# Alnylam R&D Day 2020

Day 2

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### Agenda

Timing	Торіс	Speaker
9:00 – 9:05 a.m. ET	Welcome	Christine Lindenboom SVP, Investor Relations and Corporate Communications
9:05 – 9:45	Succeeding in NASH with Genetically Validated Targets	Arun Sanyal, MBBS, M.D. Virginia Commonwealth University Joshua Friedman, M.D., Ph.D. Senior Director, Clinical Research
9:45 - 10:00	Realizing Additional Opportunities from Liver- Directed RNAi Therapeutics	Pushkal Garg, M.D. <i>Chief Medical Officer</i>
10:00 - 10:20	Beyond the Liver with RNAi Therapeutics	Kevin Fitzgerald, Ph.D. <i>Chief Scientific Officer</i>
10:20 - 10:30	Transitioning to a Self-Sustainable Financial Profile	Jeff Poulton Chief Financial Officer
10:30 - 11:00	Q&A	All



### Reminders

- Event scheduled to end ~11:00 a.m. ET.
- Moderated Q&A session at the conclusion of the presentations.
- To submit a question, type your question in the 'Ask a Question' field.
- Replay will be available on Investors page of our website later today.



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### VOICES OF PATIENTS & CAREGIVERS

### "You're not able to function. You can't really work. You can't do anything. You just want to die. It is that bad."

Ania, living with AHP







## TRANSLATING DISEASE PATHOGENESIS IN TO THERAPEUTICS FOR NASH



Arun J. Sanyal MBBS, MD

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### Nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH)

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NAFLD

<u>nonalcoholic</u>



inflammation ballooning

**Disease activity** 

# There is an urgent unmet need for effective therapeutics for NASH



Kleineretal, JAMA Netw Open. 2019 Oct; 2(10): e1912565.



Burden of outcomes

Estes et al, 2018 Jan;67(1):123-133. doi: 10.1002/hep.29466. Epub 2017 Dec 1.

## Disease biology provides targets for therapeutics



# Lanifibranor- benefit vs risk

	FAS (N=247)* – F2 F3 patients				
Statistically significant	Lanifibranor				
xx Non- statistically significant	(N = 62)	(N = 63)	(N = 69)		
Resolution of NASH and no		0.001	<0.001		
worsening of fibrosis <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>9%</b>	34%	44%		
			0.048		
Improvement of fibrosis by at least one stage and no worsening of	_	0.736			
NASH <sup>(2)</sup>	30%	32%	48%		
Resolution of NASH and			<0.001		
improvement of fibrosis <sup>(3)</sup>		0.012	33%		
	7%	24%	0070		

- Increase HDL-C
- No change LDL-C
- Decrease TG
- Decrease HBA1C

- Diarrhea 12%
- Edema 8.4%
- Weight gain 8.4%

#### Franque et al, AASLD plenary session 2020





### BENEFIT VS RISK

#### Pruritus

Mitigated by management or discontinuation

#### LDL-C

Manageable with statins, avoidance in highrisk cases, ongoing data collection/real-time monitoring

#### Hepatotoxicity

Mitigated by restricting patients to low-risk categories for injury, discontinuation for acute intercurrent illness, education programs, active monitoring)

## Aldafermin-Cohort 4: Benefits and risks

### Both Fibrosis Improvement ≥ 1 stage AND Resolution of NASH<sup>1</sup> at Week 24



<sup>1</sup> Defined as patients who have an improvement in liver fibrosis by  $\geq$ 1 stage AND have a NAS score of 0 or 1 for inflammation and 0 for ballooning at W24 (not powered for statistical significance);

## FGF21-Efruxifermin data



<sup>1</sup>NAS score of 0 or 1 for lobular inflammation and a score of 0 for ballooning

<sup>2</sup> Secondary and exploratory histological endpoints were not powered for statistical significance

\* A single placebo responder lost 25 pounds over 16 weeks (11% weight reduction)

<sup>1</sup> Improvement in liver fibrosis greater than or equal to one stage and no worsening of NASH (defined as no increase in NAS for ballooning, inflammation, or steatosis)

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<sup>2</sup> Secondary and exploratory histological endpoints were not powered for statistical significance

### Semaglutide- Resolution of steatohepatitis and no worsening in liver fibrosis



Data based on in-trial period. Two-sided p-values from a Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel test. Patients with missing data handled as non-responders. p<0.05 signifies statistical significance.

#### Newsome et al, AASLD 2020

### Change in fibrosis stage All randomized patients



# The current regulatory path for the approval of therapies for NASH



FDA draft guidance 2018

# Key takeaways today- successful drug development depends on following core-principles



#### Common elements of leading programs in NASH:

- Upstream metabolic or pleiotropic targets (FXR-FGF19, TBR, PPAR, FGF21)
- Well designed and properly powered phase 2 programs with robust findings
- Meeting endpoints that are agreed upon by regulatory agencies
- Common weakness: not enough attention to safety (maybe FGF19 is exception)

# Metabolic substrate loading promotes energy storage as triglyceride



ACC, acetyl-CoA carboxylase alpha; adipo-IR, adipose tissue insulin resistance; DGAT2i, diacylglycerol O-acyltransferase 2 inhibitor; DNL, de novo lipogenesis; FAS, fatty acid synthase; FFA, free fatty acid; FGF21, fibroblast growth factor 21; GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide-1; KHKi, ketohexokinase inhibitors; mTOT, mitochondrial target of thiazolidinediones; PNPLA3, a diponutrin; PPAR, peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor; SCD, stearoyl-coA desaturase; SGLT-2i, sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 Inhibitor; SREBP-1c, sterol regulatory element-binding protein 1c; VLDL, very-low-density lipoprotein Adapted from Brunt et al. *Nat Rev Dis Primers* 2015;1:15080

### Genetics based targets in NASH





Michael I. Goran et al. Diabetes 2010;59:3127-3130



Romeo, Sanyal and Valenti, <u>Cell Metab.</u> 2020 Jan 7;31(1):35-45

# Connecting the dots between PNPLA3 and NASH progression and HCC



**Total Hepatic ceramides** 







Banini et al, Hepatology 2020 (epub)

### HSD17B13: A Novel Genomics-Driven Drug Target

#### The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE Alanine aminotransferase Aspartate aminotransferase 70 70 GPT **ORIGINAL ARTICLE** 60 60 PNPLA3 50 50 A Protein-Truncating HSD17B13 Variant (*d*)<sup>01</sup>601 log<sub>10</sub>(p) and Protection from Chronic Liver Disease 40 SAMM50 30 N.S. Abul-Husn, X. Cheng, A.H. Li, Y. Xin, C. Schurmann, P. Stevis, Y. Liu, J. Kozlitina, S. Stender, G.C. Wood, A.N. Stepanchick, M.D. Still, S. McCarthy, ERLIN1 SERPINAL 20 20 C. O'Dushlaine, J.S. Packer, S. Balasubramanian, N. Gosalia, D. Esopi, S.Y. Kim, HSD17B13 S. Mukherjee, A.E. Lopez, E.D. Fuller, J. Penn, X. Chu, J.Z. Luo, U.L. Mirshahi, SLC39A12 HSD17B13 10 10 D.J. Carey, C.D. Still, M.D. Feldman, A. Small, S.M. Damrauer, D.J. Rader, B. Zambrowicz, W. Olson, A.J. Murphy, I.B. Borecki, A.R. Shuldiner, J.G. Reid, J.D. Overton, G.D. Yancopoulos, H.H. Hobbs, J.C. Cohen, O. Gottesman, - 3

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- 5 Chromosome
- HSD17B13 rs72613567:TA is a common splice variant (AF ~26%).
- The rs72613567:TA variant is associated with:
  - Decreased Liver Transaminases
  - Reduced risk of alcoholic and non-alcoholic liver disease and cirrhosis.
  - Protection from NASH in individuals with fatty liver.

PNPLA3

SAMM50

GOT1

Chromosome

SERPINA1

# Right efficacy: predicting NASH resolution from MRI-PDFF change

PDFF vs NASH resolution (ROC)



- The AUROC was 0.89, the optimal MRI-PDFF reduction with best balance of true positive and false negative rates was 41.5% (p<0.001) with a sensitivity of 82% (95% confidence interval (CI) 61%, 93%) and specificity of 83% (95%CI 0.74%, 90%)
- In patients with NASH resolution, the mean week 12 fat reduction (MRI-PDFF) was 56%

Loomba et al, EASL/ILC2020

### Right efficacy: Histological assessment of NASH is not precise

Table 2. Inter-reader reliability regarding endpoints derived from NASH CRN Scores for 339 patients with Paired Biopsies

	Endpoint	Inter-reader Comparison	% Agreement*	% Agreement Expected by Chance*	Unweighted Kappa (95% CI)
GOAL SETTING	Hepatic histological improvement in NAS	Original v. H1 Original v. H2	71.68 74.04	54.62 58.93	0.376 (0.276, 0.476) 0.368 (0.264, 0.472)
S SPECIFIC		H1 v. H2 Average	74.93 73.55	57.36 57.17	0.412 (0.310, 0.514) 0.382 (0.308, 0.456)
M MEASURABLE	Resolution of NASH with no worsening of fibrosis	Original v. H1 Original v. H2 H1 v. H2	79.65 81.12 76.99	60.09 69.45 65.91	0.490 (0.389, 0.590) 0.382 (0.268, 0.497) 0.325 (0.219, 0.432)
A ATTAINABLE	Improvement of fibrosis with no worsening of NASH	Average Original v. H1	79.25 76.11	65.65 60.70	0.396 (0.315, 0.477) 0.392 (0.286, 0.497)
R RELEVANT		Original v. H2 H1 v. H2 Average	75.81 78.76 76.89	65.49 63.94 63.53	0.299 (0.184, 0.413) 0.411 (0.301, 0.521) 0.366 (0.289, 0.444)
TIME-BOUND	Resolution of NASH with at least a 2-point improvement in NAS	Original v. H1	80.53	67.11	0.408 (0.293, 0.523)
		Oríginal v. H2 H1 v. H2 Average	84.66 79.35 81.51	75.10 72.65 71.87	0.384 (0.256, 0.513) 0.245 (0.125, 0.365) 0.343 (0.256, 0.430)
	* Unevaluable score considered as a response category				

# Machine learned systems of reading histology are in evolution PHARMANEST







Chen et al, AASLD 2019

Harrison et al, AASLD 2018

## What are we looking for in a NASH therapeutic?



In the end, approval of agents requires a high benefit to risk ratio

CAD, coronary artery disease; CKD, chronic kidney disease; CVD, cerebrovascular disease; CVS, cardiovascular system; HFPEF, heart failure with preserved ejection fraction; PVD, peripheral vascular disease; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus.

### VOICES OF PATIENTS & CAREGIVERS

"I worry about my children surviving and making it to adulthood. I am scared of the unknown and will my children be able to take care of all their needs when they are on their own? Will they have productive, fulfilling lives or will they merely be existing because of the limitations they have because of this disease?"

Caregiver of two pediatric patients diagnosed with PH1



# Succeeding in NASH with Genetically Validated Targets



Joshua Friedman, M.D., Ph.D. Senior Director, Clinical Research



### **Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD)**

A Disorder of Over-Nutrition Leading to Accumulation of Hepatic Fat



- Nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH)
  - Subset of NAFLD defined by presence of liver cell injury and inflammation
  - Associated with progressive fibrosis, cirrhosis, and hepatocellular carcinoma
  - Co-morbidities include obesity, metabolic syndrome, and type 2 diabetes

NASH treatment

- No approved medical therapies
- Weight loss is effective but difficult to achieve and generally not durable



### **Therapeutic Strategies for NAFLD**

#### Each Stage of NASH Pathogenesis is a Candidate for Intervention





### **Genetic Variation: a Natural Experiment to Identify Liver Disease Targets**

Several Candidates are Lipid Droplet Proteins





### **Therapeutic Strategies for NAFLD**

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### A Single Nucleotide Variant in HSD17B13 Associates with Serum LFTs



#### DiscovEHR study: 46K participants (Geisinger Health System)

<sub>6</sub> Abul-Husn et al. (2018) *N Engl J Med* 378:1096



### HSD17B13 TA allele Associates with Lower Incidence of Chronic Liver Diseases and Hepatocellular Carcinoma

Chronic	
liver	
diseases	
with high	
unmetneed	

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			Case					
	Description	Genotype	Patients	Controls	Genotypic Odds Ratio (95% C	I)	Allelic Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
	Alcoholic liver disease (N=190) vs. normal (N=29,928)						0.62 (0.48-0.81)	1.8×10-4
ſ		T/T	128	16,084		1		
		T/TA	54	11,754		).58 (0.42–0.80)		
		TA/TA	8	2,090	<b>⊢</b> ■ (	).47 (0.23-0.97)		
	Alcoholic cirrhosis (N=124) vs. normal (N=29,928)						0.56 (0.41-0.78)	3.4×10-4
		т/т	85	16,084	÷	1		
		T/TA	36	11,754	F = (	).58 (0.39–0.86)		
		TA/TA	3	2,090	· ■ (	).27 (0.09–0.85)		
	Nonalcoholic liver disease (N=1857) vs. normal (N=29,928)						0.84 (0.78-0.91)	1.3×10-5
		T/T	1090	16,084	•	1		
		T/TA	665	11,754	<b>⊢</b> ∎⊣ (	).83 (0.75–0.92)		
		TA/TA	102	2,090		).70 (0.57–0.87)		
	Nonalcoholic cirrhosis (N=374) vs. normal (N=29,928)						0.74 (0.62–0.88)	4.8×10-4
		T/T	231	16,084	<b>•</b>	1		
		T/TA	127	11,754		).74 (0.60–0.93)		
		ΤΑ/ΤΑ	16	2,090		).51 (0.31–0.85)		
L	Hepatocellular carcinoma (N=75) vs. normal (N=29,928)				1		0.67 (0.45–1.00)	0.047
		1/1	49	16,084	<b>•</b>	1		
		T/TA	23	11,754		).65 (0.39–1.06)		
		IA/IA	3	2,090		).48 (0.15–1.56)		
					0.0 0.5 1.0 1.5			
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					rs/261356/:1A Better rs72613567:11	Better		

HSD17B13 is thus an attractive target for the treatment of NASH and other chronic liver diseases



Protective loss-offunction variant (TA) rs72613567 significantly reduces prevalence of NASH, ASH, cirrhosis and HCC

Abul-Husn et al. NEJM 2018 378;12, 1096 Estes et al. Hepatology. 2018;67(1):123 Pirola et al, J Lipid Rs, 2018

A GHS Discovery Cohort



### Reduced Liver-related Mortality in Carriers of the HSD17B13 TA allele



Copenhagen General Population Study (CGPS) and the Copenhagen City Heart Study (CCHS): n=~111K

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### HSD17B13 is a Hydroxysteroid Dehydrogenase Localized to Hepatocyte Lipid Droplets

- The protective HSD17B13variant (rs72613567) disrupts splice site at exon 6
- As a result, wild-type mRNA isoformA is replaced with isoform D
- Isoform D protein is expressed at low levels in vivo and has minimal enzymatic activity in vitro



HepG2 cells transfected with wild-type HSD17B13 or the isoform produced by the protective variant




## **Additional Findings Relevant to ALN-HSD Mechanism of Action**

HSD17B13 Variant is Associated with Elevated Phosphatidylcholine (PC) and Phosphatidylethanolamine (PE)



Comparison of hepatic lipids in carriers of the protective HSD variant versus non carriers. Significant elevations of several PC and PE species were detected (top right).

#### Other findings for the protective variant

- RNA-seq: decreased inflammatory pathways, increased mitochondrial protein targeting pathways
- Plasma cytokines: slightly decreased IL-6, IL-1β, IL-10
- No differences in hepatic free fatty acids, de novo lipogenesis, adipose tissue lipolysis, or insulin sensitivity

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## Independent HSD17B13 Variant (rs62305723) Associated with Decreased Liver Inflammation and Injury in NASH

rs62305723 (P260S) results in loss of enzymatic activity in vitro

Human	240-	DEVVRSLIDGILTNKKMIFVPSYINIFLRL
Chimpanzee	240-	DEVVRSLIDGILTNKKMIFVPSYTNIFLRL
Monkey	240-	DEVVRSLIDGILTNKKMIFVPSYINIFLIL
Horse	240-	DEVARSLIDGILTNKKMIFVPSYLNISLTL
Pig	240-	DEVARSLIDGILTNKKMIFVPSYLNISLTL
Dog	240-	DTVARSLIDGILTNKKMIFVPSYYNIYLIL
Mouse	240-	EEVARSLINGILTNKKMIFVPSYINISLIL
Rat	240-	DEVARSLIDGILTNKKMIFVPSYINISLIV
Frog	240-	E D V V K C L M E GI L T N K K MI I V P S S V K Y S L I L
HSD17B13	240-	DEVVRSLIDGILTNKKMIFVPSYINIFLRL
HSD17B11	240-	EEVVNRLMHGILTEQKMIFIPSSIAFLTTL
RDH10	270-	DYCVKQAMKAILTDQPMICTPRLMYIVTFM
RDHE2	248-	KYAVEKI VEAI LQEKMYLYMPKLLYFMMFL
DHRS3	244-	ETVARRTVEAVQLNQALLLL PWTMHALVIL





N=768 adult Caucasians with biopsy-proven NAFLD



**Therapeutic Hypothesis**: siRNA-mediated knockdown of HSD17B13 will mimic genetic loss of function, reducing hepatic inflammation, injury, and fibrosis in NASH patients





## **ALN-HSD Results in Potent Knockdown of HSD17B13**



#### Assessment of knockdown and off-target effects

RNAseq in primary human hepatocytes



#### RNAseq in NHP liver in vivo (Day 21, 10 mg/kg)





# ALN-HSD Results in Potent mRNA and Protein HSD17B13 Knockdown in NHP Liver



- ALN-HSD suppresses HSD17B13 with high specificity *in vitro* and *in vivo* (rodents and healthy and obese NHPs)
- Preliminary evidence suggesting highly durable pharmacodynamic profile
- No pre-clinical toxicity of concern observed, with high safety margins demonstrated



## **Planned Next Steps for ALN-HSD**





## **ALN-HSD Phase 1 Design Highlights**

#### **Part A: Healthy Volunteers**

Primary Endpoint: Safety and tolerability of ALN-HSD
 Key Secondary Endpoints: ALN-HSD PK/PD
 Exploratory Endpoints: Identify potential biomarkers of HSD; Assess effects of ALN-HSD on histologic and circulating biomarkers of NASH



## **Part B: NASH Patients**

- Multiple-dose (2 doses)
- Baseline and post-dose liver biopsies
- Designed to:
  - Test doses predicted to result in 50, 80, and 90% maximal KD
  - Assess kinetics of recovery from maximal KD





## **ALN-HSD Summary**

## Nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) is subset of nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) that can lead to progressive fibrosis, cirrhosis, and hepatocellular carcinoma

- Significant unmet need: Approximately 16M people in U.S. live with NASH, with about 3M progressing to liver cirrhosis
- No medical therapies currently approved to treat NASH

#### HSD17B13 identified as novel target for treatment of NASH

 Loss-of-function variants in HSD17B13 associated with reduced risk of elevated ALT, non-alcoholic and alcoholic liver disease, cirrhosis, inflammation, and liver injury among patients with NAFLD

#### ALN-HSD is an ESC+ GalNAc-siRNA conjugate targeting HSD17B13

#### No pre-clinical toxicity of concern observed, with high safety margins demonstrated

Phase 1 trial initiated; POC expected in 2022

IP filed by Alnylam and Regeneron provides strong patent protection for HSD17B13 target, ALN-HSD molecule, and program going forward



## **Therapeutic Strategies for Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD)**

Each Stage of NASH Pathogenesis is a Candidate for Intervention





## A PNPLA3 Variant (I148M) is Associated with Higher Hepatic Triglyceride Levels



Genome-wide scan of liver TG measured by H-MRI in the Dallas Heart Study (n=2,111)



C>G I148M variant is associated with elevated hepatic TG



## **PNPLA3 I148M is Associated with a Spectrum of Liver Diseases**

#### Genetic Variation in the *PNPLA3* Gene Is Associated with Alcoholic Liver Injury in Caucasians

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Homozygosity for the Patatin-Like Phospholipase-3/ Adiponutrin I148M Polymorphism Influences Liver Fibrosis in Patients with Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease

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#### PNPLA3 I148M polymorphism and progressive liver disease

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PNPLA3 I148M variant and hepatocellular carcinoma: A common genetic variant for a rare disease

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## **PNPLA3 I148M Variant Leads to Hepatic TG Accumulation**

PNPLA3 I148M resists degradation and competes with triglyceride lipase for co-factor CGI-58

• Liver-specific hPNPLA3 WT and I148M transgenic mice



 PNPLA3 I148M variant renders protein resistant to proteasomemediated degradation



Excess PNPLA3 competes with ATGL for CGI-58





## Silencing Hepatic PNPLA3 to Treat NASH

ASO-mediated lowering of PNPLA3 reduces steatosis and NASH activity in mouse model



#### Efficient KD of PNPLA3 protein by candidate siRNAs Human PNPLA3 I148M knock-in mice



Durable RNAi-mediated silencing of PNPLA3 in NHPs Following single SC injection



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## **PNPLA3 Summary**

#### PNPLA3 identified as novel target for treatment of NASH

• Gain-of-function variant associated with liver disease, including NAFLD spectrum from steatosis to fibrosis

#### PNPLA3 reduction protective in animal models of NAFLD, even in absence of I148M variant

Drug candidates show potent PNPLA3 protein knockdown

Development candidate selection expected early 2021

IP for broadly targeting PNPLA3 with RNAi filed Dec 2015

## VOICES OF PATIENTS & CAREGIVERS



"I began to notice some changes in my body. My hands and feet were getting numb and I had some digestive issues. When the numbness started to creep up my legs and arms, I knew it was time to get tested."

*Rick, living with hATTR amyloidosis* 



## Realizing Additional Opportunities from Liver-Directed RNAi Therapeutics

Pushkal Garg, M.D. Chief Medical Officer





## **Alnylam Clinical Development Pipeline**

Focused in 4 Strategic Therapeutic Areas (STArs):

Genetic Medicines	Cardio-Metabolic Diseases		LATE STAGE	REGISTRATION/	COMMERCIAL RIGHTS
Infectious Diseases	CNS/Ocular Diseases	(IND/CTATILCUT Hase 2)	(1 11d30 2-1 11d30 4)		
(patisiran)) unpatient	hATTR Amyloidosis <sup>2</sup>				Global
	Acute Hepatic Porphyria <sup>3</sup>			•	Global
	Primary Hyperoxaluria Type 1 <sup>4</sup>			•	Global
Leqvio® (inclisiran)	Hypercholesterolemia			•	Milestones & up to 20% Royalties <sup>5</sup>
Patisiran	ATTR Amyloidosis				Global
Fitusiran	Hemophilia and Rare Bleeding Disorders				15-30% Royalties
Vutrisiran	ATTR Amyloidosis				Global
Lumasiran	Recurrent Renal Stones				Global
Cemdisiran	Complement-Mediated Diseases				50-50
Cemdisiran/Pozelimab Combo <sup>6</sup>	Complement-Mediated Diseases				Milestone/Royalty
ALN-AAT02 (DCR-A1AT) <sup>7</sup>	Alpha-1 Liver Disease				Ex-U.S. option post-Phase 3
ALN-HBV02 (VIR-2218)	Hepatitis B Virus Infection				50-50 option post-Phase 2
ALN-AGT	Hypertension	•			Global
ALN-HSD	NASH				Milestone/Royalty

<sup>1</sup> Includes marketing application submissions; <sup>2</sup> Approved in the U.S. and Canada for the PN of hATTR amyloidosis in adults, and in the EU, Japan and other countries for the treatment of hATTR amyloidosis in adults with stage 1 or stage 2 polyneuropathy; <sup>3</sup> Approved in the U.S., Brazil and Canada for the treatment of adults with acute hepatic porphyria (AHP), and in the EU for the treatment of AdDP in adults and adolescents aged 12 years and older; <sup>4</sup> Approved in the U.S. and EU for the treatment of primary hyperoxaluria type 1 in all age groups; <sup>5</sup> Novartis has obtained global rights to develop, manufacture and commercialize inclisiran; 50% of inclisiran royalty revenue from Novartis will be payable to Blackstone by Alnylam; <sup>6</sup> Cemdisiran and pozelimab are each currently in Phase 2 development; Alnylam and Regeneron are evaluating potential combinations of these two investigational therapeutics; <sup>7</sup> Dicerna is leading and funding development of ALN-AAT02 and DCR-A1AT and will select which candidate to advance in development

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Development of Lumasiran for Recurrent Renal Stones



# The third RNAi therapeutic is **NOW APPROVED IN THE EU and U.S.**



## Lumasiran ILLUMINATE • A Phase 3 Study

#### Met Primary and All Tested Secondary Endpoints with Encouraging Safety and Tolerability Profile



Majority of patients achieved near-normalization (≤1.5 x ULN) or normalization (≤ULN) in 24hr urinary oxalate levels at Month 6



#### Safety

- No deaths, severe, or serious AEs. All AEs mild or moderate
- Most common drug-related AEs were injection-site reactions
  - All generally mild; no discontinuation of treatment
  - Most common symptoms: erythema, pain, pruritus, and swelling
- No hepatic AEs reported in either group
- No clinically relevant changes in laboratory measures, vital signs, and electrocardiograms related to lumasiran observed

BL, baseline; BSA, body surface area; hr, hour; LS, least squares; M, month; ULN, upper limit of normal; AE, adverse event

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\* p-value is based on Cochran–Mantel–Haenszel test stratified by baseline 24 hr urinary oxalate corrected for BSA (≤1.70 vs >1.70 mmol/24 hr/1.73 m2)



## **Oxalate Nephrolithiasis**

Potential Life Cycle Expansion Opportunity for Lumasiran

#### **High Unmet Need**

- 10.6% men & 7.1% women experience renal stones
- 35% of stone formers have recurrent events
- Significant clinical and cost burden for patients
- Stones lead to ~2x increase in risk of chronic kidney disease
- Limited treatment options: hydration, dietary changes, thiazide diuretics, potassium citrate, allopurinol

## Oxalate-lowering may reduce renal stone events and progression to ESRD

- 85% of renal stones consist of calcium oxalate
- Graded relationship between urinary oxalate and renal stone events

#### Plan to initiate Phase 2 Study in late 2021



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Cemdisiran for Complementmediated Diseases





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## **Complement-Mediated Disorders**

#### Numerous Debilitating Diseases



#### Evaluating Role for Cemdisiran Monotherapy

- Sub-maximal levels of complement inhibition may be effective
- Phase 2 study underway
- Opportunity to expand to other renal diseases involving complement (e.g., membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis)

Myasthenia Gravis Prevalence ~175K Improve Motor Function & Activities of Daily Living



PNH Prevalence ~25K Reduce RBC hemolysis



#### Evaluating Role for Combination Therapy with Cemdisiran + Pozelimab

- Potent inhibition of C5 required
- Phase 1 study underway
- Opportunity to expand to other complement-driven diseases (e.g., aHUS, NMO)



## **Cemdisiran Phase 1/2 Study\***

Deep and Durable C5 Inhibition with Single Doses in Healthy Volunteers

Maximum C5 knockdown relative to baseline up to 99% Mean maximum (± SEM) C5 knockdown: 98 ± 0.9% (600mg) Mean (± SEM) C5 knockdown:

• Day 98 (600 mg): 97 ± 1.1%; Day 406 (600 mg): 76 ± 6.0%





## IgA Nephropathy

Background

#### Epidemiology

• Most common cause of glomerulonephritis worldwide

#### Pathophysiology

- ~6% have family history of disease
- Abnormally galactosylated IgA1 is antigenic leading to autoantibody formation, glomerular immune complex deposition and complement activation (C3, C5, MAC) causing inflammation

#### **Clinical Features**

- Often presents after respiratory or GI infection with hematuria and variable degree of proteinuria
- Symptoms can be recurrent
- 30-40% can evolve to chronic renal failure
- · Rarely presents with rapid deterioration to end-stage renal disease

#### **Unmet Need**

• Only definitive therapy is renal transplantation, but disease can recur in graft







## **Cemdisiran Phase 2 Study**

Randomized, Double-Blind Study in Patients with IgA Nephropathy



Initial data expected 2021

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# Combination of Cemdisiran and Anti-C5 Mab Offers Potential for Highly Potent C5 Inhibition with Monthly SC Dosing

#### Results of PK/PD Modeling with Eculizumab

X-axis tick marks indicate Q4W intervals



#### **Prior Experience in PNH**

- Co-treatment with cemdisiran + eculizumab studied in PNH patients
- Combination resulted in lower free C5 levels than either therapy alone
- Enabled monthly dosing of Mab with quarterly cemdisiran

#### Potential Role in Diseases Requiring Potent C5 Inhibition

- PNH
- Myasthenia Gravis
- aHUS
- Others

#### Phase 1 Study Underway

- Evaluating cemdisiran in combination with anti-C5 Mab, pozelimab
- Led by Regeneron
- Free C5 95th Percentile
  Free C5 Median
  Free C5 5th Percentile
  Eculizumab doses
  Cemdisiran doses

ALN-HBV02 (VIR-2218) for HBV Infection





## HBV: Global Health Problem Impacting Developed and Developing Countries



\*Main high-income countries (HICs) outside US/EU with high prevalence are S Korea, Taiwan, Canada, and Australia; HIC is defined per World Bank designations.

14 The Polaris Observatory Collaborators. Lancet Gastroenterol Hepatol 2018



# VIR-2218: X-targeting Investigational RNAi Therapeutic for Treatment of Chronic HBV Infection

# Targets conserved region in X gene, upstream of integration hotspot, allowing for

- Single siRNA to suppress HBsAg from both intDNA and cccDNA
- Suppression of all HBV mRNAs, which overlap in this region

#### GalNAc-conjugated ESC+ siRNA

- Subcutaneous administration with GalNAc ligand for targeted delivery to liver and prolonged pharmacodynamic effect<sup>1,2</sup>
- ESC+ technology: improved specificity of RNAi activity<sup>3,4</sup>



siRNA targeting an overlapping region can silence all transcripts

cccDNA, covalently-closed circular DNA; ESC+, enhanced stabilization chemistry plus; GalNAc, Trivalent *N*-acetylgalactosamine; intDNA, integrated DNA; HBsAg, hepatitis B surface antigen; RNAi, RNA interference; siRNA, small interfering RNA.

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Accepted Safety and Tolerability Profile

- No clear dose related trend in frequency of AEs; Most common AE: headache (6/24, 25%); Single Grade 3 AE of
- hypophosphatemia in a patient on tenofovir DF; Single SAE of Grade 2 headache



## ALN-HBV02 (VIR-2218) Next Steps

# **NRBrii** Biosciences

### ALN-HBV02

• Phase 2 one-year response durability expected in 1H:2021

#### ALN-HBV02 + PEG-IFNα combo trial

• Phase 2 initial data expected in 2021

#### ALN-HBV02 + VIR-3434 (HBV mAb) combo trial

• Phase 2 start expected in 2021

#### **ALN-HBV02** China trial

• Phase 2 trial in mainland China on-going

**Alnylam Opt-in Right Prior to Phase 3** 

## **ALN-XDH** for Gout





## Gout

#### Arthritis Caused by Uric Acid Crystal Accumulation in the Joints

- The most common inflammatory arthritis globally
  - Adult prevalence <1% 6.8%</li>
  - 14-18M individuals in US, EU5 and Japan
  - Risk factors include, increasing age, obesity, poor diet and comorbid metabolic conditions (CKD, HTN, CVD, etc.)
- Debilitating symptoms
  - Pain, edema, inflammatory arthropathy
  - Tophi, joint destruction
  - Accompanied by chronic urate nephropathy in some patients
- Diagnosis by detection of monosodium urate crystals (MSU) in aspirated joint fluid
- Urate lowering therapy essential to prevent attacks
- Targeting hepatic XDH may offer potent urate-lowering and disease control







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## **Targeting Xanthine Dehydrogenase (XDH)**

#### **Enzyme in Purine Metabolism Pathway\***



#### Liver-specific Knockout of XDH in Mice Lowered Circulating Uric Acid\*



\*Xanthine dehydrogenase (XDH) and xanthine oxidase (XO) are enzymatic forms of the protein xanthine oxidoreductase (XOR); the target gene is XDH



## Potential to Improve Gout Control with ALN-XDH

- Current gout therapies have substantial limitations
  - Allopurinol most commonly prescribed; however, side effects limit ability to achieve target uric acid levels in majority of patients
  - Uricosuric agents (e.g., probenecid) dosed multiple times per day and can promote stone formation
  - Newer agents (e.g., febuxostat, pegloticase) associated with safety concerns
- As a result, majority of patients are untreated, cannot adhere to prescribed therapy, or do not reach target uric acid levels
- ALN-XDH may address key unmet needs for gout patients
  - Potent urate-lowering effects
  - Infrequent dosing with tonic control between doses
  - Reduction in gout flares

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Acceptable safety and tolerability
ALN-KHK for Metabolic Syndrome and Type 2 Diabetes

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## **Fructose Metabolism and Metabolic Syndrome**

- Sucrose (glucose-fructose disaccharide) and high-fructose corn syrup are added to numerous manufactured foods and beverages
- The average fructose consumption in the US accounts for ~9% of total energy
- Increased fructose consumption is associated with metabolic syndrome – a syndrome consisting of high blood pressure, hyperglycemia, obesity, dyslipidemia, and risk of heart disease, stroke, and diabetes





## Ketohexokinase (KHK), a Target for Metabolic Syndrome and Type 2 Diabetes

### Ketohexokinase (KHK)

- First enzyme in fructose metabolism pathway
  - Fructose mainly metabolized in liver
  - Implicated in the development of NASH
- KO mice are protected from diet-induced insulin resistance, liver steatosis, and fibrosis
- LOF mutations lead to essential fructosuria associated with increased urinary fructose excretion
  - No clinical manifestations or treatment; suggests chronic KHK knockdown safe





## KHK siRNA is Protective in High Fat-High Fructose Diet













## Additional Opportunities from Liver-directed Investigational RNAi Therapeutics Summary

- Multiple attractive programs addressing areas of high unmet need
  - Lumasiran for recurrent renal stones
  - Cemdisiran for complement-mediated diseases
  - ALN-HBV (VIR-2218) for HBV infection
  - ALN-XDH for gout
  - ALN-KHK for metabolic syndrome and type 2 diabetes
- Reliance on genetically-validated targets increases probability of success
- Increasing focus on specialty and large market opportunities, enabled by platform safety profile and potential for tonic control of target genes with infrequent dosing

## VOICES OF PATIENTS & CAREGIVERS



"My baby girl was on dialysis for about 15 hours a day for 2 years. She didn't eat for the first 4 years of her life."

> Natalie, mother of three children diagnosed with PH1



## **Beyond the Liver with RNAi Therapeutics**



Kevin Fitzgerald, Ph.D. Chief Scientific Officer



## Alnylam Advancements in Conjugate-Based Delivery of siRNAs

siRNA Designs with Enhanced Potency and Stability May Extend to Extrahepatic Tissues



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## **Over 20 Preclinical Programs in Four Tissues Feeding Pipeline**





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## **RNAi Therapeutics for CNS Diseases**

No Current Therapies to Prevent or Restore Neurodegenerative Disease

- Dominantly inherited neurodegenerative diseases include
  - Alzheimer's disease
  - Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)
  - Frontotemporal dementia
  - Huntington's disease
  - Parkinson's disease
  - Prion disease
  - Spinocerebellar ataxia
  - Many other orphan genetic diseases with CNS component
- Number of genetically validated targets known but no current disease modifying therapies for these devastating, life threatening disorders
- RNAi therapeutics directed to disease-causing, CNS-expressed genes represent next great frontier
- Based on pre-clinical studies, expect superior potency, duration and systemic safety profile vs. ASOs





## **RNAi Therapeutics for CNS Diseases**

Platform Advantages to Address Unmet Needs

Wide biodistribution

Infrequent dosing

Validated safety

**Broad range of cell types accessible** 



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- Spinocerebellar ataxia
- Many other orphan genetic diseases with CNS component



## Wide Biodistribution of Novel siRNA Conjugates in CNS

#### Longitudinal SPECT Imaging (without CT)



Conjugate ID 83: MIPs from 0-90 min dynamic SPECT and 30 min static SPECT at 4, 24 and 48 h post radio-tracer administration focusing on accumulation and retention at later timepoints.



## **APP** Targeting for Autosomal Dominant Alzheimer's Disease (ADAD)

#### ADAD

Patients develop rapidly progressive Alzheimer's-type dementia.



#### BURDEN

- ~50,000 affected globally.
- Mean age of onset 44 years with rapid progression over 6-8 years.

#### TARGET IDENTIFICATION

- All ADAD causative genes identified to date (*APP, PSEN1, PSEN2*) regulate APP protein metabolism by increasing production of amyloid products, including Aß42.
- Autosomal dominant, nearly 100% penetrant genetic syndrome.

#### THERAPEUTIC HYPOTHESIS

- Aß42 is made in neurons and aggregates in the intracellular and extracellular brain parenchyma.
- RNAi-mediated knockdown of *APP* transcript in neurons will lower production of Aß42, halting aggregation and plaque formation.

#### **OPPORTUNITY**

- Application of Alnylam's CNS platform to reduce parenchymal *APP*-derived amyloid with no existing disease-modifying treatment.
- Potential for expansion into sporadic Alzheimer's disease.

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## What About the Role of INTRAcellular Aβ in Alzheimer's Pathogenesis?

#### NATURE REVIEWS | NEUROSCIENCE

# Intracellular amyloid-β in Alzheimer's disease

Frank M. LaFerla, Kim N. Green and Salvatore Oddo

## Mechanism of amyloid plaque formation suggests an <u>intracellular</u> basis of $A\beta$ pathogenicity

Ralf P. Friedrich<sup>a,1,3</sup>, Katharina Tepper<sup>a,b,1</sup>, Raik Rönicke<sup>c</sup>, Malle Soom<sup>a</sup>, Martin Westermann<sup>d</sup>, Klaus Reymann<sup>c</sup>, Christoph Kaether<sup>a</sup>, and Marcus Fändrich<sup>a,b,e,2</sup>

#### RESEARCH

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# Intracellular amyloid β oligomers impair organelle transport and induce dendritic spine loss in primary neurons

Tomohiro Umeda<sup>1,2</sup>, Elisa M. Ramser<sup>3</sup>, Minato Yamashita<sup>1</sup>, Koichi Nakajima<sup>4</sup>, Hiroshi Mori<sup>2,5</sup>, Michael A. Silverman<sup>3\*</sup> and Takami Tomiyama<sup>1,2\*</sup>

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Intracellular accumulation of amyloid-beta – a predictor for synaptic dysfunction and neuron loss in Alzheimer's disease

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#### Accumulation of Intraneuronal β-Amyloid 42 Peptides Is Associated with Early Changes in Microtubule-Associated Protein 2 in Neurites and Synapses

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Intracellular Accumulation of Amyloid- $\beta$  (A $\beta$ ) Protein Plays a Major Role in A $\beta$ -Induced Alterations of Glutamatergic Synaptic Transmission and Plasticity

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Intracellular Amyloid-β1–42, but Not Extracellular Soluble Amyloid-β Peptides, Induces Neuronal Apoptosis\*

Prion-like seeding and nucleation of intracellular amyloid-β

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## Pathological Effects of Intraneuronal Aβ

ALN-APP Mechanism Lowers all APP Species Intra/Extracellular

#### Intracellular Aβ contributes to pathology by causing:

- tau hyperphosphorylation
- proteasome dysfunction
- mitochondrial dysfunction
- calcium dysfunction
- synaptic dysfunction

#### Aβ can exist in at least 5 assembly states

- monomers
- oligomers
- protofibrils
- fibrils
- plaques

## It remains unclear which of the Aβ assembly states contributes to disease pathogenesis.



Antibodies only reduce extracellular Aβ, while ALN-APP reduces intra-neuronal Aβ thought to contribute to pathogenesis.



Antibodies only bind one or few Aβ conformations, while ALN-APP predicted to lower all Aβ assembly species.



## Silencing of Human APP Showed Reduced Anxiety in Open Field Test

Phenotypic Analysis of APP siRNA Treated CVN Mice Following Disease Onset



- Disease onset occurs at 4 months of age.
- Single ICV treatment at 6 months.
- Phenotypic observations were taken at 9 months of age.
- Statistically significant reduction in anxiety observed in treated animals in open field test.



## APP Targeting for Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy (CAA)

#### hCAA

Patients present with stroke-like presentation (intracerebral hemorrhage).



#### BURDEN

- 100% of affected individuals share a common ancestor from the Netherlands.
- Mean age of onset 54 years.

#### TARGET IDENTIFICATION

- Missense substitution in APP (p.Glu693Gln) increases production of Aß40 and causes 100% of known cases of Dutch-type cerebral amyloid angiopathy.
- Autosomal dominant, 100% penetrant genetic syndrome.

#### THERAPEUTIC HYPOTHESIS

- Aß40 is made in neurons but then undergoes extracellular transit before deposition in the perivascular space.
- RNAi-mediated knockdown of *APP* transcript in neurons will lower production of Aß40, halting toxic protein build-up.

#### **OPPORTUNITY**

- Application of Alnylam's CNS platform to reduce perivascular *APP*-derived amyloid with no existing disease-modifying treatment.
- Expansion into sporadic CAA, a very common age-related cause of hemorrhagic stroke.



## Model for Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy (CAA)

rTg-DI Rat Model – APP<sup>1</sup>

#### **Human APP Expression**





#### **Progressive Accumulation** of Microvascular Amyloid<sup>2</sup>



#### **Microhemorrhages in Cortex, Hippocampus and Thalamus**



Davis et al (2018) The American Journal of Pathology, Vol. 188, No. 12 <sup>1</sup> Swedish K670N/M671L, Dutch E693Q, and Iowa D694N <sup>2</sup> Van Nostrand Iab, URI



## **Complete Elimination of Human APP Protein in Rat hCAA Model**

Single IT Dose of 0.9 mg in rTg-DI Rat – Day 28 in Hippocampus



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## APP Program Status

ALN-APP: 2021 CTA Program





Potential for Annual Dosing



## HTT Targeting for Early Manifest Huntington's Disease

#### HTT

Patients present with progressive motor, cognitive and psychiatric decline.





#### BURDEN

 Affecting ~30,000 in U.S. with disease duration of 15-20 years.

#### TARGET IDENTIFICATION

- Autosomal dominant, gain-of-function genetic disease.
- 100% age-related penetrance.
- Trinucleotide repeat expansion in exon 1 of the huntington gene (*HTT*).

#### THERAPEUTIC HYPOTHESIS

• RNAi-mediated knockdown of *HTT* transcript in neurons will reduce both RNA-induced and protein-induced neuronal toxicity, halting disease progression.

#### **OPPORTUNITY**

- Application of Alnylam's CNS platform to develop a therapeutic for a devastating progressive neurodegenerative condition.
- Potential differentiation over competition via exon 1 targeting strategy, targeting a pathogenic isoform that contributes to disease progression.



## **HTT Program Status**

#### ALN-HTT: Advanced Preclinical Program





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## **Over 20 Preclinical Programs in Four Tissues Feeding Pipeline**





## **Ocular Program Update**

NHP Potency with Potential for Infrequent Dosing with Low ug Doses per Eye





## Potent, Dose Dependent, Durable Activity After Single IVT Dosing in NHP Eye

Durability Data Support q6M Dose Regimens

#### TTR Protein in Aqueous Humor



- Dose-dependent efficacy and duration up to 0.003 mg
- Persistent low siRNA levels in aqueous humor in line with observed duration

Conjugated vs. Unconjugated



 Unconjugated siRNA showed reduced potency; also reflected in reduced exposure in vitreous (~10-fold lower)



## **Over 20 Preclinical Programs in Four Tissues Feeding Pipeline**





## ALN-COV, an Investigational RNAi Therapeutic for COVID-19



#### Provides a unique and distinct antiviral strategy for the treatment of COVID-19

RNAi mechanism of action results in degradation of SARS-CoV-2 viral RNA genome

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#### Direct administration of ALN-COV to lungs, the key site of viral replication and disease manifestations

 Early delivery of a potent antiviral agent directly to the site of replication has the potential to prevent progression to severe pulmonary disease and decrease time to clinical recovery



- Potential for development in targeted prophylactic setting



# Chemistry Advances Enable Robust Tissue Distribution with Potent and Durable Gene Knockdown in Lung

Surrogate siRNA Targeting Endogenous Target (Sod1) and Ectopic Target (ACE2)

Sod1 siRNA Distribution in the Mouse Lung Measured by IHC



(A) PBS-treated animal on Day 10 post dose. (B) 10 mg/kg *Sod1* siRNA on Day 10 post dose. siRNA is magenta. Blue is hematoxylin counterstain.





hACE2 mRNA Reduction in Lung Following a Single 10mg/kg Dose





## **ALN-COV Comprises Two siRNAs from Top 5 Candidates**

Two siRNAs Utilized to Mitigate Risk of Viral Escape

#### **Top 5 Candidates (qPCR)**





siRNA	EC <sub>50</sub> EC <sub>95</sub> (pM; PCR)	EC <sub>50</sub> EC <sub>95</sub> (pM; IFA)	Genome Reactivity* (0 mm)	Genome Reactivity* (1 mm)
siRNA 1	42 1183	66 763	99.91%	100.00%
siRNA 2	86 702	118 608	99.89%	99.98%

\*N=4386 genomes analyzed



## Lung Targets from Human Genetics

Gene	Indication	Human Genetics Support	Location and Cell Type
Target 1	Asthma	$\checkmark$	Epithelium
Target 2	Asthma	$\checkmark$	Epithelium
Target 3	Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	$\checkmark$	Epithelium
Target 4	Nasal polyps	$\checkmark$	Epithelium, immune cells
Target 5	COPD	Preliminary	Epithelium



## **Alnylam Product Engine**

Source of Sustainable Innovation



\* Novartis has obtained global rights to develop, manufacture and commercialize inclisiran under a license and collaboration agreement with Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, a leader in RNAi therapeutics

## VOICES OF PATIENTS & CAREGIVERS

"The day after my mother's funeral, my doctor confirmed that my last electromyogram and rectal biopsy were positive for hATTR. I arrived home and told my father, "Papa, Mum has gone, but the disease hasn't. I'm not a caregiver anymore—now I have become the patient."

Catilena, living with hATTR





## Transitioning to a Self-Sustainable Financial Profile



Jeff Poulton Chief Financial Officer



## Key Drivers – Alnylam 2021 and Beyond



Robust commercial platform fundamental to near-term opportunity in rare indications, with leverageable capabilities supportive of transition to larger market indications



Sustainable R&D innovation and platform advances fuel value creation through organic means



Financial sustainability critical to building top biotech...



## **Commitment to Financial Self-Sustainability**

Becoming a Profitable, Self-Sustainable Company Remains a Top Alnylam Priority

## Path to profitability continues to be dictated by two key levers

- Topline growth
  - Rapid succession of product launches creates potential for significant near-term revenue growth
  - Potential for meaningful royalty revenue from partnered assets in large and orphan indications
  - Collaboration revenues from strategic partnerships
  - Deep mid and early-stage pipeline fuels long-term growth for years to come

### Disciplined investment

- Continued investment in proven, organic R&D platform to drive long-term topline growth
- Strategic investment in large indication late-stage programs and promising mid-stage assets with significant upside potential
- Continue to leverage partnerships, driving R&D innovation while sharing in costs & risk
- Disciplined SG&A investment, leveraging ONPATTRO<sup>®</sup> (patisiran) global commercial infrastructure to support future launches

## Alnylam is on a path to self-sustainability

Anticipate 2019 was our peak non-GAAP operating loss year



## **Topline Growth – Progress Over Last 12 Months**

Advancing Toward Profitability Through Commercial Excellence and New Product Launches

2020

#### **Previously Launched Products**



\*Q4 2020 product revenue based on consensus estimates. All consensus estimates current as of December 8, 2020.

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## **Disciplined Investment – Progress Over Last 12 Months**

Supporting Near and Long-Term Topline Growth with Investment in Organic Pipeline Engine

#### **R&D** investment fuels sustainable long-term growth

- Revenue growth from potential 'second wave' of approved RNAi therapeutics to come from current R&D spend
  - Better than industry average probability of success underpins increasing platform investment
  - Advancing programs in large indications including hypertension, hepatitis B, and NASH
  - Expanding beyond the liver into ocular and CNS targets via collaboration with Regeneron
  - Ramping up late-stage investment entering 2021 to support TTR franchise expansion opportunity



### **Probability of Success (POS) by Phase Transition**

Past rates of Alnylam and industry respectively may not be predictive of the future

<sup>1</sup> Alnylam programs biomarker-driven at all stages of development (100%); figures include ALNY-originated molecules now being developed by partners

<sup>2</sup> Wong et al., Biostatistics (2019) 20, 2, pp. 273–286

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### **Disciplined Investment – Progress Over Last 12 Months**

Supporting Near and Long-Term Topline Growth with Leverageable Infrastructure



#### SG&A expense discipline to maximize value

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- Ensure operational excellence commercializing wholly-owned programs
  - Commercial foundation established in US, EU, Asia, and LATAM with direct presence in 24 countries
  - Leveraging global infrastructure to support successive product launches
  - Maintain lean corporate G&A infrastructure to support business

<sup>\*2020</sup> net product and collaboration revenue based on consensus estimates. 2020 combined non-GAAP R&D and SG&A year over year % change calculated using consensus for FY20 combined Non-GAAP R&D and SG&A. All consensus estimates current as of December 2, 2020.



### **Alnylam Entering Period of Projected Growth**

2019 Expected to be Peak Non-GAAP Operating Loss Year





### **Blackstone Strategic Financing**





### Landmark financing arrangement led by Blackstone Life Sciences, worth \$2 billion

- Secures Alnylam's bridge towards self-sustainable financial profile
  - Enables independence from equity markets
  - Strengthened cash position bolsters Alnylam efforts to build top-tier biopharmaceutical company
- Alnylam retains 50% of inclisiran royalty\*
  - > Allows for significant financial benefit from drug's potential commercial success
  - Largest ever royalty monetization for a non-approved product
- High quality partner in Blackstone

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- Leading private equity firm with strong commitment to Life Sciences and to value creation through advancement of innovative medicines for patients
- Additional components of transaction demonstrate Blackstone's confidence in Alnylam's future and alignment with long-term vision

If Blackstone royalty proceeds through end of 2029 < \$1B, Alnylam retained share declines to 45% beginning in 2030.

Novartis has obtained global rights to develop, manufacture and commercialize inclisiran under a license and collaboration agreement with Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, a leader in RNAi therapeutics



### Achieving Self-Sustainability with Responsibility

#### Accepting Challenges That Improve the Health of Humanity

We take on bold challenges that improve the health of humanity, acting every day as relentless advocates for science, patients, employees, communities and our planet.

Initial CSR Summary Report Anticipated Early '21

### SCIENCE

We relentlessly advocate for science and innovation to solve critical health and social issues

PLANET

We continuously

seek to improve

the health and

sustainability of

our planet

#### PATIENTS

We tirelessly strive to improve lives and provide access to lifesaving treatments

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#### COMMUNITIES

We actively engage people in tackling the world's most pressing challenges

#### **EMPLOYEES**

We passionately foster a culture where everyone is included, supported and heard



## **Building a Top-Five Biotech**

Potential for Significant Transformation of Alnylam over Next 5 Years



Top 5 independent, global biopharma company admired for its dedication to patients, corporate culture, scientific innovation, social responsibility, and commercial excellence with numerous RNAi products across orphan and large disease areas

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Joe, treated with ONPATTRO®







