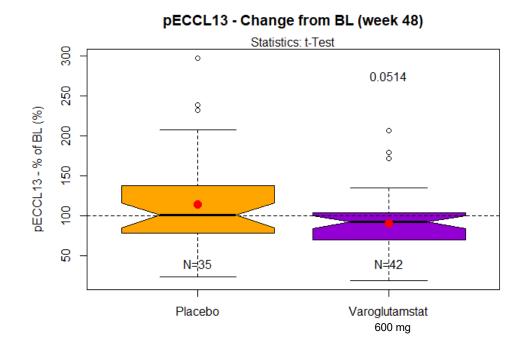




# Inhibition of QPCTL by varoglutamstat effectively reduces pro-inflammatory cytokines pE-CCL2 and pE-CCL13 in plasma

- ◆ Measurement of VIVIAD plasma samples¹ using new, highly sensitive, liquid chromatographymass spectrometry (LC/MS)-based assay revealed a reduction in pE-CCL2 and pE-CCL13 levels
- Statistically significant, dose-dependent reduction of pE-CCL2, consistent with previous analyses

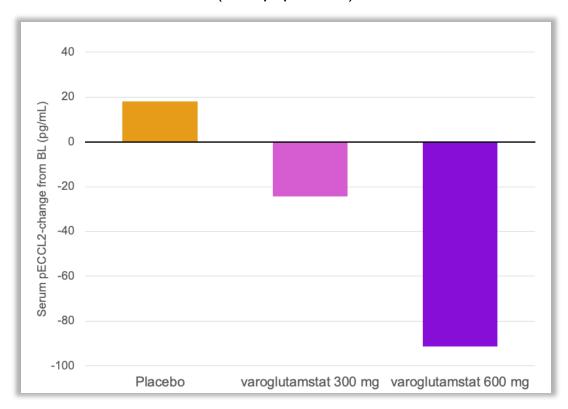




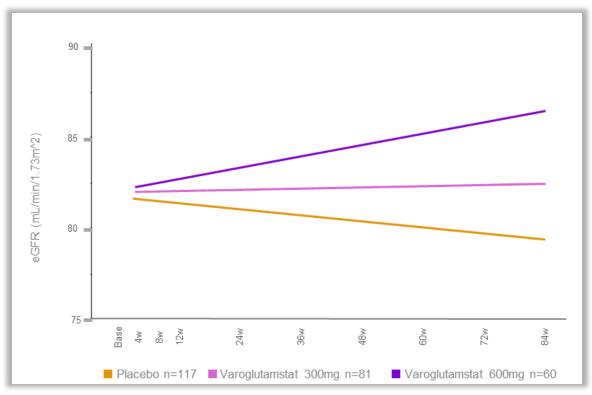


### Dose-dependent reduction of pE-CCL2 correlates with improvement of eGFR

Median reduction in pE-CCL2 levels at week 48 compared to baseline with varoglutamstat (total population)

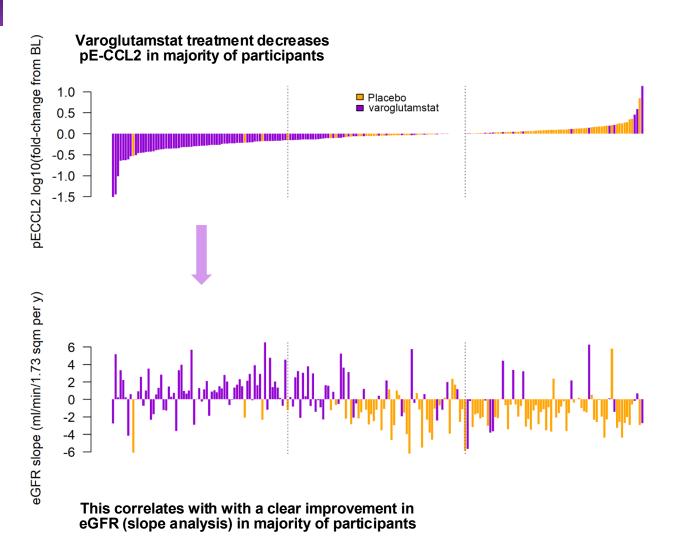


### Varoglutamstat effect on kidney function outcomes (total population; change in eGFR over time slope analysis (MDRD)<sup>1</sup>)

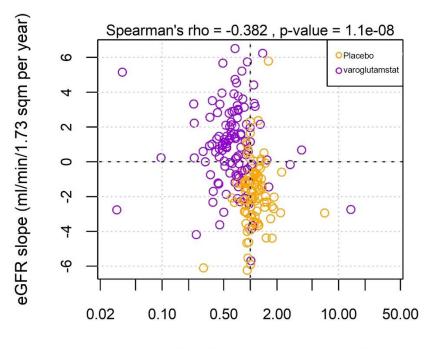




# Improvement of eGFR correlates with reduction of pE-CCL2 on individual patient level, in line with total population data



#### Statistically significant correlation between change in pE-CCL2 serum levels at week 48 and the slope in eGFR over time

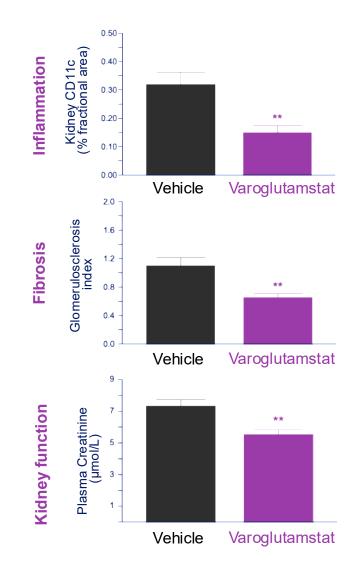


pE-CCL2 fold-Change from Baseline



# New diabetic kidney disease preclinical model results corroborate effects of varoglutamstat on inflammation, fibrosis and kidney function

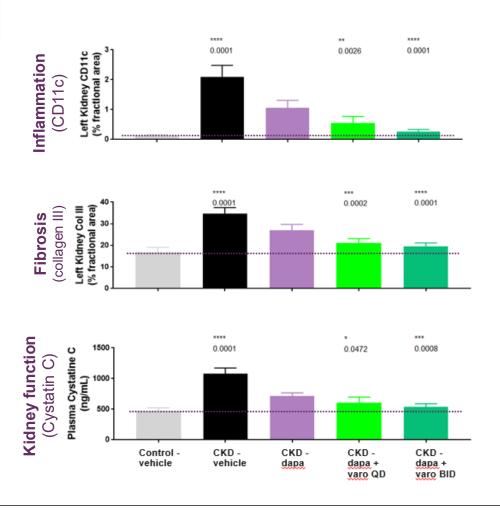
- Evaluated varoglutamstat in an established preclinical model specific for DKD (reninAAV-accelerated DKD model in single kidney db/db mice)
- QPCT/L inhibition with varoglutamstat resulted in statistically significant reduction in inflammation (CD11c), fibrosis (glomerulosclerosis) and plasma creatinine, supporting an improvement in kidney function
- These data are consistent with prior data showing a similar effect of varoglutamstat on key kidney disease biomarkers in the ADI/CKD model



# Impressive synergistic effects of dapagliflozin plus varoglutamstat - pronounced modulation of inflammatory and fibrotic mechanisms in CKD mouse model

### Results pave the development path of QPCT/L inhibitors in combination with SGLT-2 inhibitors

- Efficacy observed on top of SGLT-2 inhibitors derisk the DKD / CKD clinical development program substantially
- Magnitude of effect of QPCT/L inhibition together with SGLT-2 inhibition shows trend towards normalization of pathological findings across multiple outcome parameters
- Once daily similar efficacy vs. twice daily in pre-clin models supports investigation of once daily in clinical trial
- Ideal combination partner for patients treated with SGLT-2 inhibitors with strong synergistic effect observed
- Due to outstanding effect observed we have filed patents for combination of QPCT/L inhibitors with SGLT-2 inhibitors





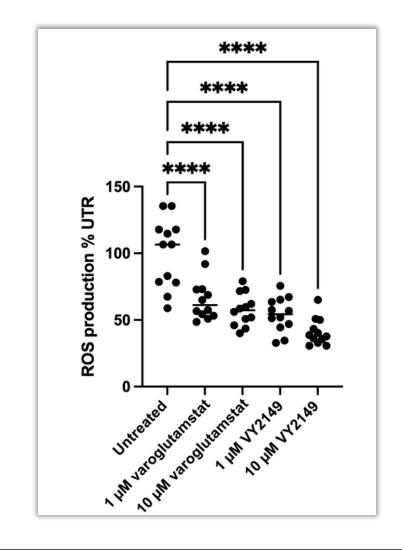
### QPCTL inhibitors reduce oxidative stress in Fabry disease kidney cells

#### **About Fabry disease**

- Rare genetic disorder affecting more than 1/15,000 people<sup>1</sup>, resulting from a deficiency of the enzyme alpha-galactosidase A
- Leads to accumulation of certain metabolic products inside cells of the kidney (podocytes), heart and other organs
- This triggers a cellular stress response including generation of reactive oxygen species (ROS) which are major drivers in Fabry nephropathy
- Existing therapies (e.g. ERT, oral chaperones) have limited efficacy especially in advanced disease leaving a significant need for therapies targeting underlying molecular mechanisms<sup>2</sup>

#### New pre-clinical data

- Vivoryon has investigated the effect of two QPCT/L inhibitors, varoglutamstat and VY2149 on Fabry podocytes
- Promising preliminary data show a significant dose-dependent reduction of ROS production, establishing a basis for further research in rare disease applications





Varoglutamstat: Potential to become a convenient new oral therapy to transform the treatment of kidney disease

#### **Medical Need**

Therapies that can stabilize or improve kidney function for majority of patients

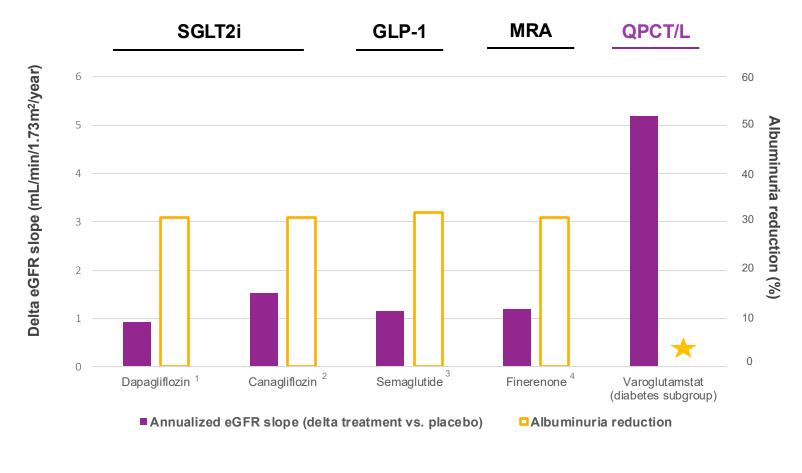
### **Opportunity**

Varoglutamstat is a first-in-class **single agent** oral compound that has been shown to **stabilize and partially recover** kidney function

- Clear development path to market
- Future program based on robust available data
  - ✓ Statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement in eGFR
  - ✓ Effects observed in two independent Phase 2 studies
  - Most promising subgroup identified: Substantially larger effect size in participants with diabetes
  - ✓ Excellent safety profile consistent across two years of study duration
  - ✓ Highly synergistic effect on top of current DKD SoC
  - Planned Phase 2b in DKD stage 3b/4 to evaluate effect in target population<sup>1</sup>
  - ✓ Further potential in certain rare diseases that impact kidney function, e.g. Fabry disease and Alport Syndrome



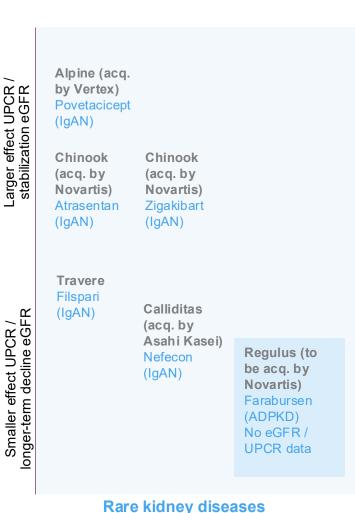
# Effect size substantially higher than observed with current standard of care (SGLT2i / GLP-1)



Conducted qualitative assessment, no increase in albuminuria observed; analysis of albuminuria planned for next Phase 2b study



### Varoglutamstat's ability to stabilize and partially recover kidney function sets it apart in the kidney space and supports its potential to transform disease outcomes



Oral Preserves kidney function New MoA Synergistic with SoC CinCor (acq. **Novo Nordisk** by AZ) Monlunabant Baxdrostat No eGFR data No eGFR data Palatin Orbsen

Bremelanotide **Therapeutics** Cell Therapy s.c, not oral Limited data No eGFR data ZvVersa **Therapeutics** No eGFR data Var-200 No eGFR data

Astra Zeneca Boehringer Daiichi-Sankyo Zibobetan + Ingelheim Esaxerenon Vicadrostat + Dapagliflozin Not new MoA Combination empagliflozin Combination J&J Lilly Canaglifozin + Tirzepatide metformin Linagliptin Not new MoA Not new MoA

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**Varoglutamstat** 

**ProKidney** 

Autologous

Cell Therapy

REACT

Currently marketed standard of care therapeutics including RAASi, SGLT-2i, GLP-1 RA, MRA show slowing but no improvement of eGFR

Patient pool: thousands Patient pool: millions

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DKD / CKD

Stabilizing or improving eGFR

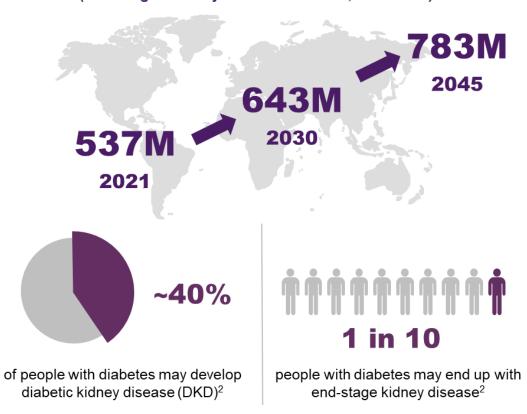
Slowed/continued decline eGFR or no eGFR data

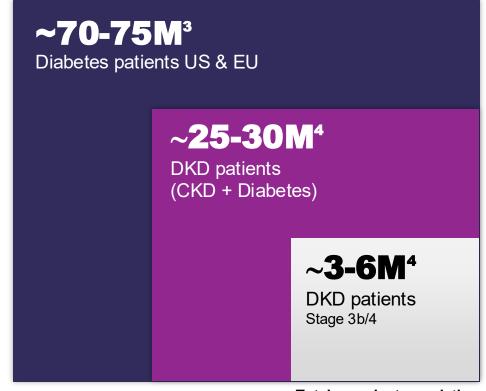
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# Initial target market represents an attractive patient opportunity with potential label expansion to earlier stages of DKD / CKD

### Diabetes is a significant and growing global challenge

(adults aged 20-79 years with diabetes, worldwide)1





Total prevalent population



### New Study: Efficient study design to confirm the treatment effect in patients with advanced DKD<sup>1</sup>

#### Primary Goal

 Aiming to confirm the efficacy of varoglutamstat 600mg BID on eGFR in people with advanced diabetic kidney disease in an efficient and timely manner

#### Key Metrics and Considerations

- Double-blind randomized placebo-controlled multi-center study
- Patients with T2DM with stage 3b/4 CKD on top of SoC incl. SGLT2-i
- Adequately powered for meaningful data readout
- No. of patients: ~100 − 150
- Topline data ~24 months; design could include interim analysis at ~15 months to give earlier proof-of-concept<sup>2</sup>
- Typical trial cost approx. €12 -18m dependent on patient number

# Summary: Varoglutamstat in DKD/CKD - building a robust body of evidence and advancing kidney disease program

2025

2023

#### Laying the groundwork

- Decision to explore varoglutamstat in kidney disease
- VIVIAD study protocol amended to investigate effect of varoglutamstat on kidney function biomarkers

2024

#### Data-driven shift to DKD

- Exciting kidney function data observed in Ph 2b study (VIVIAD)<sup>1</sup>
- Substantially larger treatment effect in diabetes subgroup
- ◆ Benefit on kidney function confirmed in second Ph 2 study (VIVA-MIND)¹
- Data presented at ASN Kidney Week and favorably received by experts

### **Building evidence & Phase 2b DKD preparations**

- Compelling kidney function data & meta-analysis from two Ph 2 studies - oral presentation at ERA 2025
- Novel U.S. composition of matter patent granted for varoglutamstat, expected exclusivity through 2044+<sup>2</sup>
- Preclinical synergistic effect for combination with an SGLT-2 inhibitor; new data supporting MoA in DKD model
- Preparations ongoing for Ph 2b of varoglutamstat in DKD
- Novel QPCT/L inhibitor VY2149 with improved profile nominated for development in DKD/CKD and rare diseases



### Pipeline focused on kidney disorders and inflammatory/fibrotic diseases

		Program	Approach	Discovery	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Status
		DKD (Varoglutamstat/PQ912)	SMI QPCT/L	POC in VIVI	AD & VIVA-MIN	ID results			Preparing for Phase 2b DKD study
Inflammatory/fibrosis incl. kidney		Kidney orphan diseases (Varoglutamstat/PQ912)	SMI QPCT/L			Pre-IND			Pre-clinical orphan disease models
	Inflammato incl. k	Kidney disorders, fibrotic/inflammatory (VY2149)	SMI QPCT/L			Pre-IND			
		Fibrotic indications SMI (NCE) Meprin			Research progra	am			
	sease	Varoglutamstat (PQ912)	SMI QPCT/L						AD program: discontinued after negative topline data March 2024 (VIVIAD) & December 2024 (VIVA-MIND)
ner's dis		Varoglutamstat (SIM0408, PQ912)	SMI QPCT/L		al in China				Partnered with Simcere in Greater China; under evaluation
	Alzheir	PBD-C06	mAb N3pE amyloid			Pre-IND			Partnered with Simcere in Greater China; under evaluation

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# Development opportunities for QPCT/L inhibitors range across many immune-mediated diseases characterized by inflammation and fibrosis

#### Broad potential for QPCT/L inhibitors: Multiple avenues to value generation

Leveraging proprietary QPCT/L platform and core expertise to generate additional development and partnership opportunities

Primary focus

## Diabetic kidney disease

Varoglutamstat shown to effectively reduce inflammation and fibrosis and to stabilize/ partially recover kidney function:

 Diabetic kidney disease (DKD, Phase 2b planned)¹ Near-term opportunities

## Rare kidney diseases

MoA and preclinical evidence provide strong rationale for exploring QPCT/L inhibitors beyond DKD, e.g.:

- Fabry disease (initial podocyte data)
- Alport disease
- FSGS
- Cystic kidney diseases
   (e.g. ADPKD)

Mid-term opportunities

### Other immunemediated diseases

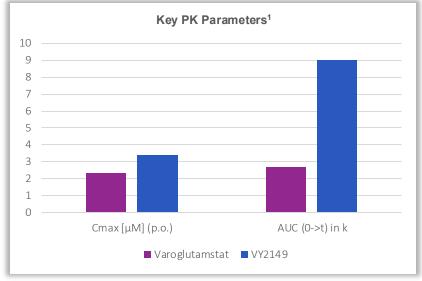
Strong evidence for benefit of QPCT/L inhibitors on inflammation and fibrosis supports expansion into other organ systems, e.g.:

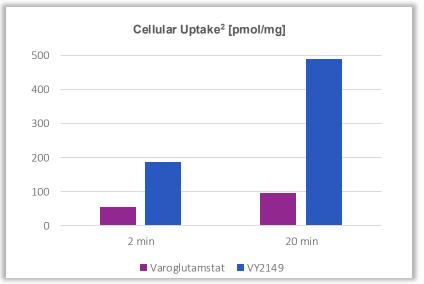
- MASH / MASLD (STAM mouse model: anti-inflammatory and anti-fibrotic effects)<sup>2</sup>
- Cardiovascular diseases (cuff-induced accelerated atherosclerosis in ApoE3\*Leiden mice: reduction of cholesterol, pE-CCL2, infiltrated monocytes and neointima formation)<sup>3</sup>
- IBD (mouse model: ameliorated DSS-induced colitis symptoms)4
- Septic arthritis (Staph. aureus-induced mouse model: alleviated development and progression of experimental septic arthritis)<sup>5</sup>
- MS (MOG-induced EAE mouse model: protective effect against the development of EAE)<sup>4</sup>



# New development compound VY2149 shows improved cellular uptake, PK profile and superior outcomes in kidney animal studies

- Higher intracellular QPCTL inhibition translates to better activity, lower doses and the opportunity for once daily dosing
- Pre-clinical stage follow-on candidate VY2149, has shown improved molecular properties including
  - Improved peak concentration (Cmax) of VY2149 compared to varoglutamstat at comparable bioavailability upon oral dosing
  - Markedly increased overall drug exposure (AUC)
  - Significantly higher passive uptake into cells
- Assessment of once daily dosing for VY2149 in an animal model has shown strong effects on eGFR, creatinine, cystatin C levels and α-SMA levels and collagens







### A trusted company: Senior management team with a strong track record

#### Management

Frank Weber, MD
Chief Executive Officer





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#### **Non-executive Directors**

Erich Platzer, MD, PhD
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Claudia Riedl, PhD Chair Audit Committee Samir Shah, MD

#### Decades of collective experience in biopharma industry, e.g.:

**First** approved drug in pulmonary fibrosis

**Successful** development of biomarker driven oncology & diabetes programs

M&A and business development **expertise** from transactions with large biopharma **Know-how** in life science research & development, biophysical and structure-based drug discovery

Strong financial, capital markets and legal **experience** 



## Vivoryon: Poised to improve kidney health with varoglutamstat's novel mechanism of action and breakthrough clinical trial results



Addressing unmet needs in areas of high commercial potential

Mission is to improve kidney health and ultimately reduce rate of transplant / dialysis in DKD/CKD/other potential indications



Unique oral asset with MOA targeting inflammation

Developed first in class oral **QPCTL inhibitor**; only one in clinic to show **improvement in kidney function** in elderly population<sup>1</sup>



Compelling Phase 2 results replicated in two independent studies

Unprecedently large and sustainable improvement in kidney function, especially in 'diabetes' subgroup; large long-term safety data base



Actionable, riskcontained plan for Phase 2b trial in DKD<sup>2</sup>

Next steps in target population founded on statistical insights from robust, long-term
Phase 2 data

Extensive intellectual property portfolio<sup>3</sup>; pipeline of additional early-stage QPCTL inhibitors; experienced management team with track record in inflammation and business development

