



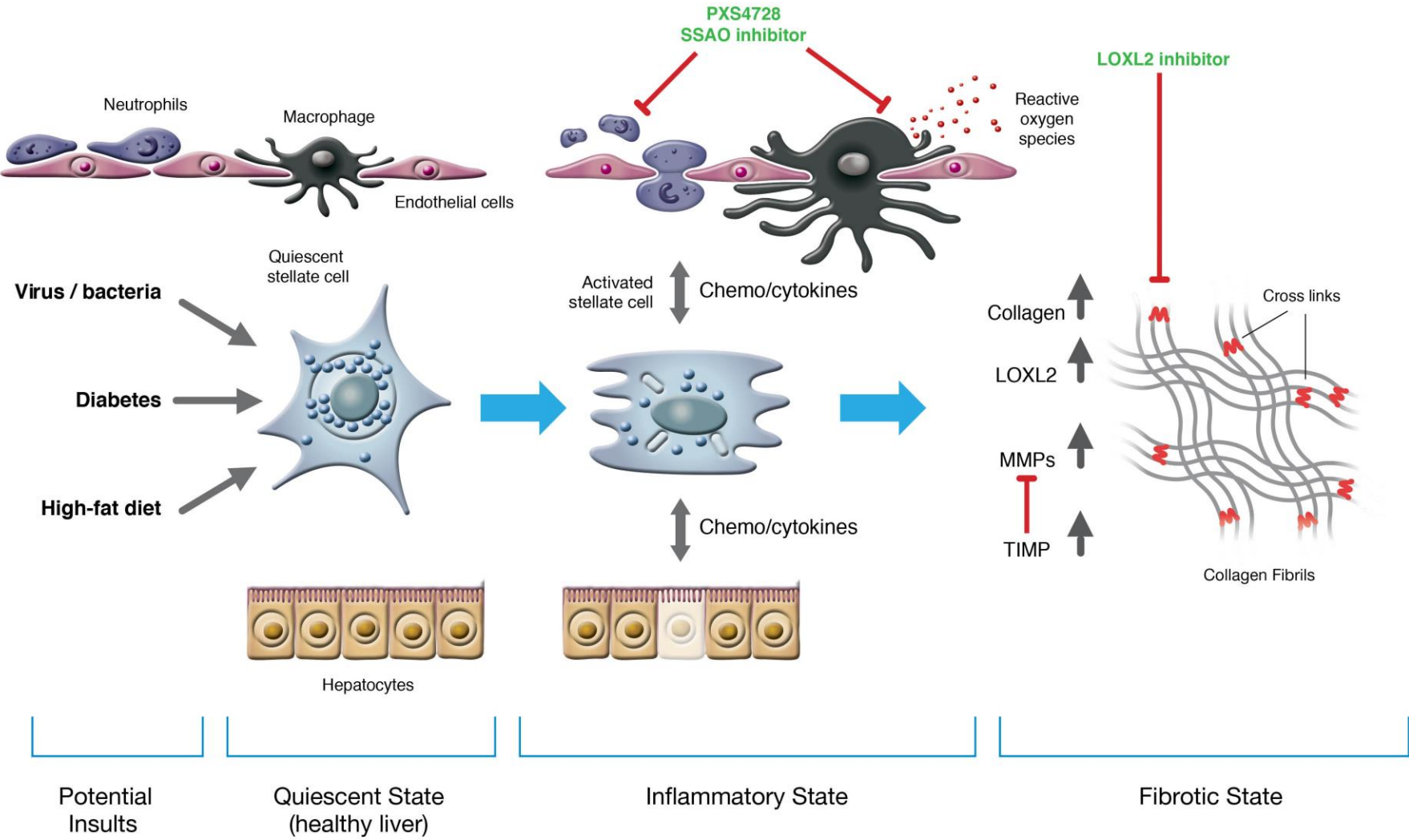
# Insights to Fibrosis Drug Discovery & Development

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# Drugs targeting NASH → Cirrhosis



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# SSAO for NASH

SSAO inhibitor PXS4728A sold to Boehringer Ingelheim in May 2015

## PXS-4728A

- Mechanism based inhibitor of SSAO
  - Small molecule oral drug
  - Important pathway in several inflammatory diseases of the liver, kidney, heart, eye and CNS.
- Development status
  - Pharmaxis discovery – patent filed 2012
  - Effective in pre clinical models of NASH and airway inflammation
  - Phase 1 study reported
    - orally bioavailable
    - long lasting enzyme inhibition after single dose
    - progressive dose response
  - Phase 2 NASH trial scheduled Q3 2017

## End of Phase 1 deal with Boehringer


- Potential milestones to approval: €418.5m (~A\$600m)
  - Upfront (May 2015): €27.5m (~A\$39m)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Indication (NASH)
    - Commencement of phase 2 €18m (~A\$27m) and phase 3: €37m
    - Filing, regulatory & pricing approvals: total €140m(~A\$200m)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> indication (commercial in confidence)
    - Commencement of phase 2: €10m
    - Total milestone payments to approval: €195m (~A\$280m)
- Earn-out payments on annual net sales
  - Tiered percentages increasing from high single digits
  - Plus sales milestones

**External validation of PXS drug discovery and ability to negotiate valuable global deals**

# Boehringer NASH study

## Recruitment open

**ClinicalTrials.gov**  
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Trial record **3 of 4** for: BI 1467335

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### Different Doses of BI 1467335 Compared to Placebo in Patients With Clinical Evidence of NASH

**This study is currently recruiting participants.**  
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Boehringer Ingelheim

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**▶ Purpose**

The primary objective of this study is the proof of mechanism and support of dose finding, together with the safety evaluation in patients with clinical evidence of NASH.

To gain further insight into clinical effects of AOC3 inhibition on NASH further exploratory analyses of biomarkers related to NASH and liver fibrosis will be performed. This will include the effect of **BI 1467335** on reduction of secondary biomarker endpoints (ALT, AST, AP, γ-GT and CK18 fragments). Safety will be assessed throughout the study to provide key information regarding the use of **BI 1467335** in patients with NASH.

| Condition                         | Intervention                             | Phase   |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------|
| Non-alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease | Drug: <b>BI 1467335</b><br>Drug: Placebo | Phase 2 |

- 150 patients with moderate to severe steatosis
- 4 doses placebo controlled
- 12 week duration
- proof of mechanism and support of dose finding
- safety evaluation in patients with clinical evidence of NASH
- 1<sup>st</sup> patient in triggers €18m milestone payment.

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# Target Validation of LOXL2 in Fibrosis Human diseases, antibody and KO mice

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SCIENTIFIC REPORTS

**OPEN** Comparative analysis of lysyl oxidase (like) family members in pulmonary fibrosis

Received: 13 December 2016  
Accepted: 14 February 2017

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Hepatology



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Selective targeting of lysyl oxidase-like 2 (LOXL2) suppresses hepatic fibrosis progression and accelerates its reversal

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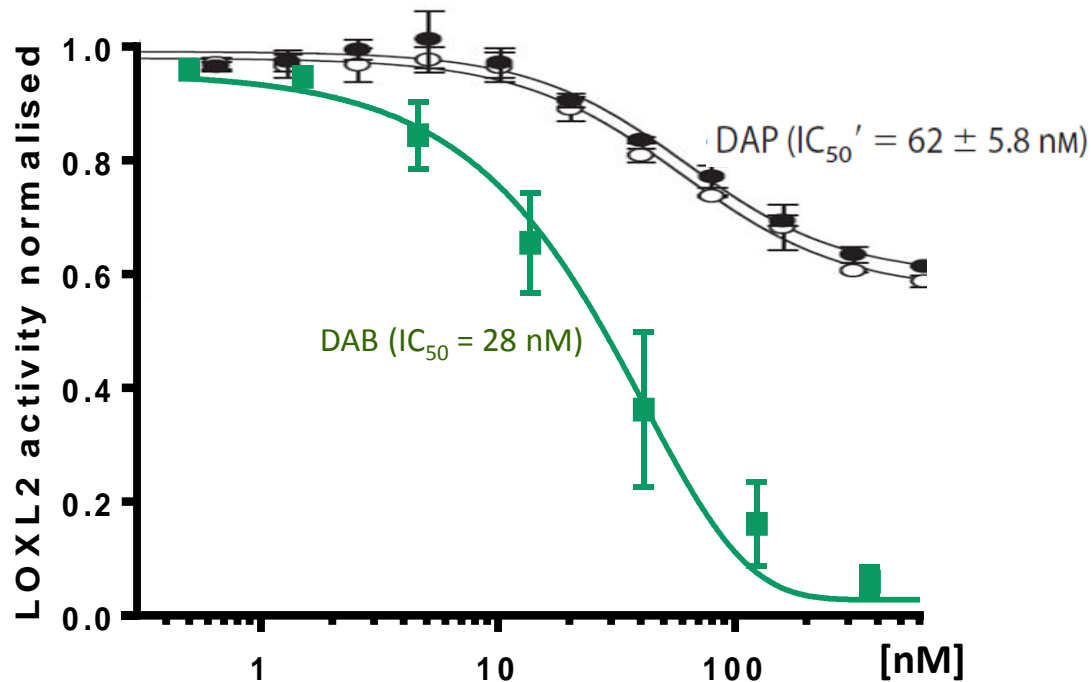
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## Targeting LOXL2 for cardiac interstitial fibrosis and heart failure treatment

Overwhelming link of LOXL2 and fibrotic diseases in humans.  
Aim is to **BLOCK** LOXL2 with small molecule.



# Simtuzumab versus PXS small molecule



■ PXS-3<sup>rd</sup> series

● Arresto data: [THE JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY VOL. 285, NO. 27, pp. 20964–20974, July 2, 2010](#)

Poor functional activity of antibody confirmed: <http://www.pharmakea.com/images/Keystone2017Final.pdf>

PXS molecules are fast-acting, mechanism-based selective inhibitors

- with higher potency and achieving complete inhibition
- good tissue/cell penetration

Enzyme: R&D Systems recombinant human LOXL2

DAB: daminobutane

DAP: daminopentane

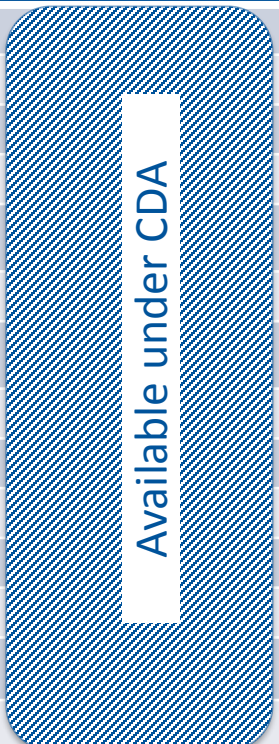
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# Pharmacology: Lead-candidate

|                               |                                                   | Pre-candidate       |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Inhibition pIC <sub>50</sub>  | r human LOXL2                                     | Available under CDA |
|                               | r mouse LOXL2                                     |                     |
|                               | bovine LOX                                        |                     |
|                               | r human LOXL1                                     |                     |
|                               | r human LOXL3                                     |                     |
|                               | r human LOXL4                                     |                     |
| Kinetics                      | Kinact/K <sub>i</sub> LOXL2 (h recomb)            |                     |
|                               | Kinact/K <sub>i</sub> LOX (bovine native)         |                     |
|                               | Selectivity<br>LOXL2/LOX (Kinact/K <sub>i</sub> ) |                     |
| Selectivity pIC <sub>50</sub> | r human AOC3                                      |                     |
|                               | r human MAO-A                                     |                     |
|                               | r human MAO-B                                     |                     |


100x selectivity vs LOX / LOXL1  
 No activity against other amine oxidase enzymes

# In vitro ADME: Lead-candidate

|                                           |                 | Pre-candidate                                                                        |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Plasma stability; Remaining @1hr          | Human, Rat, Dog |  |
| Plasma protein binding; % bound           | Human, Rat, Dog |                                                                                      |
| Microsomal stability; Remaining @ 1hr     | Human, Rat, Dog |                                                                                      |
| Hepatocyte stability; Remaining @ 1hr     | Human, Rat, Dog |                                                                                      |
| Cyp inhibition (1A2; 2C9; 2C19; 2D6; 3A4) | Human           |                                                                                      |
| Cell Health Assay: highest conc. survival | HepG2           |                                                                                      |
| Pgp substrate                             |                 |                                                                                      |
| Permeability (CaCo, MDCK2)                |                 |                                                                                      |

Excellent in vitro ADME properties  
No development flags

# In vivo ADME: Lead-candidate properties

|                                   |           | Pre-candidate                                                                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Oral bioavailability              | Dog – Rat |  |
| $T_{1/2}$                         | Dog – Rat |                                                                                     |
| Vss                               | Dog – Rat |                                                                                     |
| Excretion urine (parent)          | Dog       |                                                                                     |
| Dose linearity in oral absorption | Dog       |                                                                                     |

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# Summary of *in vivo* studies

- Liver fibrosis
  - CCl<sub>4</sub>-induced (Pharmalegacy, Shanghai)
    - 6 wk mouse
    - 4 – 9 wks rat
  - Thioacetamide-induced (Pharmalegacy, Shanghai)
  - Stelic NASH model (SMC, Tokyo)
- Kidney fibrosis
  - Diabetic nephropathy (Kolling Institute, Sydney)
- Cardiac fibrosis
  - Carotic aorta occlusion (CL Laboratory, Baltimore)
  - Ischemia/reperfusion (HRI, Sydney)
- Lung fibrosis
  - Bleomycin-induced (Aragen, San Francisco)
  - Ad-TGF- $\beta$ -induced (McMaster University, Toronto)
- Cancer
  - Oral cancer (Boston University)

- Studies have shown a consistent reduction in the area of fibrosis.
- Efficacious compounds are from different chemical series, using prophylactic and therapeutic doses between 3-30 mg/kg by once a day, oral gavage.

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# Drugs in the clinic targeting NASH

Several large Pharma companies seeking to build competitive portfolios

|                      | Metabolic modifiers | Anti-inflammatory | Anti-fibrotic |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Intercept            | Ph 3                |                   |               |
| Genfit               | Ph 3                |                   |               |
| Galmed               | Ph 2/3              |                   |               |
| Allergan             | Ph 2                | Ph 2              |               |
| Gilead               | Ph 2 x 2            | Ph 2              |               |
| BMS                  | Ph 2                |                   | Ph 1          |
| Galectin             |                     |                   | Ph 2          |
| Novartis             | Ph 2                |                   |               |
| AstraZeneca          |                     | Ph 2              |               |
| Shire                | Ph 2                |                   |               |
| Boehringer Ingelheim |                     | Ph 1              |               |
| Other                | Ph 2 x 3            | Ph 2 x 4          |               |

# What program elements add value in a partnering deal for an anti fibrotic?

| Feature                       | Value Drivers                                                 | Pharmaxis LOXL2 program status                                              |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Disease target                | Independent validation                                        | Multiple references including Pharma company authored. No clinical PoC.     |
| Pre clinical proof of concept | 2 or more different animal models                             | 9 different models across 5 different diseases. Combination studies planned |
| Drug like qualities           | No flags                                                      | Clean profile                                                               |
| Dosing regimen                | Ease of use                                                   | Oral once a day tablet or capsule                                           |
| Patent                        | Uncomplicated<br>Composition of matter<br>As long as possible | 100% Pharmaxis owned<br>Composition of matter<br>2016 filing date           |
| Cost of Goods                 | Low                                                           | Small molecule with easy synthesis                                          |
| # Compounds                   | 1 plus backups                                                | 2 lead candidates plus back ups                                             |
| Toxicity                      | Wide therapeutic window<br>As long as possible                | Work in progress<br>28 day                                                  |
| Clinical phase                | Phase 1 or 2                                                  | Planned for phase 1 in 2H 17                                                |



# Shareholders & trading



ASX code: PXS



## Shareholders (26 May 17)

- Shares on issue: 319m
- Employee options: 10m
- Institutional shareholders ~50%:
  - Australia/NZ: Australian Ethical (10%); Allan Gray (8%); Other (1%)
  - US - BVF Partners (19%); Other (2%)
  - UK - Montoya Investments (6%); Other (3%)

## Shares traded to 26 June 17

- Three months: 35m
- Six months: 49m
- Twelve months: 84m

## Market capitalisation

- A\$80m (26 June 17)