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## **Sirtex Medical Research & Development Briefing**

**Sydney, Australia; 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016** – Sirtex Medical Limited (ASX:SRX) today is hosting analysts and investors at the Sofitel Sydney Wentworth for a Research and Development (R&D) briefing. Attached is a copy of the management and invited speaker presentations to be given this morning.

Furthermore, a live webcast of the R&D briefing, commencing at 8:30 a.m., can be viewed by clicking on the following link or pasting it into your browser:

<http://webcast.openbriefing.com/3086/>

A recording of the webcast and slide presentation will be made available in the 'Investors' section of the Company website following the conclusion of the briefing at:

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# Sirtex Medical Limited

Investor Research and Development (R&D) Briefing

**Mr Gilman Wong, CEO**

**Dr Steve Jones, Global Head of R&D**

**Sydney, Australia**

**28th November 2016**





# Introduction

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- Inaugural investor R&D briefing that aims to educate analysts and investors on the Sirtex R&D technology platforms, as they relate to the science, the opportunity and the strategy to deliver value
- The commercial exploitation of SIR-Spheres® Y-90 microspheres to expand our ~2% penetration to date remains a priority
- SIR-Spheres® evolution will not be discussed today
- Three existing technology platforms will be discussed in detail: Radioprotector (RP), Carbon-Cage Nanoparticles (CCN) and Polymer Coated Nanoparticles (PCN)
- Additionally, Sirtex will be introducing a brand new platform, denoted the Histone Inhibition Program (HIP), which is moving rapidly to first-in-man clinical studies



## Introduction (cont.)

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- Our platforms have been independently critiqued and assessed by PharmaVentures who have been retained as a technology consultant to Sirtex to provide ongoing advice on commercial opportunities and evaluate strategic options for the R&D portfolio
- Expert presentations by our technology consultant, Dr Fintan Walton at PharmaVentures and a globally recognised leader in the field of sepsis, our initial area of focus for the Histone Inhibition Program, by Professor Rinaldo Bellomo
- Dr Steve Jones, Global Head of R&D from Sirtex will present on the science
- Scientific collaborators from our programs will also present today and are able to answer specific questions on the science during the Q&A sessions
- An expert clinician briefing to follow in 1Q CY17, prior to the expected results from SARAH, SIRveNIB and SIRQLOX/FOXIRE/FOXIRE Global studies – details to be announced in due course



# Agenda

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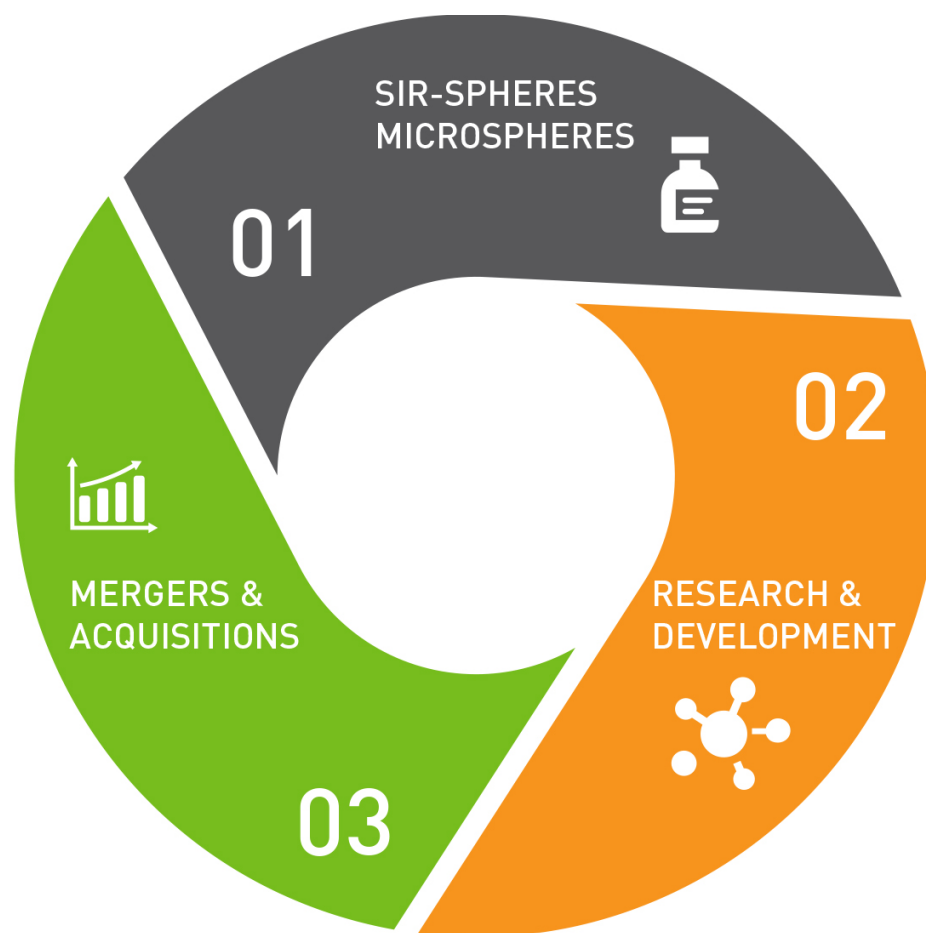
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| ➤ Introduction and Overall R&D Strategy                      | Mr Gilman Wong            |
| ➤ Scientific Perspectives                                    | Dr Steve Jones            |
| ➤ Radioprotector (RP)  |                           |
| ➤ Carbon-Cage Nanoparticles (CCN)                            |                           |
| ➤ Polymer Coated Nanoparticles (PCN)                         |                           |
| ➤ Commercial Opportunity - RP, CCN, PCN                      | Dr Fintan Walton          |
| ➤ Sirtex Strategy - RP, CCN, PCN                             | Mr Gilman Wong            |
| ➤ Q&A  |                           |
| ➤ Scientific Perspectives – Histone Inhibition Program (HIP) | Dr Steve Jones            |
| ➤ Medical Perspectives – Application of HIP in Sepsis        | Professor Rinaldo Bellomo |
| ➤ Commercial Opportunity - HIP                               | Dr Fintan Walton          |
| ➤ Sirtex Strategy - HIP                                      | Mr Gilman Wong            |
| ➤ Q&A  |                           |
| ➤ Summary & Review   | Mr Gilman Wong            |



# Overall R&D strategy

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## *2020Vision*





# Four key technology platforms

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Radioprotector (RP)

Carbon-Cage Nanoparticles (CCN)

Polymer Coated Nanoparticles (PCN)

Histone Inhibition Program (HIP)



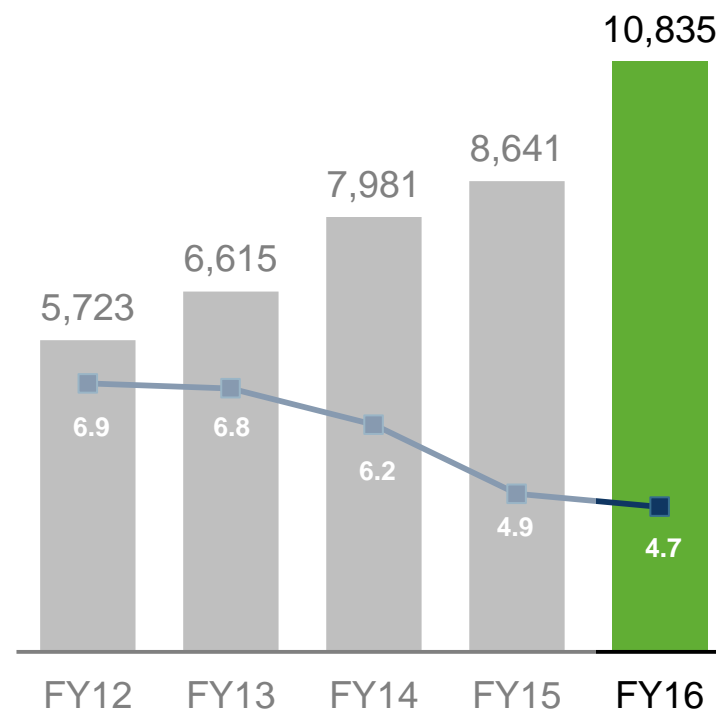
# Total R&D investment

- Measured spend across four key technology platforms, and improvements to SIR-Spheres Y-90 resin microspheres
- Key Pillar of *2020Vision* Strategy
- FY16 growth of 25.4%
- 5 year CAGR of 14.0%
- 5 year average spend of 5.9% of sales

## Total R&D investment \*

\$'000

■ % sales



\* Includes both capitalised and expensed items





# Leading academic collaborators

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Leading academic collaborators are the centres of excellence through which the Intellectual Property (IP) rights have been secured by Sirtex and an R&D investment made

Radioprotector (RP)



Carbon-Cage Nanoparticles (CCN)



Polymer Coated Nanoparticles (PCN)



Histone Inhibition Program (HIP)





# Prestigious associated collaborators (all R&D)

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## Scientific perspectives

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**Dr Steve Jones**  
**Global Head of R&D**



# Radioprotector - Science

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- Key collaborator **Professor Roger Martin**, Molecular Radiation Biology Lab, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre
- A new DNA binding anti-oxidant for the protection of normal tissue during radiotherapy, with a unique mode of action
- Initially being developed as a topically applied drug for prevention of Oral Mucositis (OM) in Head & Neck Cancer (HNC) patients
- Other potential applications in radiotherapy include protection of other mucosal tissue, e.g. rectal (prostate cancer), oesophageal (lung cancer) or even hair follicles
- Possible applications for systemic administration, e.g. in diagnostic radiology and in non-medical military and civilian scenarios



## Radioprotector – Science (cont.)

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### **Radioprotector for Oral Mucositis (OM) - a debilitating side-effect of radiotherapy**

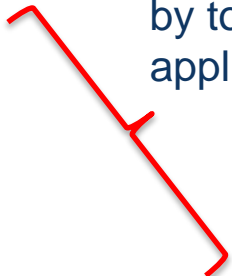
- OM is a common and debilitating side effect of radiation treatment for HNC
- Severe OM, defined by the World Health Organization as Grade 3 or 4 occurs in 60% to 80% of patients
- Severe OM may result in interruptions in radiation treatment, which can compromise the otherwise good prognosis for tumour control in many of these patients
- Patients suffer significant pain, may develop serious infections, and may be unable to eat solid food or even drink liquids



# Radioprotector – Science (cont.)

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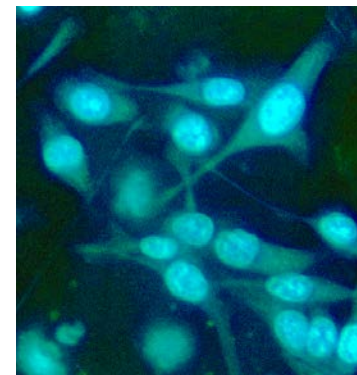
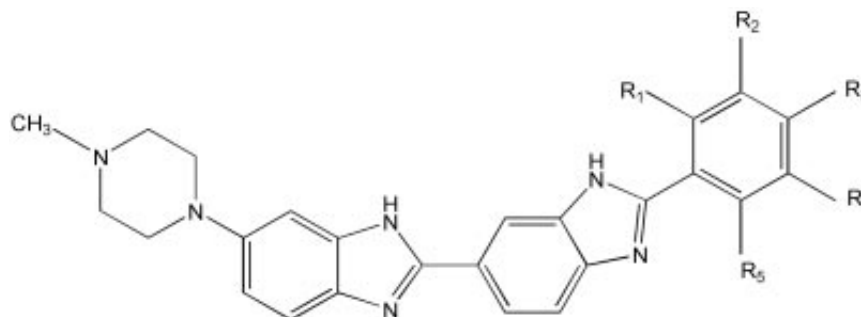
## What makes a good Radioprotector?

- Does not compromise effect of radiation on tumour killing
  - Low toxicity without undesirable secondary effects
  - Convenient dose administration appropriate to a fractionated Radiotherapy (RT) regime
  - Improves the therapeutic ratio; i.e. has a good Dose Modification Factor (DMF)
  - Reasonable cost effectiveness /economically viable
  - Improvement in both acute side effects of radiation and long term quality of life
- Addressed by topical application
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# Radioprotector – Science (cont.)

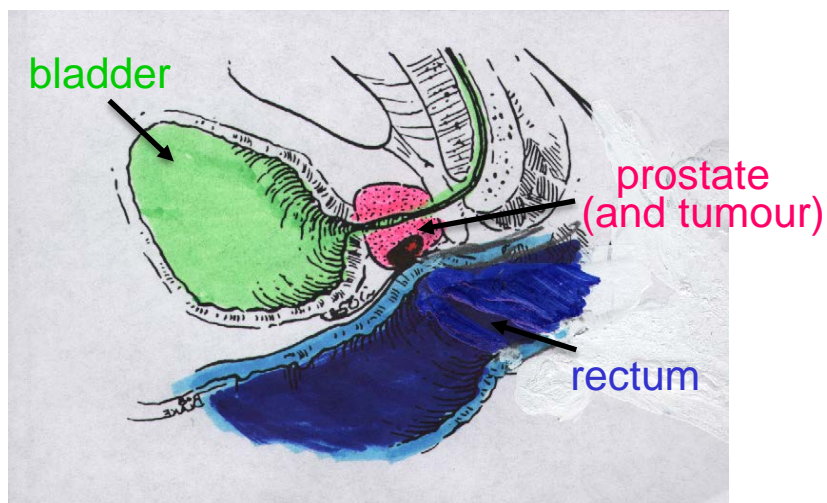
## Sirtex DNA-binding Radioprotector compounds



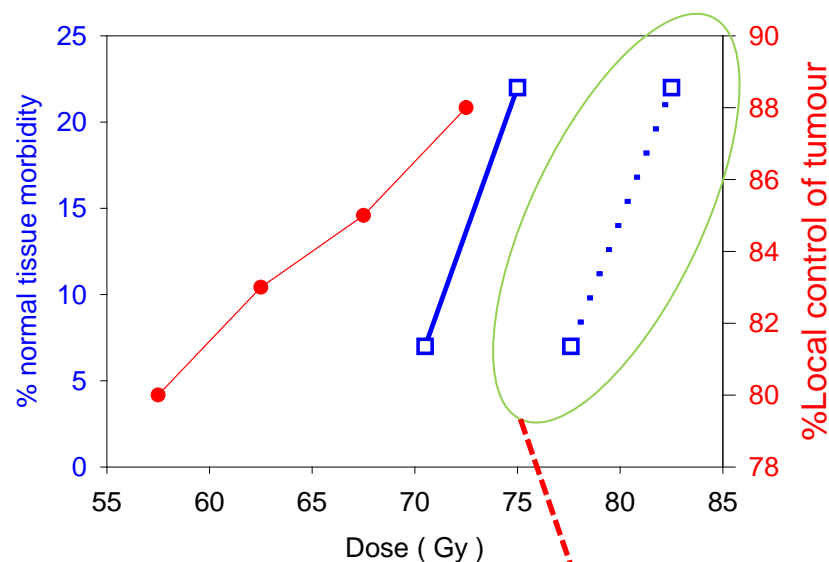
- Based on Hoechst DNA-staining compound scaffolds
- Fluorescent (i.e. drug delivery is imagable under the microscope)
- Bind in the minor groove of DNA, with high affinity
- Patents (granted and filed) to cover 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen. compounds; coverage to 2030. New IP for 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen. compounds to be filed soon.

# Radioprotector – Science (cont.)

## The concept of Dose Modification Factor (DMF)



Dose-response relationships in RT of prostate cancer

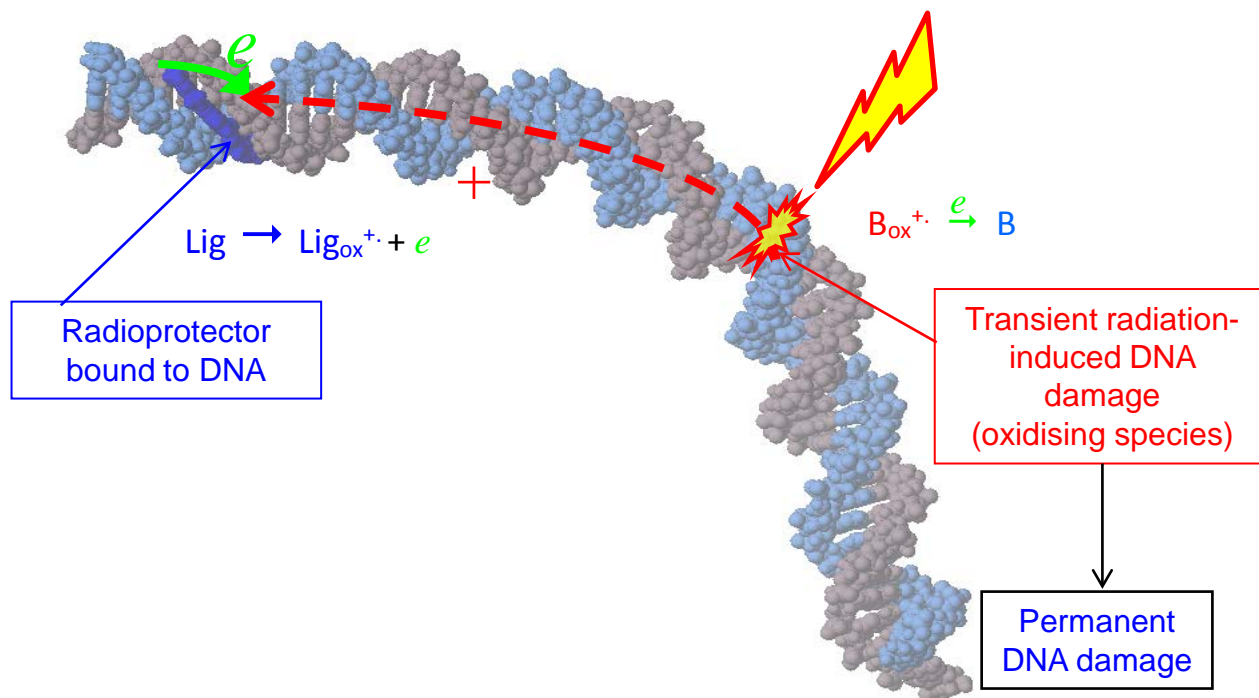


A small improvement in therapeutic ratio (10%, i.e. DMF ~ 1.1) can have significant positive consequences on treatment outcomes



# Radioprotector – Science (cont.)

## Mechanism of Action (MOA)

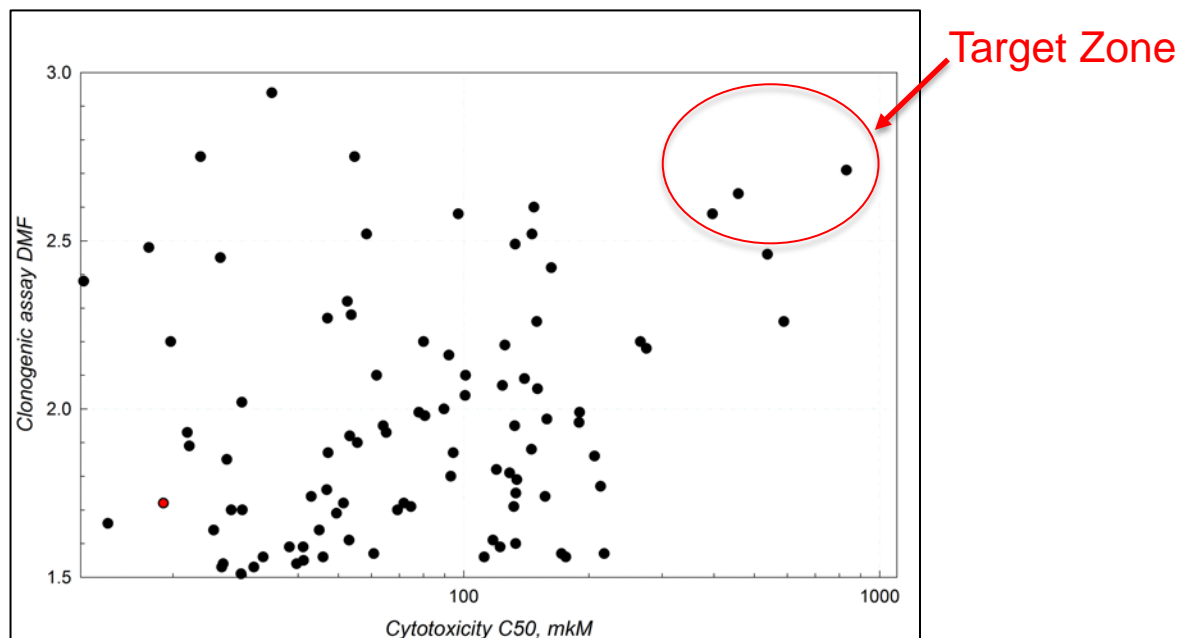


- Novel MOA – electron donation to repair damaged DNA lesions
- Synergistic activity with other agents with unrelated MOA (e.g. Amifostine)



# Radioprotector – Science (cont.)

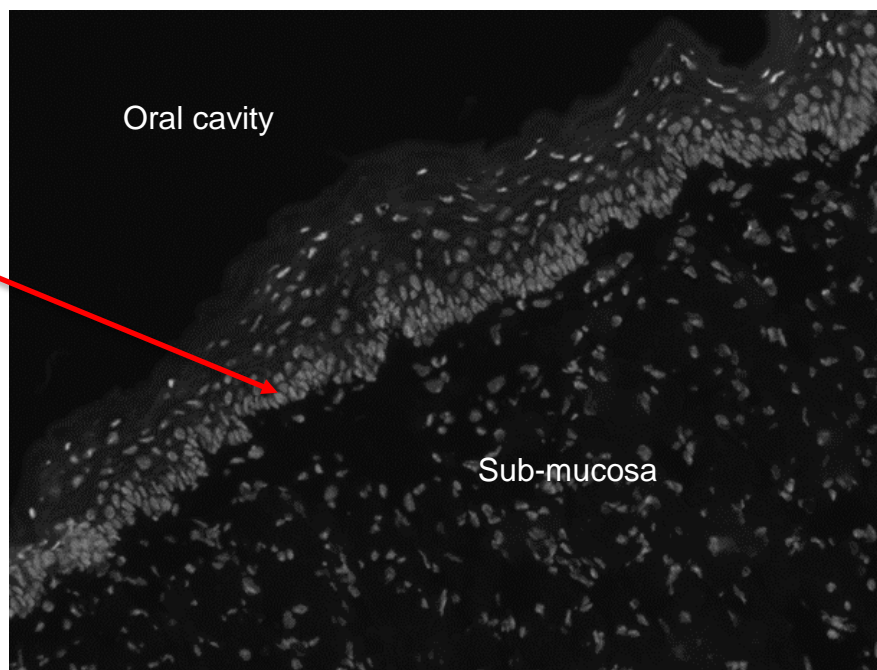
- More than 250 compounds synthesised and tested to date
- Lead optimisation – to improve DMF and reduce cytotoxicity
- 2-3 lead candidates identified to date



## Radioprotector – Science (cont.)

- Delivery of drug to target cells *in vivo* has been a challenge
- Several strategies have been attempted
- A prodrug strategy appears to have overcome the obstacles

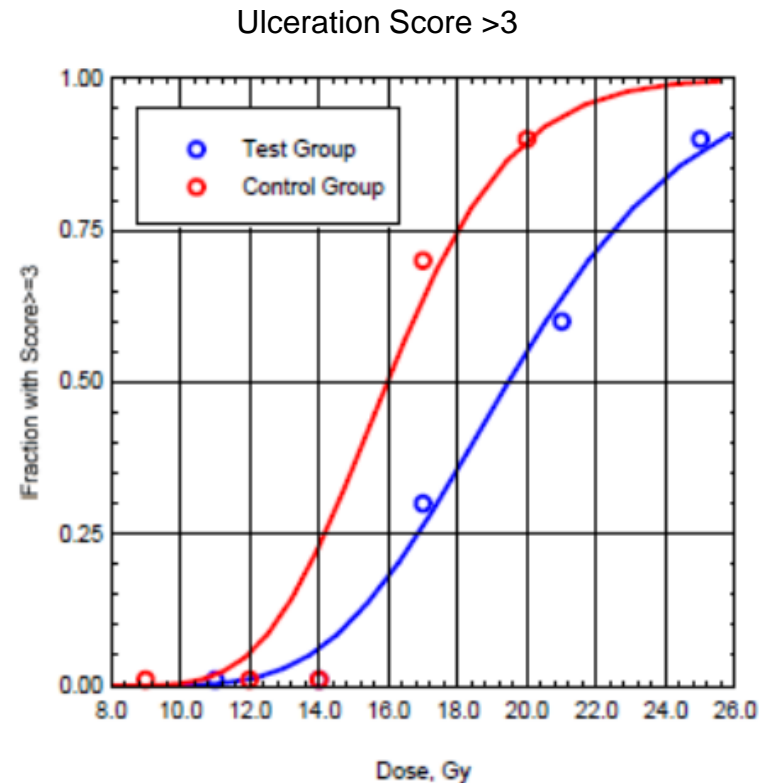
Target for radioprotector delivery is nuclei of basal cells, which include stem cells



Fluorescent Microscope image of mucosal tissue section taken from oral cavity after topical administration of radioprotector

# Radioprotector – Science (cont.)

- Pre-clinical *in vivo* model of unfractionated RT (i.e. single doses), measures induced ulceration
- Administration via topical application
- A DMF of 1.2 obtained
  - minimal requirement for clinical impact
- More testing required in fractionated-model of RT





# Radioprotector – Status of development

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- Lead candidate identification from *in vitro* screening
- Optimise formulation for topical delivery
- Development of fractionated RT protocol for *in vivo* screening of lead candidates



## Radioprotector – Next steps

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- **Key Milestone:** demonstrate topical radioprotection efficacy in fractionated RT protocol 1Q CY17
- Select final lead during 1H CY17
- Move to formal pre-clinical toxicology during CY17
- Anticipate commencement of human clinical studies during CY18



# Carbon-Cage Nanoparticles (CCN)

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## Key Collaborators

- **Prof Ross Stephens**, The Sirtex Chair, Research School of Physics and Engineering, Australian National University
- **Prof Tim Senden**, Director, Research School of Physics and Engineering, Australian National University



# Carbon-Cage Nanoparticles – Science

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**A unique nanoparticle platform technology applicable to a diverse range of medical applications, such as:**

- Diagnostic imaging of blood clots (e.g. Deep Vein Thrombosis or DVT)
- Blood perfusion imaging for diagnosis of Pulmonary Emboli (PE)
- Image guided surgery for liver cancer
- Radiolabelling medical devices/implants, e.g. microspheres, stents
- Targeted therapy of tumours
- Screening drug candidates for treatment of lung conditions



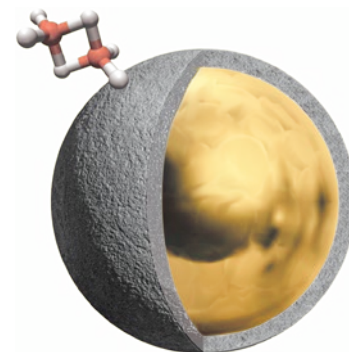


# Carbon-Cage Nanoparticles – Science (cont.)

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## What are Carbon-Cage Nanoparticles?

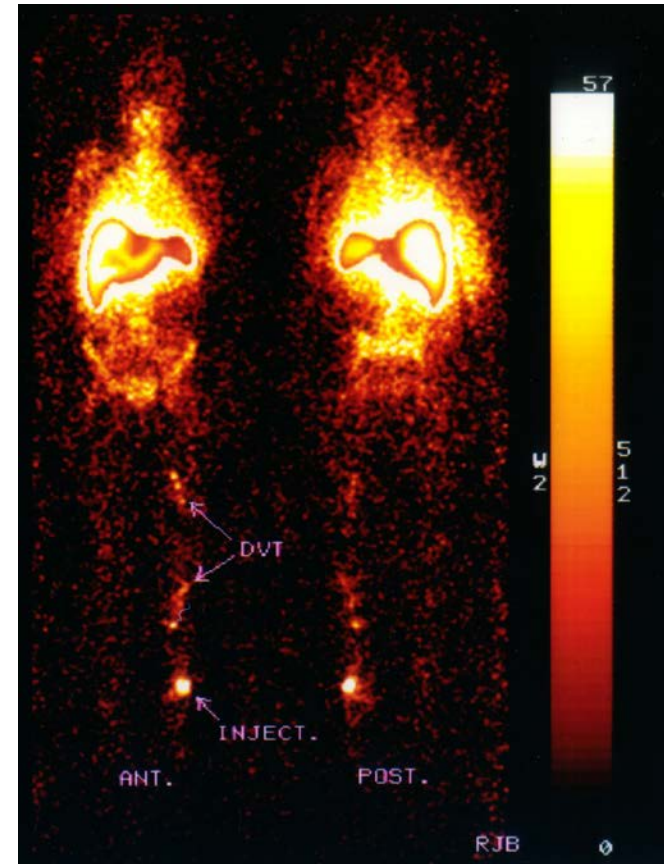
- CCN consists of nanoparticles of a metallic radioisotope encapsulated in graphitic carbon
- The isotope is held tightly in a carbon cage, and chemically shielded by carbon
- Only graphitic carbon is “seen” by its environment
- A range metallic isotopes can be encapsulated to suit the desired application, e.g.  $\text{Tc}^{99\text{m}}$  for imaging,  $\text{Y}^{90}$  for therapy or  $\text{Lu}^{177}$  for both
- Enables very high specific activities (e.g. 20 GBq/mg)
- Provides a stable label without complex chemistry
- Patent coverage until at least 2028



# Carbon-Cage Nanoparticles – Science (cont.)

## CCN for the diagnosis of blood clots

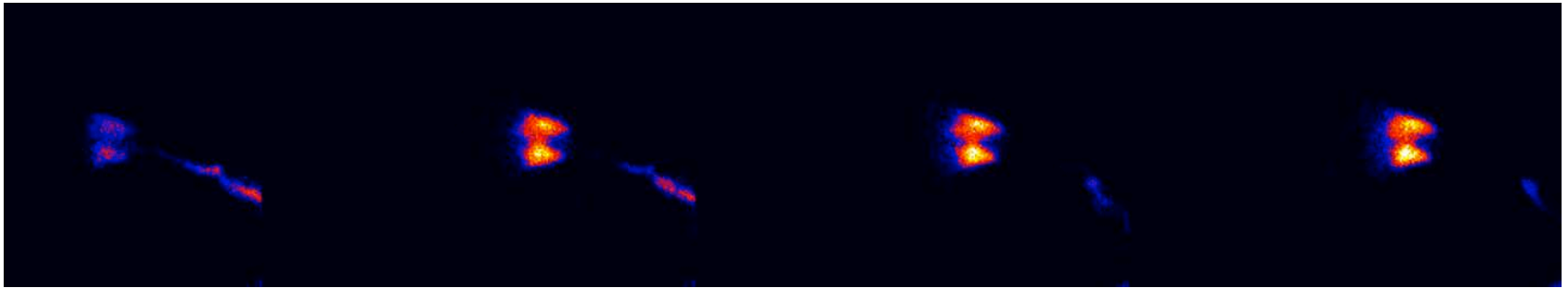
- CCN has been shown to bind to fibrin in blood clots
- Confirms potential application in DVT imaging diagnosis
- Similar diagnostic potential anywhere pro-coagulant activity is depositing fibrin
- When a graphite surface is exposed to blood it very rapidly acquires a protein coat of classical adhesion proteins including fibrinogen<sup>1</sup>
- The fibrinogen coated nanoparticles are then rapidly incorporated into actively growing fibrin clots



# Carbon-Cage Nanoparticles – Science (cont.)

## CCN as replacement for MAA<sup>1</sup> in lung perfusion imaging

e.g. potential application in V/Q scanning for diagnosis of pulmonary emboli

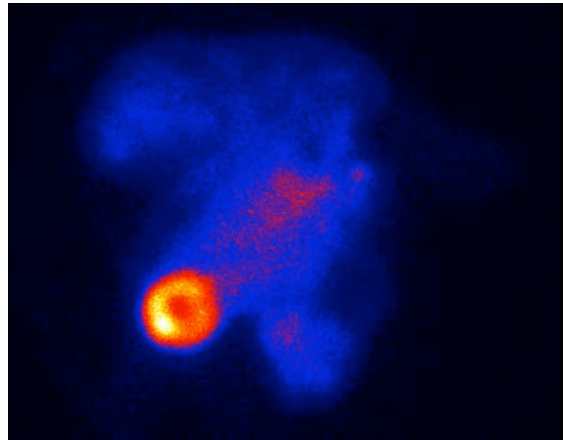


Sequence of gamma images following i.v. injection of poly-lysine coated CCN-Tc99m in a pre-clinical model clearly shows accumulation in the lung (images 30 seconds apart)

# Carbon-Cage Nanoparticles – Science (cont.)

## CTH<sup>1</sup> coated CCN accumulate at tumour sites

- Administration of CTH/CCN containing Tc99m via the hepatic artery
- Enables regional imaging of tumour stroma
- May be used to assess staging of tumours & impact of anti-angiogenic therapy
- Potential to be used to target therapy or during image guided surgery



Gamma camera image showing accumulation of CTH/CCN containing Tc99m in liver tumour in a pre-clinical model



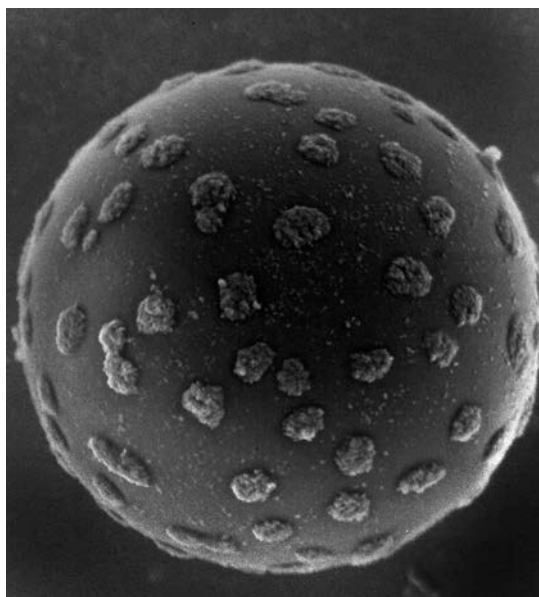
Fixed liver tissue containing tumour



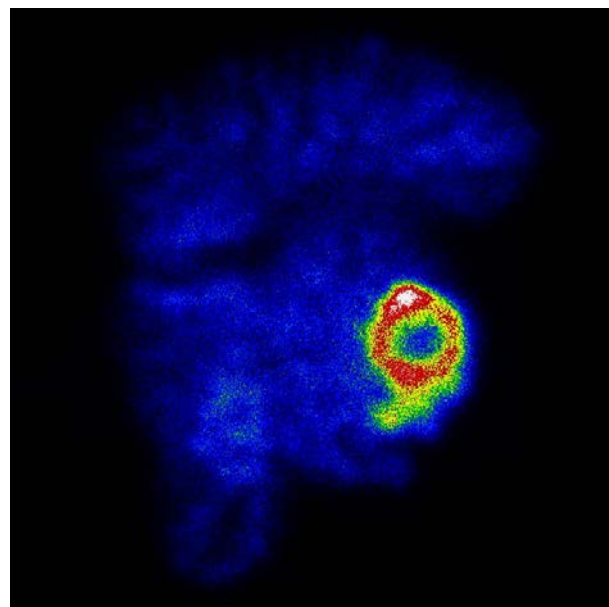
# Carbon-Cage Nanoparticles – Science (cont.)

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**CCN can be used to radiolabel synthetic polymers**



SEM image of CCN-Tc99m labelled microsphere



Gamma image of the liver after IHA instillation of CCN-Tc99m-microspheres in preclinical model of liver cancer, shows accumulation around the tumour



# Carbon-Cage Nanoparticles – Key features

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- Diverse range of possible applications
- Low production cost by benchtop machine
- Long track record of safety (extensive clinical use already in certain configurations)
- High stability, can be autoclaved
- Non-biologic
- High specific activities (e.g. 20 GBq/mg)
- Stable label without complex chemistry



# Carbon-Cage Nanoparticles – Next Steps

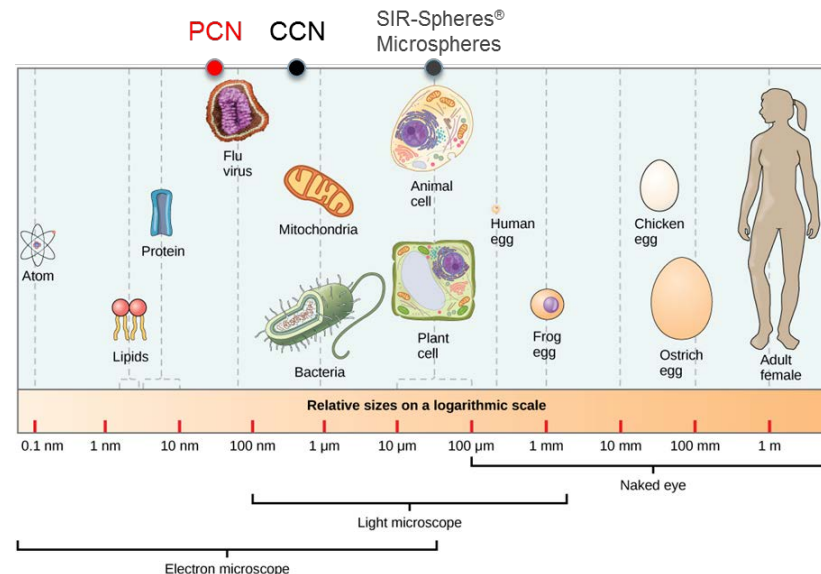
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- Ascertain optimal regulatory pathway (device or drug)
- Complete pre-clinical development of CCN for DVT/PE imaging during CY17
- *In vivo* – studies in pre-clinical models to further test toxicity, safety and efficacy, pharmacokinetics, biodistribution, intracellular fate of CCN when administered intravenously
- Targeting the commencement of clinical studies during CY18



# Polymer Coated Nanoparticles (PCN) – Science

- Key Major Collaborator **Professor Brian Hawke**, Key Centre for Polymers and Colloids, University of Sydney
- Nanoparticles have unique properties that could be exploited in many medical applications
- They are neither molecules nor a bulk solid like a microparticle
- Ideally, they would be invisible ('stealth like') as they circulate through the body with their payload, looking for their target







# Polymer Coated Nanoparticles – Science (cont.)

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➤ If such behaviour in biological systems can be achieved by nanoparticles then there are many areas of unmet need that could be satisfied

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| Imaging                          | improved MRI contrast agents<br>multimodal PET/MRI agents for improved diagnosis of disease                               |
| Drug Delivery                    | better targeting of existing drugs, genes or biological agents for improved therapeutic effect and reduced toxicity       |
| Cell Separation/<br>Cell Therapy | tumour cell detection,<br>monitoring of diseases, e.g. stroke, MS, cancer   |
| Other                            | hyperthermia, enhancing external beam RT, 'lab on a chip' diagnostic technologies, transfection of DNA and RNA, cosmetics |

➤ Unfortunately, with current technologies, the nanoparticle 'dream' remains elusive



# Polymer Coated Nanoparticles – Science (cont.)

## Existing technologies have failed

Fragility of  
stabilisation

Aggregation

Poor biodistribution and  
prolonged retention in the  
body leads to limiting  
toxicity

Lack of  
therapeutic  
effect

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## Sirtex PCN are suitable for widespread use

Robust anchoring  
of stabilisers

Non-aggregating

Controlled polymerisation

Stable in biological media

Effectively cleared

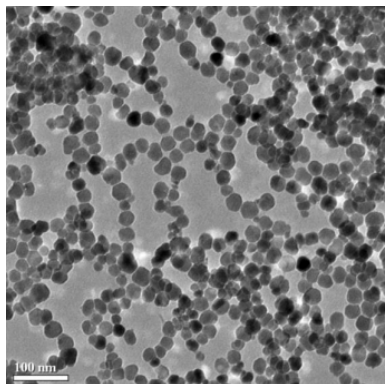
Highly functionalisable

Fully  
functional  
platform\*

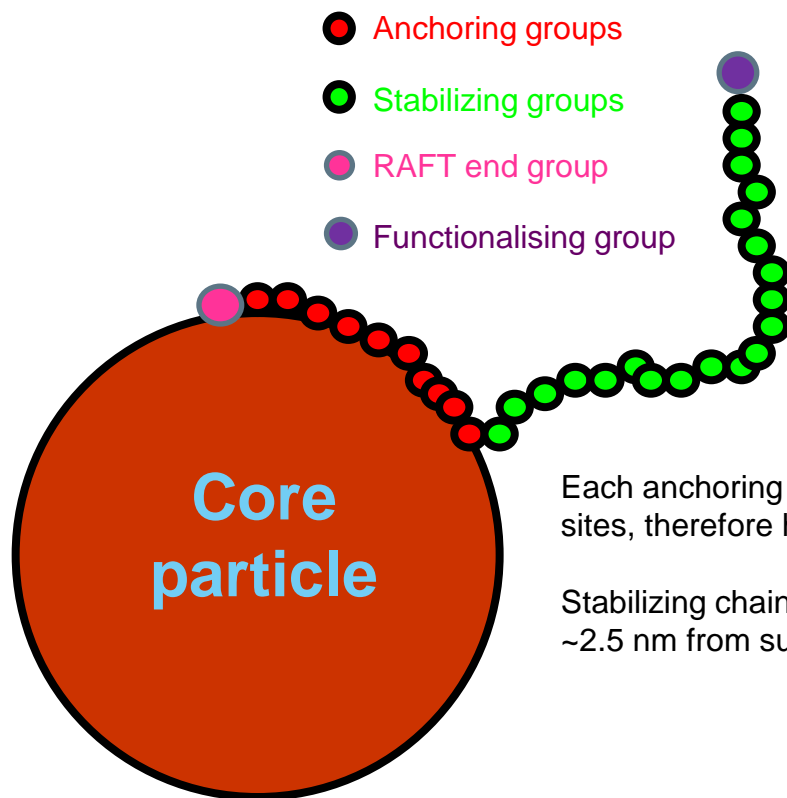
# Polymer Coated Nanoparticles – Science (cont.)

## Two advanced technologies combined to form one novel platform

1. Sirtex Iron Oxide Nanoparticles (25nm diameter)
2. Polymer coating technology for steric stabilisation based on Reversible Addition Fragmentation chain Transfer (*RAFT*); licensed from CSIRO



Electron micrograph showing 25nm Sirtex Iron Oxide Nanoparticle cores



Each anchoring chain has many anchoring sites, therefore hard to displace

Stabilizing chain can extend from as little as ~2.5 nm from surface



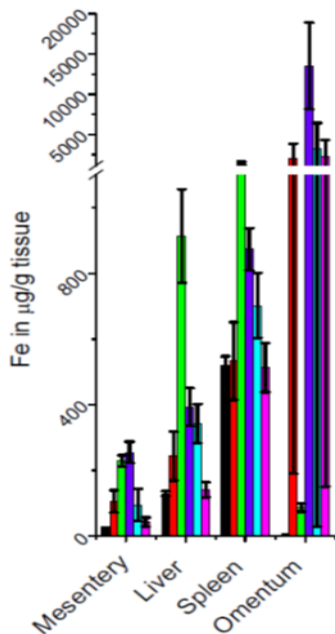
# Polymer Coated Nanoparticles – What is RAFT?

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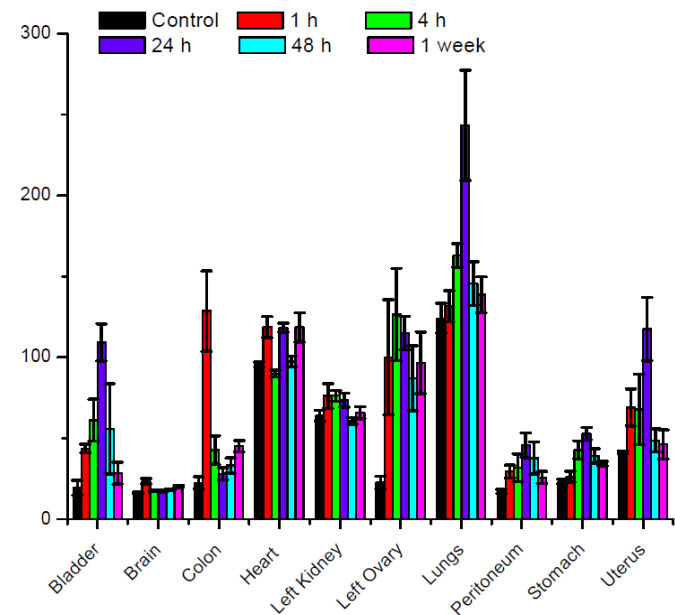
- Invented by CSIRO and developed in partnership with DuPont
- RAFT technology provides control over the formation of polymer structures and offers the ability to tailor these materials for different applications and is scalable
- Enables the synthesis of polymers that were impossible pre-RAFT
- RAFT is a form of controlled free radical polymerisation that enables design of polymers with enhanced properties. RAFT can be used with a wide range of monomers and reaction conditions and gives unprecedented control over polymer size, composition and architecture.
- Some of the companies that already use RAFT in their commercial products include: LUBRIZOL – lubricants; DUPONT - Photoresist Polymers; MIRUS BIO – Biopolymers
- Also used in industrial coatings, personal care products and industrial polymers

# Polymer Coated Nanoparticles – Biodistribution

- Our results demonstrate single IP administration of PCN is non-toxic and biodistribution is broad but transient – PCN cleared from all tissues within one week
- The main clearance mechanisms of PCN appear to be via macrophages & faecal excretion
- Such advantageous biodistribution characteristics underpin a number of *in vivo* applications

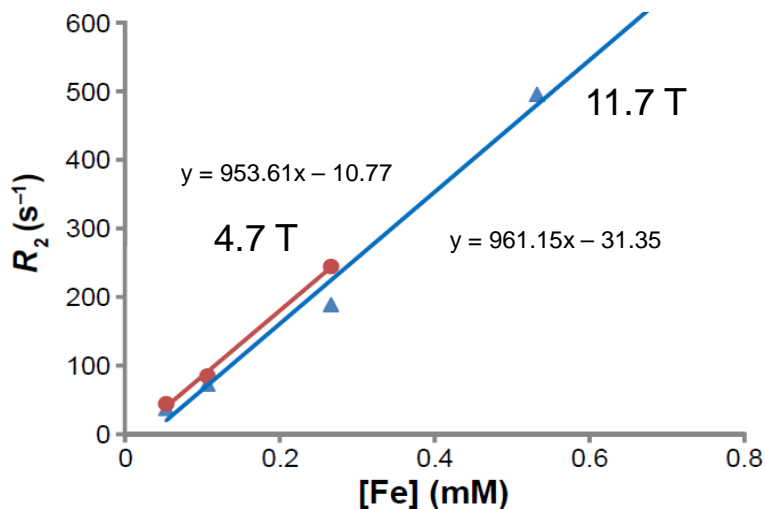


High accumulation in the omentum, a common metastatic site in ovarian cancer, may prove beneficial for PCN-mediated cancer therapy



# Polymer Coated Nanoparticles – MRI Contrast

- PCN have excellent  $R_2$  relaxivities for T2 weighted MRI imaging
- Approx. 10 times better than published result for commercial sample (Ferridex)



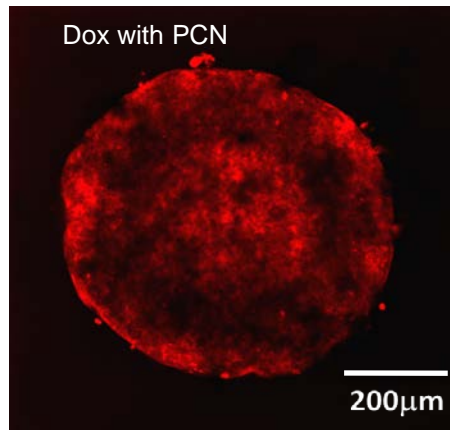
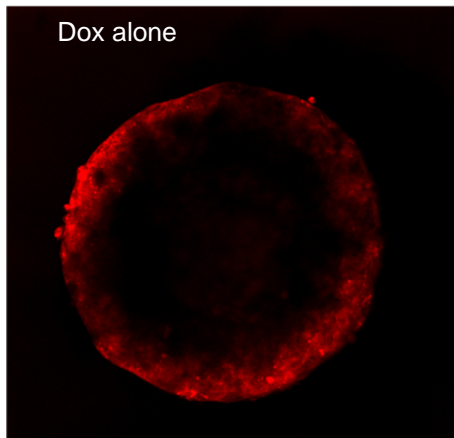
$$R_2 = 956 \text{ mM}^{-1}\text{sec}^{-1}$$

- Currently pursuing further studies of PCN potential as MRI contrast agent *in vivo*



# Polymer Coated Nanoparticles – Cancer Therapy

- Enhanced penetration of chemotherapy drugs into solid tumour spheroids when co-administered with PCN
- Likely applications in drug delivery and improved therapy of poorly vascularised solid cancers



Red fluorescence shows penetration of Doxorubicin (Dox) into tumour spheroid - clearly enhanced penetration when Dox co-administered with PCN

- Currently investigating therapeutic efficacy of PCN combined with chemotherapy in pre-clinical models of metastatic ovarian cancer



# Polymer Coated Nanoparticles – Features and benefits

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## KEY FEATURES & BENEFITS

**Novel nanoparticle stabilization system that can work on diverse nanoparticles such as  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ , silica and gold**

**Good safety profile**

**Diverse biodistribution profile**

**Potential to improve negative contrast in MRI**

**Proprietary nanoparticle production capability**

**Improved stability under diverse environments**

- at physiological conditions
- after autoclaving
- after multiple freeze-thaw cycles

**Clearance without toxicity**

**High accumulation in omentum**

**Low accumulation in brain, heart, bladder, lungs, uterus, stomach and kidney**

**Increase  $R_2$  relaxivity- up to  $1000\text{mM}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$**

**Efficient manufacture at low production cost**

- potential for scale up
- high degree of size and quality consistency achievable





# Polymer Coated Nanoparticles – Next Steps

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- *In vitro* – toxicity studies including degradation of PCN compared to other reference products
- *In vivo* – studies in pre-clinical models to further test toxicity, safety and efficacy, pharmacokinetics, biodistribution, intracellular fate of PCN when administered intravenously
- Pre-clinical MRI imaging data demonstrating the equivalence/superiority of Sirtex PCN compared to currently available contrast agents expect to complete in 1H CY17
- Complete proof of concept drug delivery studies in metastatic ovarian cancer model in 1H CY17



**Thank you**



# Commercial Opportunities

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**Dr Fintan Walton  
CEO & Founder  
PharmaVentures**



# About

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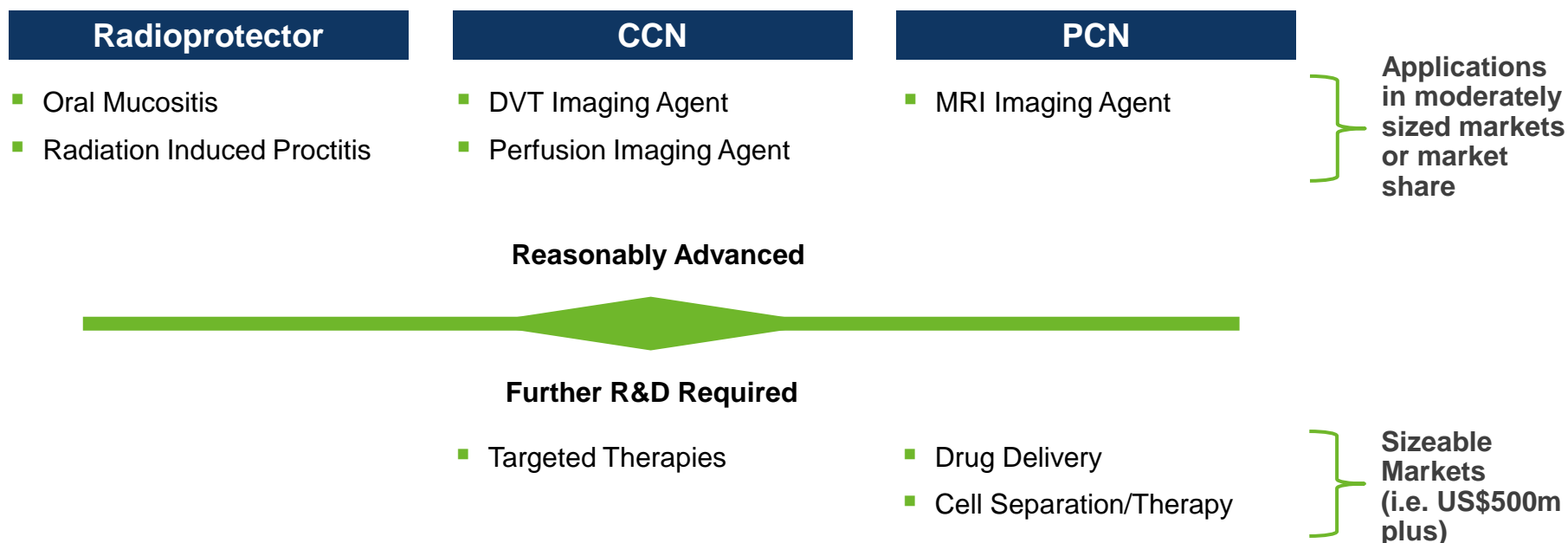
- Consultant to Sirtex Medical, engaged to:
  - Assess the four platform technologies discussed today
  - Ascertain the commercial opportunity
  - Evaluate strategic options
  
- Our mission is to serve and support all life science corporations, regardless of size, in successful deal making
  
- More than 700 assignments including pharma M&A, Licensing, Strategy, Valuation and Expert Services





# Overview of program potential

➤ The Radioprotector (RP), Carbon-Cage Nanoparticles (CCN) and Polymer-Coated Nanoparticles (PCN) technologies have applications in both moderately sized markets and large sizeable markets





# Radioprotector – Clinical indications

- **Oral Mucositis (OM):** debilitating side-effect of radiotherapy and chemotherapy treatments
  - Severe OM (grade 3 and 4) occurs in up to 80% of head and neck cancer (HNC) patients treated with radiotherapy<sup>1</sup>
  - Annual incidence of HNC in Northern America, Europe and AU/NZ approx. 200,000 p.a.<sup>2</sup> with ~75% patients treated with radiotherapy



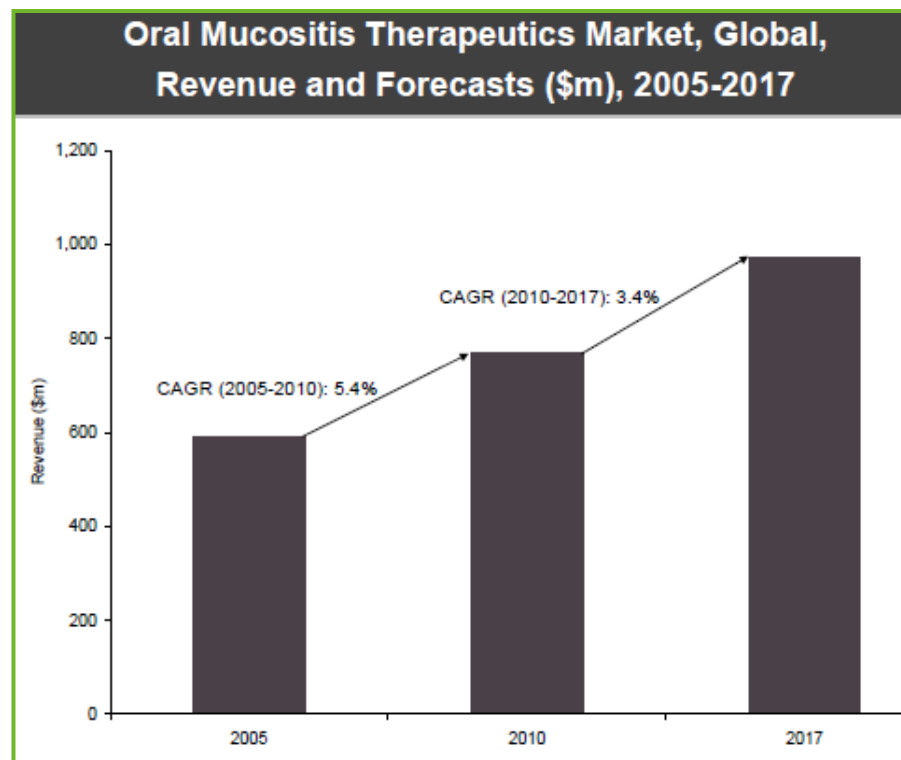
- **Radiation proctitis:** radiation induced damage to the small bowel
  - Acute form occurs in ~75% of patients receiving pelvic radiotherapy for prostate, bladder, cervix, uterus, rectal and anal cancers<sup>3</sup> (US incidence alone ~500,000 cases p.a.<sup>2</sup>)  
Chronic form occurs in 2-20% of patients
  - ~50% will receive radiotherapy treatment<sup>4</sup>



Sources: <sup>1</sup> Elting, L. S., et al. Patient-reported measurements of oral mucositis in head and neck cancer patients treated with radiotherapy with or without chemotherapy. *Cancer*, 113: 2704–2713. doi: 10.1002/cncr.23898; <sup>2</sup> GLOBOCAN, PharmaVentures; <sup>3</sup> Grodsky MB, Sidani SM. Radiation Proctopathy. *Clinics in Colon and Rectal Surgery*. 2015;28(2):103-111. doi:10.1055/s-0035-1547337; <sup>4</sup> Chamie K, Williams SB, Hu JC. Population-Based Assessment of Determining Treatments for Prostate Cancer. *JAMA Oncol*. 2015;1(1):60-67. doi:10.1001/jamaoncol.2014.192.

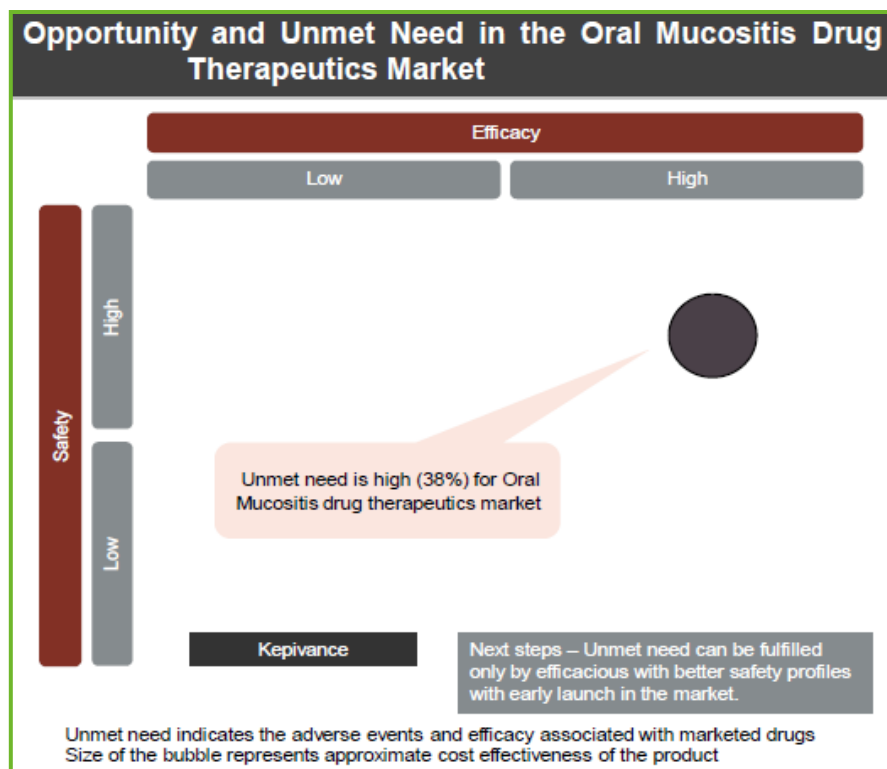
# Radioprotector – Oral Mucositis

- Market size forecast to reach US\$974m by 2017<sup>1</sup>
- Approx. 600,000 new cases globally each year
- One approved therapeutic agent – Kepivance® (palifermin), indicated for severe OM in bone marrow cancers
- Other treatments involve mouth washes/oral rinses and over-the-counter products

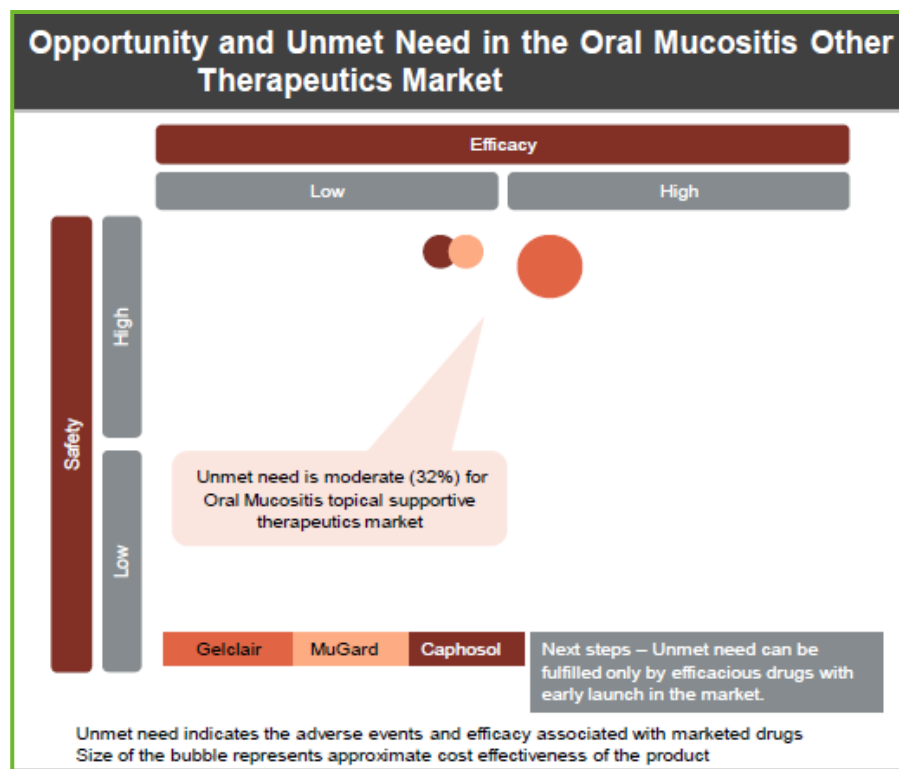


# Radioprotector – Oral Mucositis

- Significant unmet need for new effective agents to treat OM
- No drug currently approved to treat severe OM in head and neck cancer



Source: GlobalData



Source: GlobalData





# Radioprotector – Radiation Proctitis

- There are no effective therapeutics to prevent the development of CRP. Drugs such as amifostine, sucralfate, or sulphasalazine have shown limited benefit and are not widely used<sup>1</sup>
- Potential addressable market size of US\$205m<sup>2</sup> by 2028 in prostate cancer alone

|                        | Cancer Incidence <sup>3</sup> |                |                |                |                  |                  |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Region                 | Prostate                      | Bladder        | Cervix         | Uterus         | Colorectum       | TOTAL            |
| USA                    | 233,159                       | 68,639         | 12,966         | 49,645         | 134,349          | 498,758          |
| European Union (EU-28) | 345,195                       | 124,188        | 33,679         | 64,929         | 345,346          | 789,149          |
| Australia              | 21,966                        | 3,489          | 793            | 2,268          | 15,869           | 44,385           |
| New Zealand            | 3,330                         | 266            | 145            | 492            | 3,018            | 7,251            |
| Japan                  | 55,970                        | 22,042         | 9,390          | 11,449         | 112,675          | 211,526          |
| ROW                    | 435,296                       | 335,357        | 470,651        | 190,822        | 749,345          | 2,181,471        |
| <b>TOTAL (WORLD)</b>   | <b>1,094,916</b>              | <b>429,793</b> | <b>527,624</b> | <b>319,605</b> | <b>1,360,602</b> | <b>3,732,540</b> |



# Carbon-Cage Nanoparticles – Options

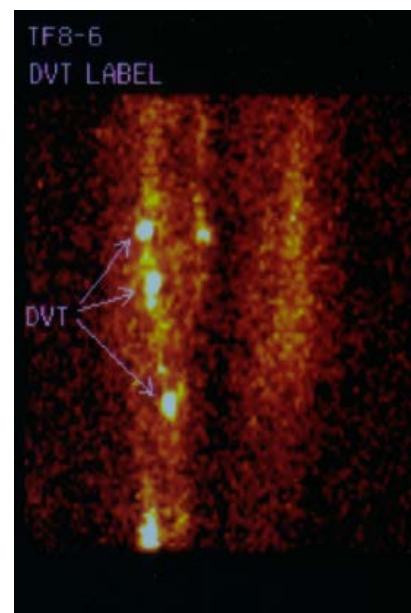
➤ Multiple applications to consider, focus on more advanced opportunities first

| DVT/PE Imaging   | Perfusion Imaging  | Liver Tumour Imaging   | Microspheres/ Labelling   | Targeted Therapy   |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Use of CCNs as an imaging agent for DVT diagnosis</li><li>■ Potentially application closest to clinical development</li><li>■ Potentially to be regulated as a medical device</li><li>■ Development timelines of potentially 2-4 years (CE Mark)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ CCN as an agent for lung perfusion imaging</li><li>■ Proof of concept in pre-clinical models</li><li>■ Potentially drug regulatory pathway</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Use of histone coated CCN as imaging agent for liver tumours</li><li>■ So far some pre-clinical studies have been done</li><li>■ Could be a drug regulatory pathway</li><li>■ Potential need to address safety of use of histone</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Use of CCN to labelled Y-90 microspheres for improving dosimetry of Sirtex liver cancer therapy</li><li>■ Potentially has other applications in dosimetry of other nano or microparticle based therapies</li><li>■ Early stage research</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Use of histone coated CCN for targeted cancer therapy using ability to localise in angiogenic zone of tumours</li><li>■ Early stage research</li></ul> |

# Carbon-Cage Nanoparticles – DVT/PE Imaging

- Worldwide imaging agent market anticipated to reach US\$10.7 billion by 2022<sup>1</sup>
- Imaging agents, applicable for CCN have 44% share
  - 48% of global demand from the U.S, 23% Japan and 19% Europe
- CCN may be regulated as medical device, which could see expedited development pathway towards a CE Mark

DVT - CCN



Source: ANU

DVT – Venography



Source: Medscape



# Carbon-Cage Nanoparticles – Imaging and Radiopharma Players

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- ↗ Characterised by a small number of especially large players globally
- ↗ Concentrated distribution
- ↗ Many smaller market participants

## Selected Larger Players

- Bayer
- GE Healthcare
- Cardinal Health
- Mallinckrodt
- Bracco
- Advanced Accelerator Applications
- Eckert & Ziegler Strahlen- und Medizintechnik AG
- IBA Molecular North America (now Zevacor Pharma)
- Jubilant Life Sciences (Draximage)
- Lantheus
- FUJIFILM RI Pharma

## Selected Smaller Players

- COMECER
- DuChemBio
- Eczacibasi
- Erigal
- Samyoung Unitech
- Pharmalucence
- Sanochemia
- VisEn Medical
- Spago Nanomedical
- Progenics
- Macrocylics
- ABT Molecular Imaging



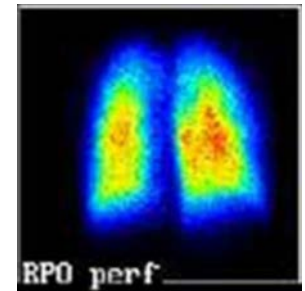
# Selected M&A Deals – Imaging agents

|                  |   |  |  |                               | Enterprise Value to |        |
|------------------|---|--|--|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------|
| Date             | Target Business   | Target   | Acquiror                               | 100% Value                    | Revenue             | EBITDA |
| Jun 16 (pending) | Fluorine based imaging agent solutions for PET          | Ground Fluor Pharmaceuticals (US)                        | FluoroPharma Medical (US)              | n.a.                          | n.a.                | n.a.   |
| Jul 15           | Contrast media and delivery systems ('CMDs') business   | CMDs business of Mallinckrodt (UK)                       | Guerbet (FR)                           | \$270m                        | 0.7 x               | n.a.   |
| Sep 14           | FDG-PET imaging agent business in Italy                 | FDG-PET imaging agent business of GE Healthcare Srl (IT) | Advanced Accelerator Applications (FR) | €0.7m                         | n.a.                | n.a.   |
| Nov 10           | Molecular imaging agents for chronic human diseases     | Avid Radiopharmaceuticals (US)                           | Eli Lilly (FR)                         | \$300m plus \$500m contingent | n.a.                | n.a.   |
| Aug 10           | Fluorescence in vivo imaging agent technology platforms | VizEn Medical (US)                                       | PerkinElmer (US)                       | \$23m                         | n.m.                | n.a.   |
| Nov 09           | Contrast agents for MRI and CT                          | Insight Agents (DE)                                      | Agfa (BE)                              | €10m                          | 3.6 x               | n.a.   |
| Feb 08           | Imaging agents  | Imaging agents business of Bristol-Myers Squibb (US)     | Avista Capital (US)                    | \$525m                        | n.a.                | n.a.   |
| Oct 07           | Contrast agents for GI radiology                        | E-Z-EM (US)  | Bracco (IT)                            | \$200m                        | 1.4 x               | 14.5 x |

Source: PharmaVentures, Sirtex Medical

# Carbon-Cage Nanoparticles – Perfusion

- Standard of care is intravenous injection of radioactive technetium macro aggregated albumin (Tc99m-MAA) for lung perfusion
- Attractive market attributes
  - Increasing costs of MAA, lack of competition
- Potential market size of US\$90 million in Western markets<sup>1</sup>



## CCN

- Does not aggregate
- Smaller amount of material used
- Binding is to heparan sulfate in capillary endothelium
- Not biological
- Clear lung specificity
- Potential cheap to produce compared to MAA (on site)

## MAA

- Well recognised but has limitations
- Blood product with potential biological hazards (prions, HIV, HCV, and HPV)
- Apparent quality control issues
- Polydispersion
- Variations in size
- Mechanically arrested at limiting diameters of the capillary bed

# Polymer Coated Nanoparticles – Options

PCNs have applicability across a wide range of applications

## Imaging

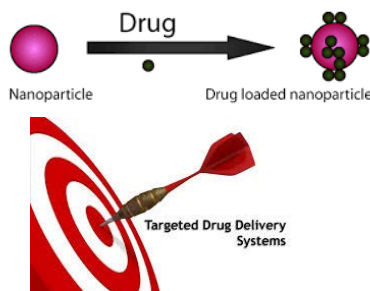
- PCN contrast agent for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- Unmet need for contrast agent which does not cause nephrotoxicity Radioisotope doped PCN shows potential in imaging
- Applicable in multimodal imaging technologies such as PET/MRI which is increasing in popularity
- Growing market segment in diagnostic imaging



MRI NECK AXIAL T2 IMAGE

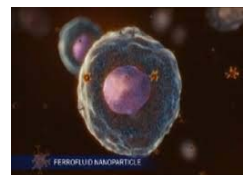
## Drug Delivery

- Potential to deliver diverse moieties such as drugs, and genes
- Potential to deliver drugs to target different tissues
- Radioisotope doped PCN shows potential in radiotherapy
- Topical delivery of drugs



## Cell Separation/ Cell Therapy

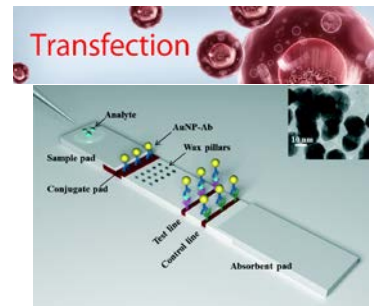
- Tumour cell detection
- Growing market for cell separation technologies
- Effective monitoring of cells in indications such as Ischemic Stroke, Multiple sclerosis, Cancer, Vascular disease
- Magnetically targeted cell delivery



Quadrupole Magnetic cell Sorter- Ikotech

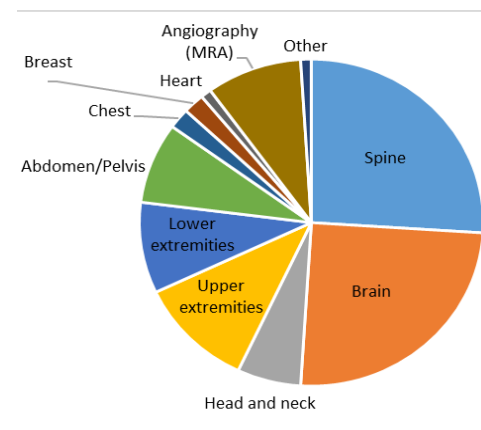
## Other Applications

- Hyperthermia therapy
- External beam radiotherapy
- Transfection of DNA and RNA
- Cosmetics – targeting the growing anti-aging market
- Lateral flow immunoassay- to target the increasing demand for fast diagnostic kits
- Hemodialysis - It is proposed that in the presence of iron-oxide nanoparticles ('IONPs') or Gold nanoparticles, hemodialysis efficiency can be increased by improving the rate of osmosis



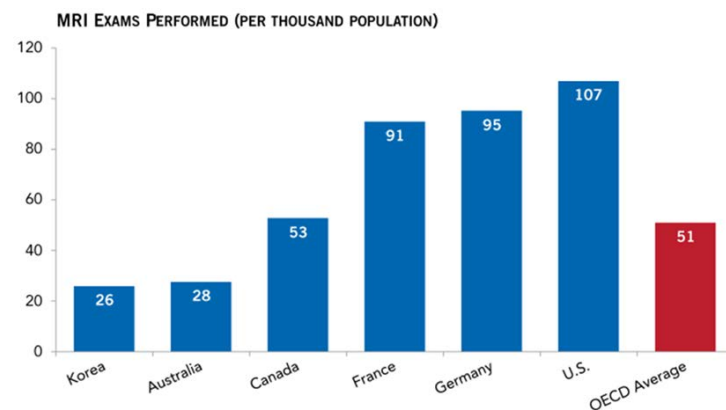
# Polymer Coated Nanoparticles – Imaging

- Majority of MRIs are for brain and spine scans
- Market need for low toxicity associated with contrast agents driving development; clinical studies required
- Gadolinium (Gd) contrast used in ~25% of the ~30 million contrast-enhanced MRI procedures conducted worldwide<sup>1</sup>
- Gadavist® sales of US\$322 million in 2015<sup>2</sup>, the current market leader



Tissue distribution of MR examinations globally.

*Magnetic resonance in medicine. 9<sup>th</sup> edition 2016*



SOURCE: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, *OECD Health Statistics 2015*, July 2015. Compiled by PGPF.  
NOTE: Number of MRI exams per thousand people in 2013 or the latest data available.

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# Polymer Coated Nanoparticles – Drug Delivery

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- The global advanced drug delivery market is forecast to grow from c. US\$179 billion in 2015 to c. US\$227 billion by 2020, a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 4.9%<sup>1</sup>
- PCN flexibility to use diverse functional groups for targeting opens the opportunity to develop a drug delivery vehicle that could be loaded with appropriate drug moieties to target different tissues
- Formulation of PCN with doxorubicin aimed at lowering toxicity, lower dose and prolongation of benefit
- Doxorubicin sales of US\$376 million in 2015 and expected to grow to US\$695 million in 2022<sup>2</sup>



**Thank you**



# Sirtex Strategy – Radioprotector, Carbon-Cage Nanoparticles & Polymer Coated Nanoparticles

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**Gilman Wong**  
**CEO**



# Strategy

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- The recently concluded report from PharmaVentures has outlined a number of strategies to realise value from our core Radioprotector, Carbon-Cage Nanoparticles and Polymer Coated Nanoparticles technologies
- Progressing discussions with PharmaVentures to develop the optimal commercial pathway forward for each, with the overall objective of implementing an out-licensing strategy
- Each of our programs have defined pre-clinical milestones to achieve
- If the various programs are unable to reach specific pre-clinical milestones in preparation for clinical studies where value realisation is more likely, Sirtex will carefully assess continued funding



## Strategy – (cont.)

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- For Radioprotector, there is significant potential in:
  - Oral mucositis
  - Radiation proctitis
- For Carbon-Cage Nanoparticles, there is significant potential in:
  - DVT imaging
  - Perfusion imaging
- For Polymer Coated Nanoparticles, there is significant potential in:
  - MRI imaging
  - Drug delivery
- For these three platforms, the overall aim would be to secure a licensing partner prior to the commencement of major clinical studies



Q&A

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# Questions



# Histone Inhibition Program (HIP) – Scientific perspectives

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**Dr Steve Jones**  
**Global Head of R&D**



# Histone Inhibition Program – Collaborators

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**Three of Australia's premier scientists are collaborating on HIP**

- **Professor Chris Parish**, John Curtin School of Medical Research,  
Australian National University
- **Professor Ross Stephens**, Research School of Physics and Engineering,  
Australian National University
- **Professor Mark von Itzstein**, Institute for Glycomics,  
Griffith University





# About sepsis

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- Severe sepsis is a life threatening inflammatory response to infection that has spread throughout the body
- In the US alone, upwards of 750,000 cases of severe sepsis every year, resulting in 215,000 deaths<sup>1</sup>
- Sepsis is the single most expensive condition treated in US hospitals
- **Extracellular Histones** – scientifically validated as major mediators of hyper-inflammatory response in sepsis
- The Histone Inhibition Program (HIP) is developing novel compounds specifically targeting extracellular histones in the treatment of sepsis



# Sepsis awareness is growing

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**Muhammad Ali's Death Could Raise Awareness About Sepsis With The Announcement Of His Cause of Death, “Muhammad Ali Has Likely Saved Countless Lives.”**

*(Huffington Post, 7/6/2016)*

**Patty Duke Died From Sepsis, The Common Killer You’ve Never Heard Of**

Sepsis killed legendary actress Patty Duke earlier this week, but experts say it's not just a disease for the elderly—and it's more common than you think

*(Huffington Post, 31/3/2016)*

# Histone Inhibition Program – Science

## What are Histones?

- Proteins with high net positive charge
- Exist in the nucleus of cells
- Primary role to package DNA
- Released by dying/dead cells
- Maintain positive charge
- Toxic when circulating outside of cells

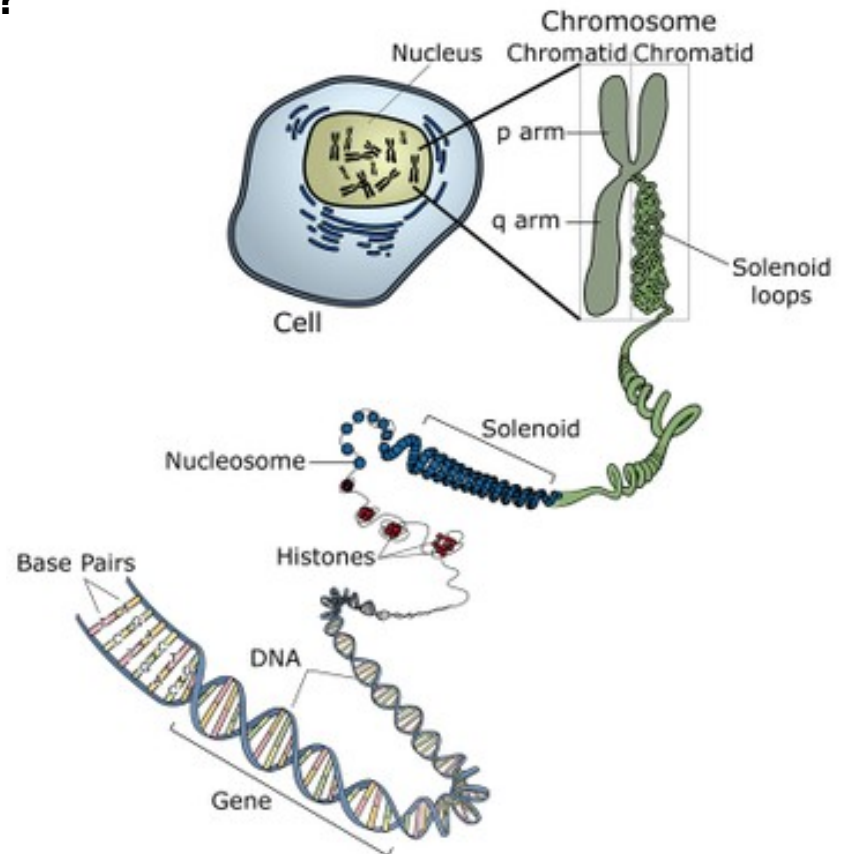
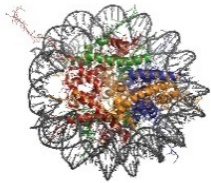


Image adapted from: National Human Genome Research Institute.

# Histone Inhibition Program – Science (cont.)

## Histones in the cell nucleus

Sustains nucleosomes and chromosomal stability



**Histones released** into extracellular fluid from dying cells as a result of stress (e.g. infection, trauma, ischemia)

**INHIBITOR OF EXTRACELLULAR HISTONES**

Early intervention in the hyper-inflammatory damage cascade

Free histones circulating in the extracellular fluid

Death of endothelial cells lining blood vessels

Impaired blood perfusion

Coagulation and thrombosis

**ORGAN DAMAGE**

**Focus of HIP**

**LUNG**



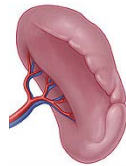
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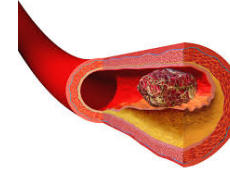
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**COAGULATION**



**POTENTIALLY LEADING TO DEATH**

**SIRTeX**



## Histone Inhibition Program – Science (cont.)

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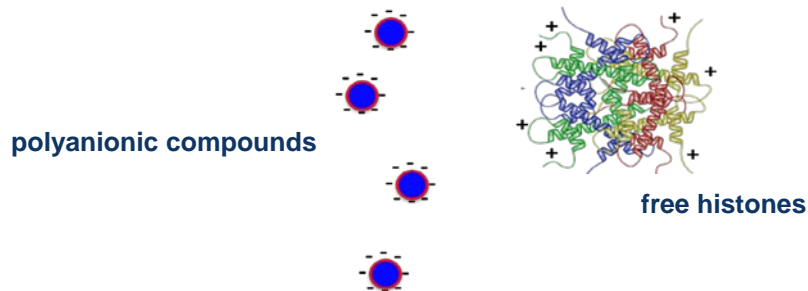
- ANU has developed certain **polyanionic** molecules, a new class of compounds for inhibiting extracellular histones
- ANU working with the Glycomics Institute at Griffith University to further develop the Intellectual Property (IP)
- Patent coverage to 2030 and beyond
- Sirtex has secured the rights to all IP and is supporting the development program



# Histone Inhibition Program – Science (cont.)

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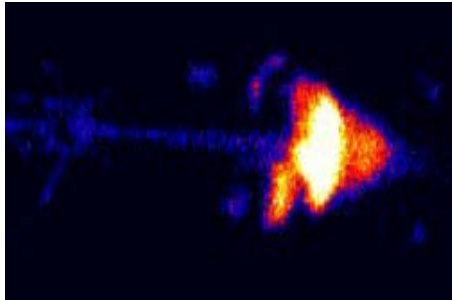
- Histones are polycations (positive charge)
- They rapidly and tightly complex with polyanions (negative charge) to form an inactive neutral complex
- Their natural function depends on this, i.e. binding to DNA (a polyanion) in the nucleus
- The Sirtex development program focussed on screening candidate molecules (polyanions available from ANU and Griffith Uni.) to maximise histone inhibition activity



# Histone Inhibition Program – Science (cont.)

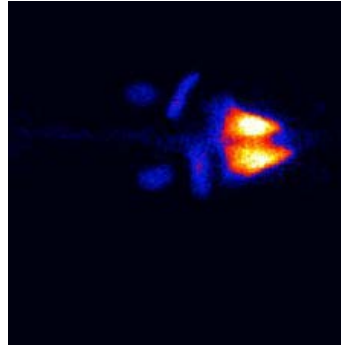
## ANU compounds block the accumulation of radiolabelled histones in lung in a preclinical model

(a) i.v. injection of radiolabelled nanoparticles – mainly end up in the liver

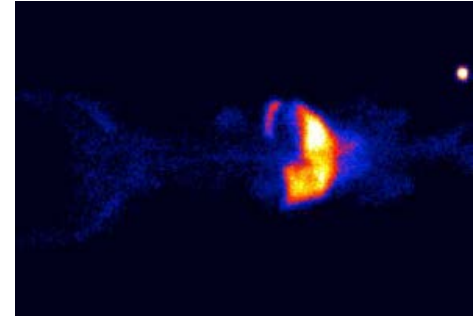


Source: Stephens et al, ANU

(b) i.v. injection of **histone** coated radiolabelled nanoparticles – target the lung



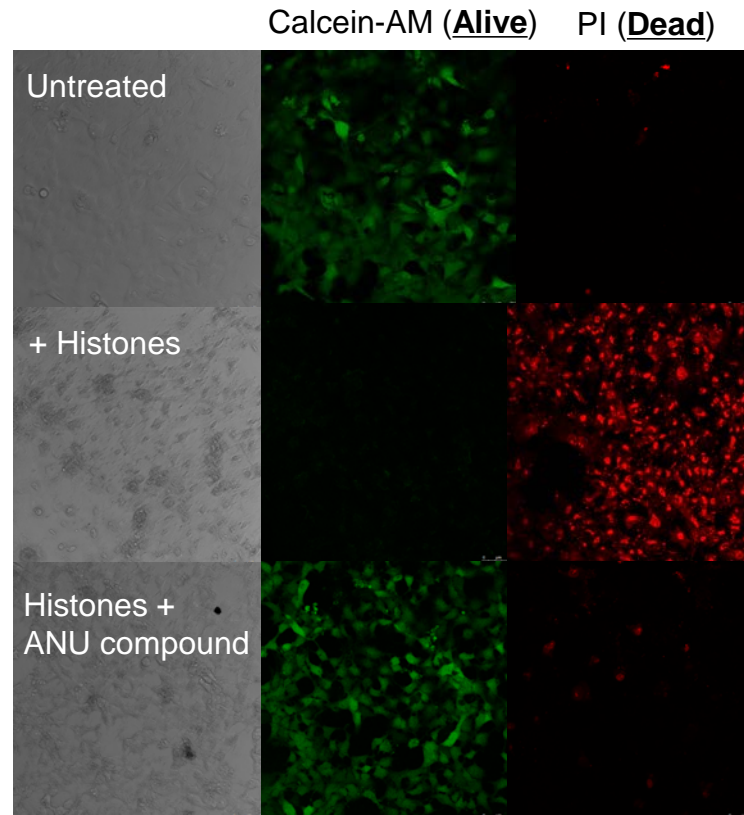
(c) i.v. injection of histone coated radiolabelled nanoparticles + ANU compound – deposition in lungs is **blocked**



Acute lung injury is a common complication of sepsis, confirmed to be histone mediated (*Xu et al 2009*)

# Histone Inhibition Program – Science (cont.)

**Endothelial cells exposed to histones are protected by ANU compound**



Images of Human Microvascular Endothelial Cells (HMEC) obtained with a confocal microscope

Source: Anna Bezos, ANU

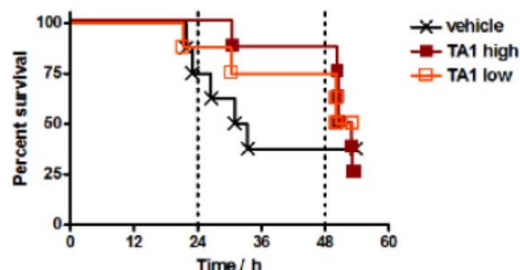


# Histone Inhibition Program – Science (cont.)

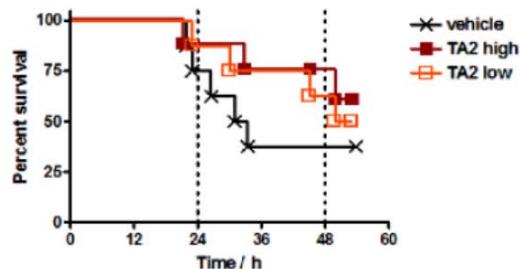
## HIP compounds improve survival in pre-clinical model of sepsis

➤ Test Article (TA) was administered at 0, 24 and 48 hours

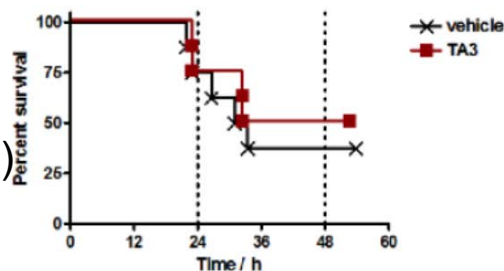
TA1



TA2



TA3  
(control)





# Histone Inhibition Program – Current status

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➤ Lead compound – **STC314**

➤ **Pharmacokinetics**

- Short blood residence time ( $T_{1/2}$  ~40min -1 hr)
- Rapidly excreted mainly via urine (>50% within 4 hr) typical of small molecular compounds
- Steady state plasma levels achieved via continuous infusion and proportional to the dose

➤ **Toxicology**

- Not metabolised and low plasma protein binding – consistent with clearance profile
- 7-day infusion studies at ~3000mg/kg/day showed no obvious signs of toxicity (i.e. via clinical chemistry, hematology and pathology)
- Standard suite of GLP toxicology are being completed to support Phase 1 trial



# Histone Inhibition Program – Next steps

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## ↗ STC314 - Early clinical development strategy



↗ Plan to commence in 1H of CY17

↗ Subsequent Phase 2 and 3 studies expected to be much shorter duration than trials for oncology drugs



**Thank you**



# Application of Histone Inhibition Program in Sepsis – Medical perspectives

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**Prof. Rinaldo Bellomo** MBBS MD FRACS  
**Professor of Intensive Care Medicine**  
**University of Melbourne**



# Sepsis - Medical perspectives

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## Who am I?

- Professor of Intensive Care Medicine, University of Melbourne
- Director of Intensive Care Research and Staff Specialist in Intensive Care at Austin Health
- Co-Director of the Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Research Centre (ANZIC-RC)
- NHMRC Practitioner Fellow and was Foundation Chair of the Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society Clinical Trials Group (ANZICS-CTG)
- Named one of the world's most influential scientific minds of our time<sup>1</sup>



## Sepsis - Medical perspectives (cont.)

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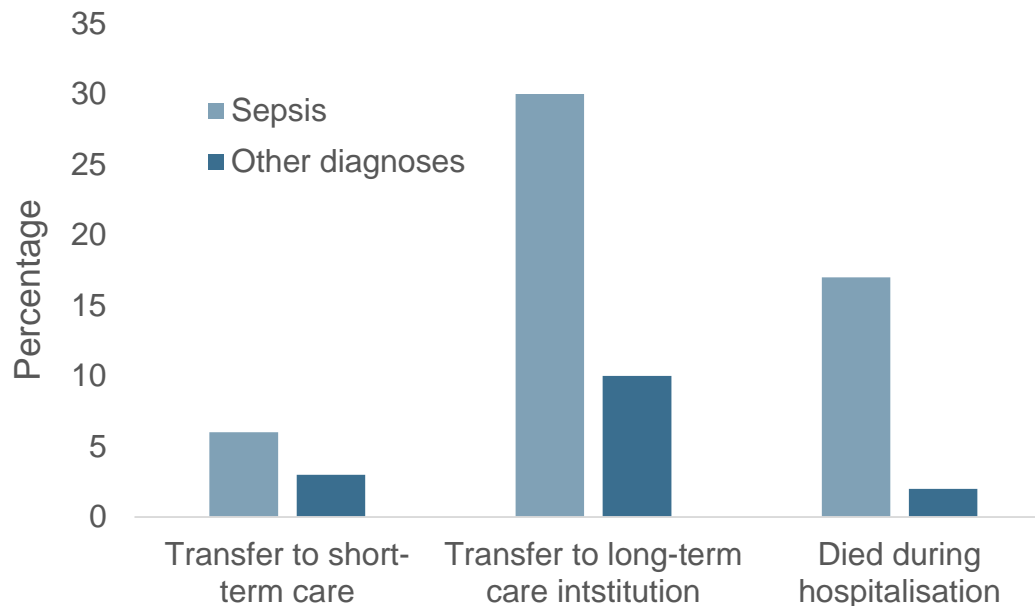
- Sepsis is a leading cause of death in the US and is the single most expensive condition treated in US hospitals<sup>1</sup>
- Sepsis is often fatal. Those who survive severe sepsis are more likely to have permanent organ damage, cognitive impairment and physical disability
- Only 2% of hospitalisations are for sepsis, yet they make up 17% of in-hospital deaths in the US



## Sepsis - Medical perspectives (cont.)

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- Patients hospitalised for sepsis are more than eight times as likely to die during their hospitalisation<sup>1</sup>
- The proportion of hospitalised patients discharged to other short or long term care institutions is much higher for sepsis than for other conditions





# Sepsis - Medical perspectives (cont.)

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

## CLINICAL PROBLEM-SOLVING

Caren G. Solomon, M.D., M.P.H., Editor

### Just a Cut



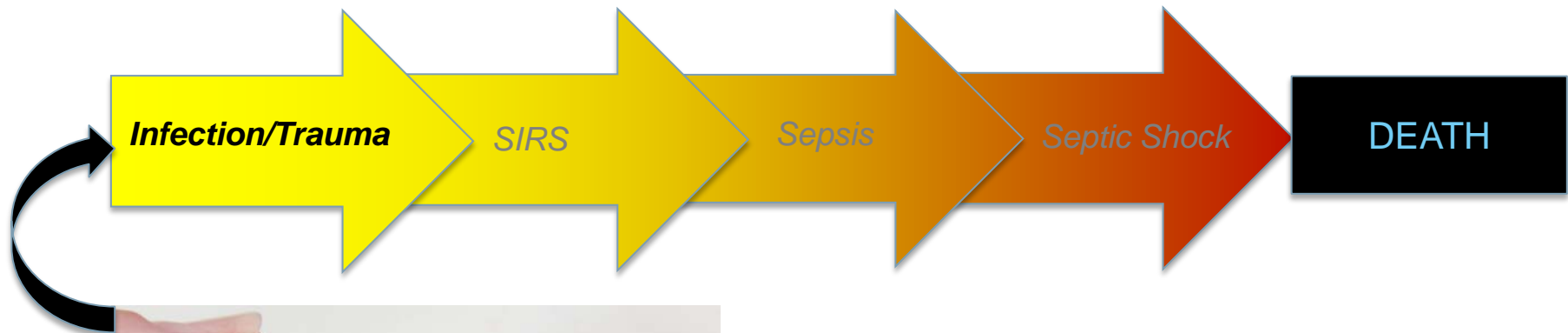
A 51-year-old surgeon lacerated his left ring finger near the volar distal interphalangeal joint with a fillet knife while he was cleaning fish after a late summer day of fishing in coastal New England seawaters. After the bleeding was stopped with direct pressure, he washed the wound and applied topical antibiotic ointment. At 4 a.m., 12 hours after the injury, he awoke with throbbing pain in his fingertip and took a dose of cephalexin. By 7 a.m., the pain had markedly increased and was progressively worsening, and the finger was erythematous, with localized edema distal to the distal interphalangeal joint. He presented to his primary care physician for urgent evaluation at 9 a.m. He had been well before this injury. He noted that he had received his last dose of adalimumab (administered every other week for psoriatic arthritis) 6 days before presentation.

Scheduled irrigation and débridement the following morning revealed no signs of further necrosis in the hand or forearm. Later that day, spiking fevers recurred with rapidly worsening pain. Emergency exploration that evening revealed necrotic tissue and cloudy fluid along the flexor tendons extending proximally to the level of the distal forearm. After intraoperative consultation with another senior hand surgeon and the patient's wife, guillotine amputation at the mid-forearm was performed 5 cm proximal to all visibly infected tissue. The amputation stump was left open with povidone-iodine wound packing.



# Sepsis - Medical perspectives (cont.)

## SEPSIS: A Disease Continuum



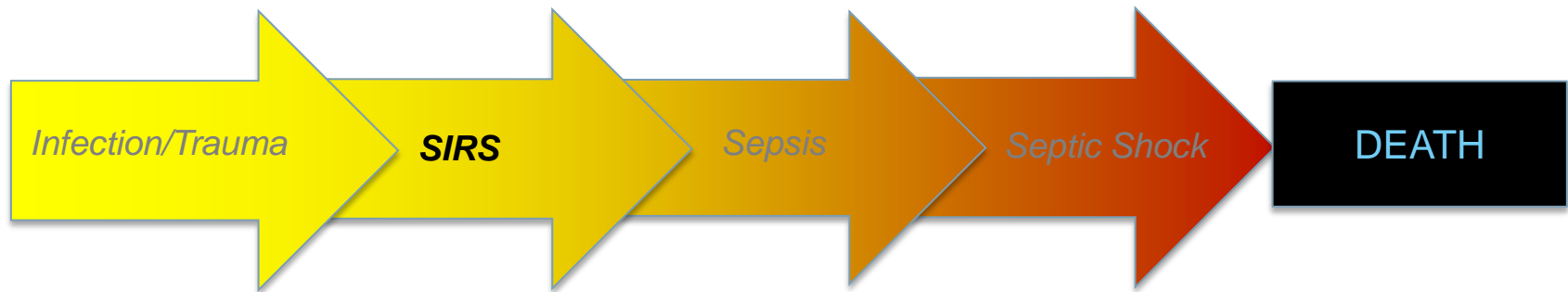
➤ Can start from a simple cut, which is normally adequately treated by antibiotics prescribed by the GP



# Sepsis - Medical perspectives (cont.)

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## SEPSIS: A Disease Continuum

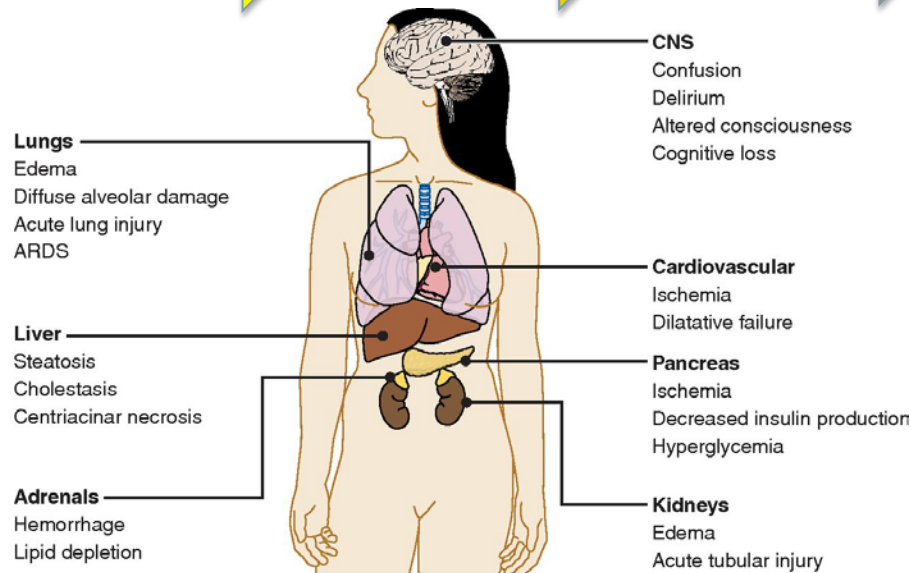
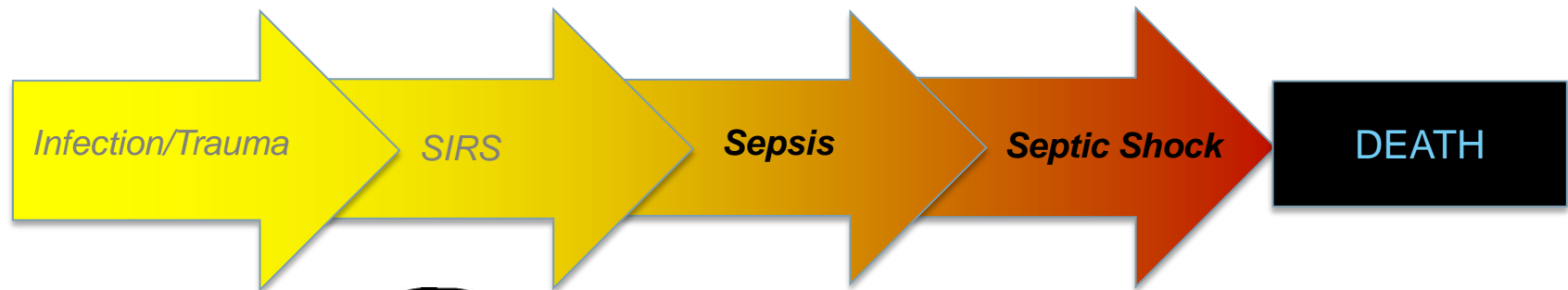


### Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome (**SIRS**)

*“Sepsis occurs when chemicals released into the bloodstream to fight the infection trigger inflammatory responses throughout the body. This inflammation can trigger a cascade of changes that can damage multiple organ systems, causing them to fail.”*

# Sepsis - Medical perspectives (cont.)

## SEPSIS: A Disease Continuum



End Organ Damage in Sepsis

➤ Multiple Organ Dysfunction Syndrome (MODS)

➤ Treatment in ICU to support:

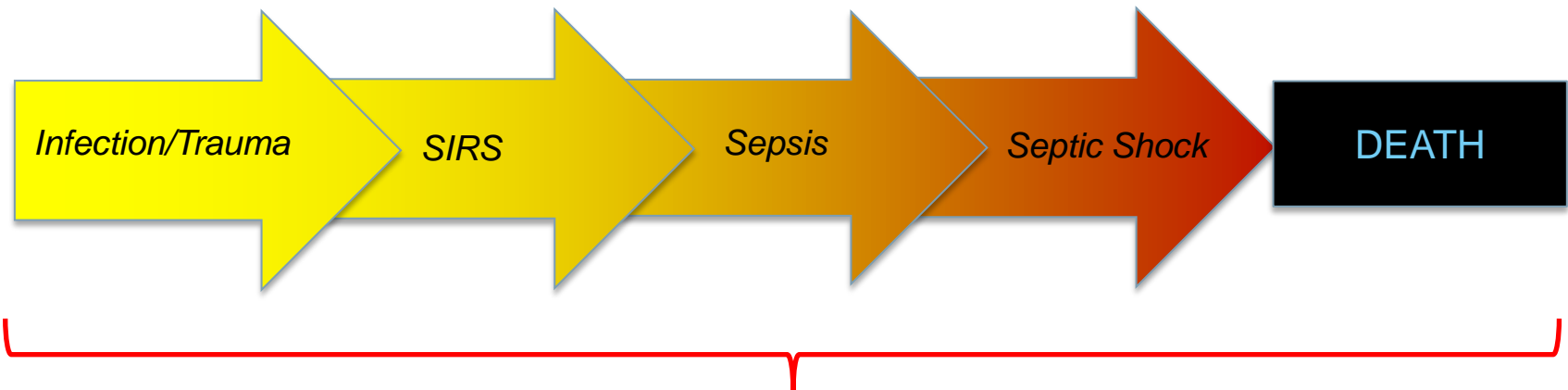
- Cardiovascular system
- Lungs
- Kidney
- Liver
- Hypotension



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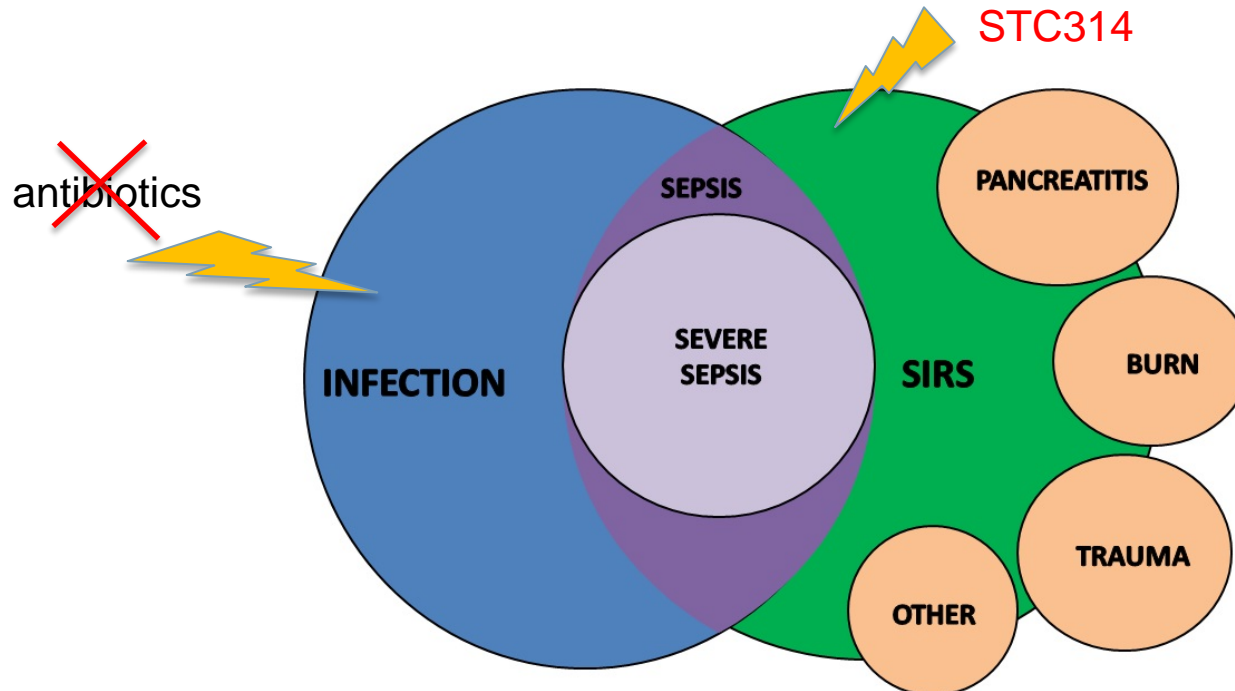
## SEPSIS: A Disease Continuum



Time from infection until death could be as short as a few days or even hours

## Sepsis - Medical perspectives (cont.)

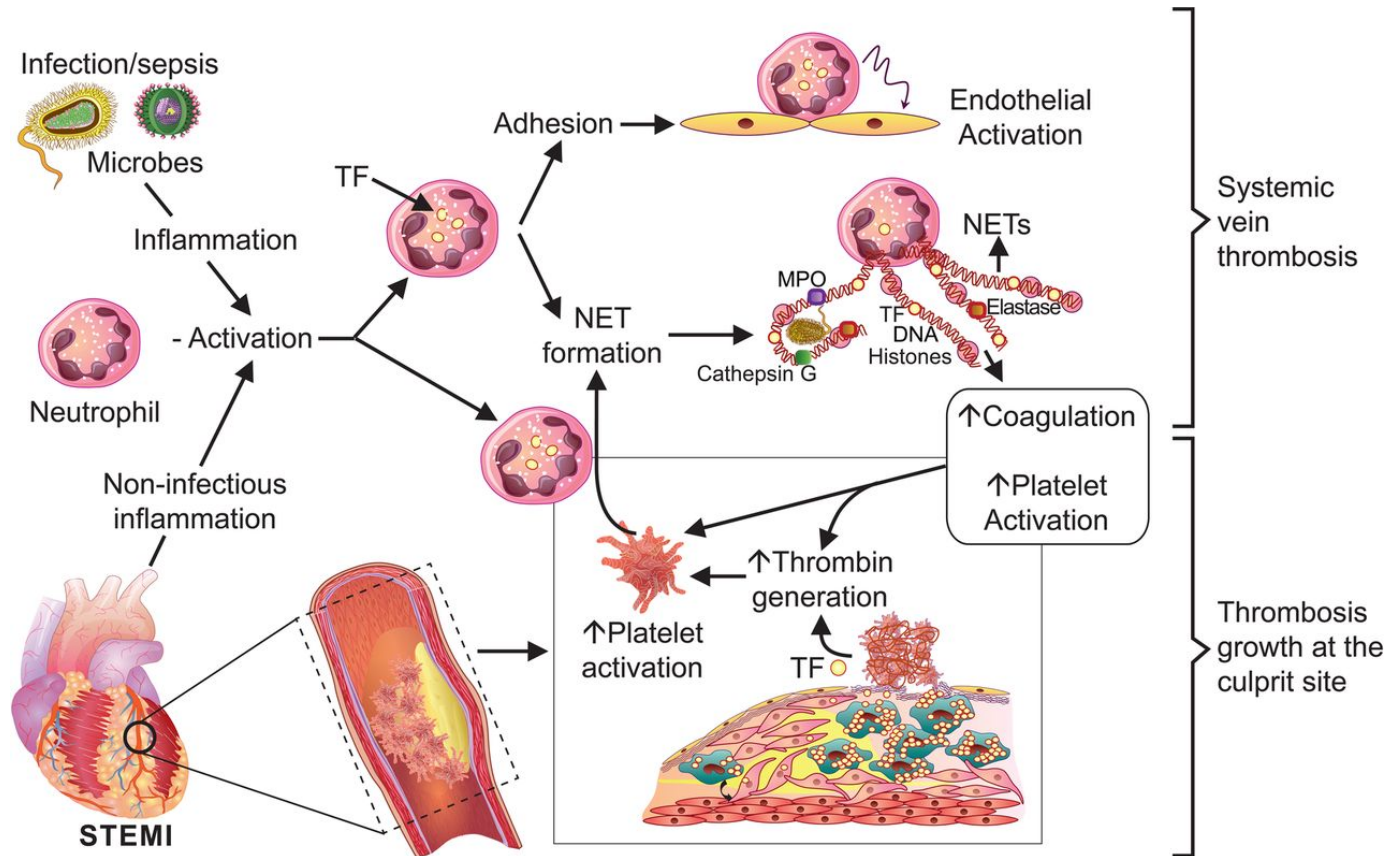
- Sepsis-like inflammation can also arise from non-infective causes, e.g. trauma, pancreatitis, burns, as well as from an infection
- STC314 will target the inflammatory response of the innate immune system, i.e. Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome (SIRS)
- Sirtex is NOT developing a new antibiotic





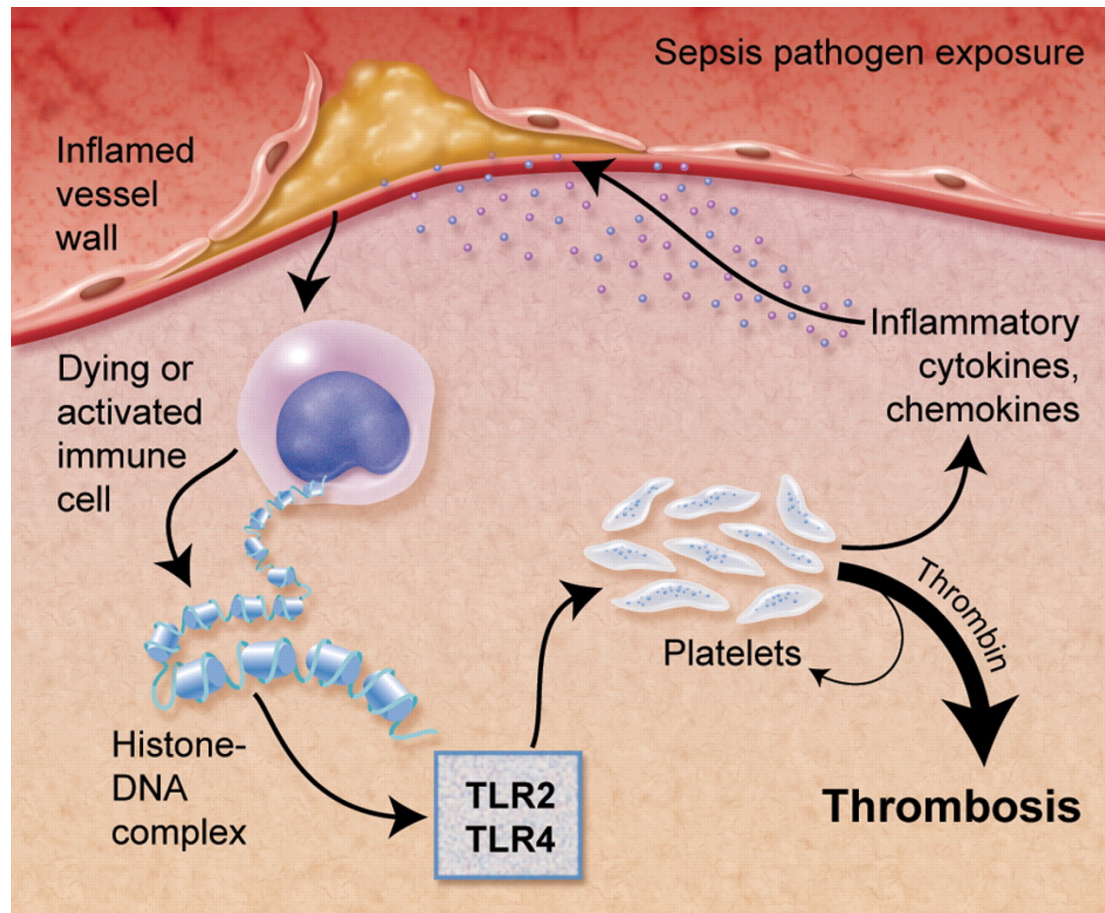
# Sepsis - Medical perspectives (cont.)

## Histones are fundamental to the inflammatory response generated by neutrophils



# Sepsis - Medical perspectives (cont.)

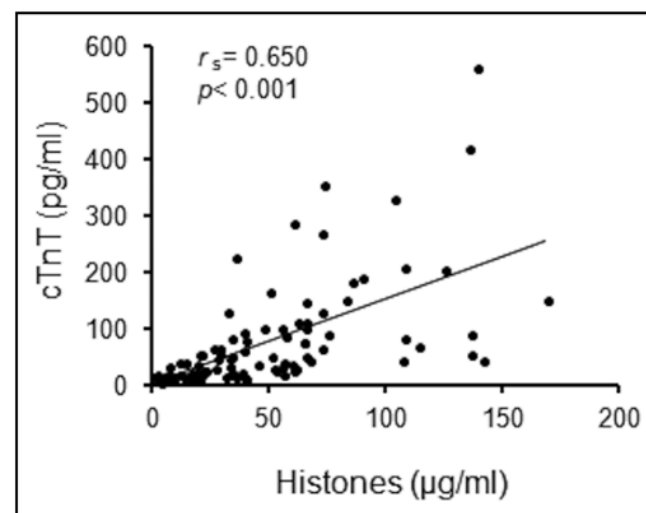
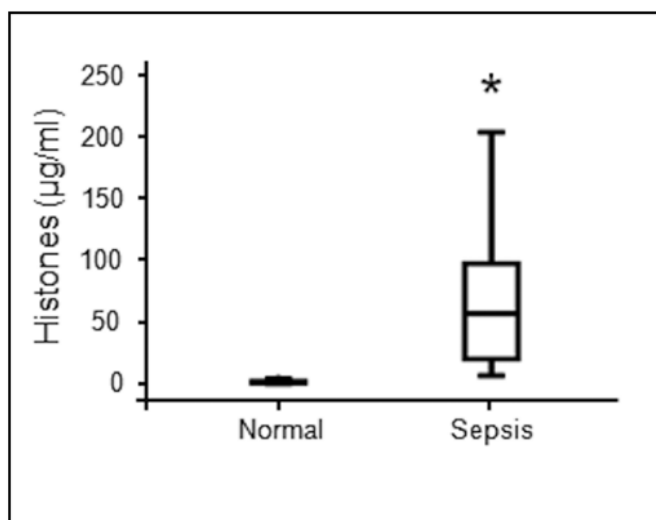
## Histone-mediated inflammation begets inflammation and thrombosis





# Sepsis - Medical perspectives (cont.)

- Circulating extracellular histones are now scientifically validated as important mediators of a range of pathologies, including sepsis
- Supported by a wealth of scientific literature. e.g. this data for septic cardiomyopathy

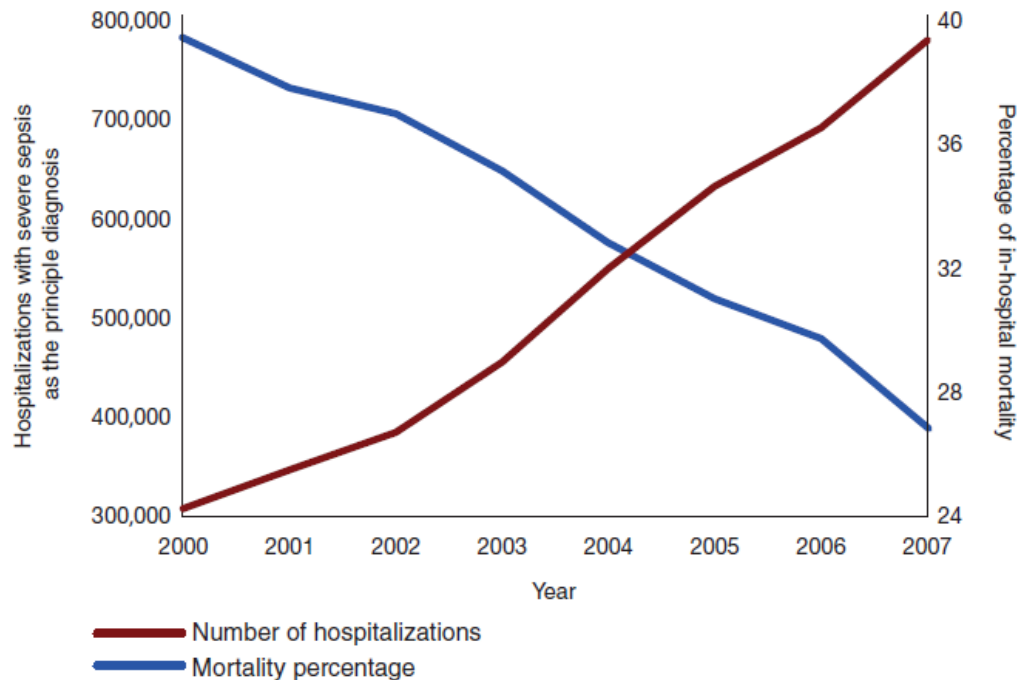


Elevated circulating histones in patients with sepsis correlate with circulating cardiac troponin T

- **Conclusion:** Circulating histones are novel and important mediators of septic cardiomyopathy, which can potentially be utilized for prognostic and therapeutic purposes

## Sepsis - Medical perspectives (cont.)

- Mortality rates from sepsis are decreasing<sup>1</sup> due to improvements in hospital care and heightened awareness
- However, the incidence of severe sepsis is increasing rapidly





## Sepsis - Medical perspectives (cont.)

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- Current treatment options are based on antibiotics, fluid resuscitation and organ specific support
- However, there are currently no drug therapies specifically for the treatment of sepsis
- There is a desperate unmet need for new safe and efficacious products



**Thank you**



# Commercial Opportunities

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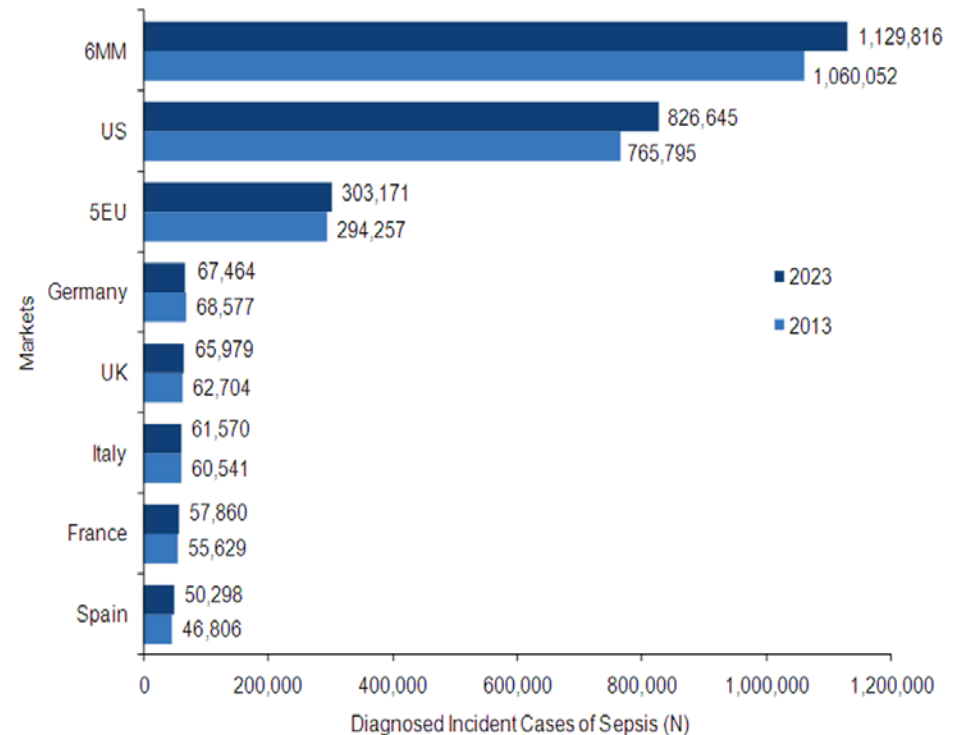
# Histone Inhibition Program – Sepsis

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- Sepsis is a clinical syndrome characterized by an uncontrolled systemic host response to infection, resulting in organ dysfunction
- Leading cause of death in intensive care units and in the top 10 causes of mortality worldwide
- Very high incidence of sepsis, including septic shock, means the potential market for an effective treatment is sizeable, measured in the billions
- Huge pharmacoeconomic burden of >US\$20 billion in annual hospital costs in the US, making sepsis the most expensive condition treated in hospitals<sup>1</sup>
- Histone inhibition shows promise as a therapeutic target for clinical development

# Histone Inhibition Program – Sepsis (cont.)

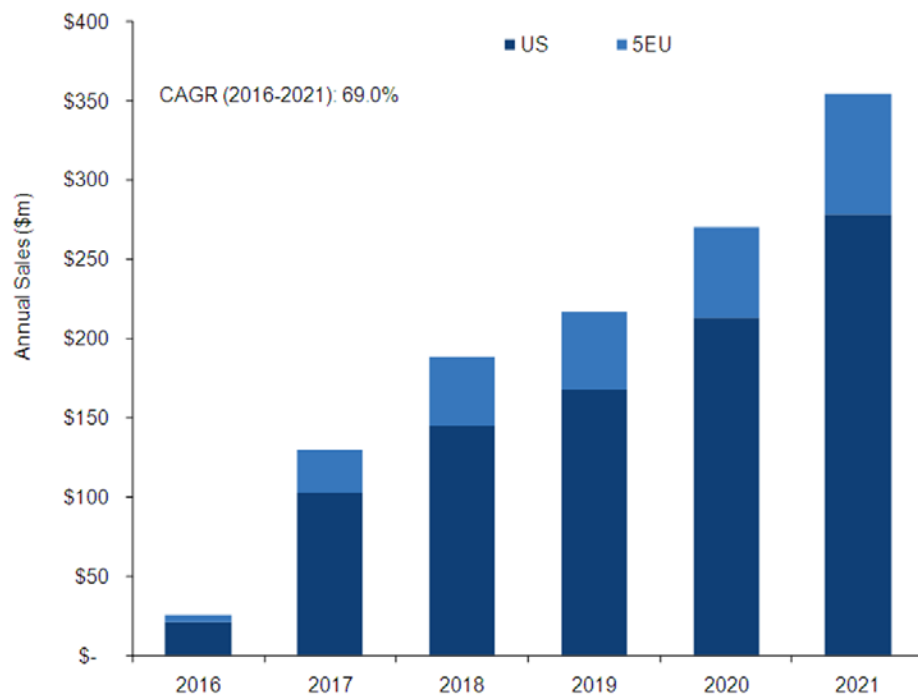
- Very large unmet market need, with high incidence and no approved drugs
- Xigris® withdrawn in 2011, pre-launch forecast sales of >US\$2 billion
- Potential for fast-track, orphan drug (in defined subpopulations) and breakthrough therapy designation by the FDA



Source: Global Data

# Histone Inhibition Program – Sepsis (cont.)

- Competition in clinical development remains modest
- Two Phase 3 candidates in development (not antibiotics)
  - Toraymyxin® (Spectral Medical)\*
  - Selepressin (Ferring Pharmaceuticals)
- Toraymyxin® anticipated to show peak sales of US\$800 million<sup>1</sup>
- Strong CAGR growth in sepsis sales from 2016-2021 of 69%, predicated on clinical success



Source: Global Data





# Histone Inhibition Program – Beyond sepsis

- Role of histones as mediators of inflammation and toxicity is well established in the scientific literature
- A search of the scientific database (PubMed) highlights ~3,500 published articles on 'histones and disease'
- Potential for HIP indications to be expanded beyond sepsis

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## Extracellular histones in tissue injury and inflammation

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Review

## Release and activity of histone in diseases

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Histones and their post-translational modifications have key roles in chromatin remodeling and gene transcription. Besides intranuclear functions, histones act as damage-associated molecular pattern molecules when they are released into the extracellular space. Administration of exogenous histones to animals leads to systemic inflammatory and toxic responses through activating Toll-like receptors and inflammasome pathways. Anti-histone treatment (e.g., neutralizing antibodies, activated protein C, recombinant thrombomodulin, and heparin) protect mice against lethal endotoxemia, sepsis, ischemia/reperfusion injury, trauma, pancreatitis, peritonitis, stroke, coagulation, and thrombosis. In addition, elevated serum histone and nucleosome levels have been implicated in multiple pathophysiological processes and progression of diseases including autoimmune diseases, inflammatory diseases, and cancer. Therefore, extracellular histones could serve as biomarkers and novel therapeutic targets in human diseases.

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**Thank you**



# Histone Inhibition Program – Strategy

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# Histone Inhibition Program – Strategy

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- The Histone Inhibition Program leverages Sirtex's R&D, clinical and regulatory infrastructure to enable diversification
- The science has been extensively and independently vetted and deemed to offer significant risk/reward benefits for Sirtex through execution of a clinical development pathway
- Complete pre-clinical development of lead compound STC314
- Commence a Phase 1 human clinical study in 1H CY17
- Upon confirmation of safety and toxicity, then move into a Phase 2 efficacy study in sepsis during CY18
- Evidence of clinical benefit provides excellent optionality on the most appropriate commercial pathway moving forward



Q&A

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# Questions



## Summary & Review

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**Gilman Wong**  
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## Summary & Review

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- Sirtex is committed to a long term investment into R&D
- R&D as a percentage of revenues of 5.9% averaged over past five years remains modest in global healthcare terms: Europe (~14%), North America (~9%)<sup>1</sup>
- Collaborative approach with academic centres of excellence provides access to cutting edge research and access to innovative new technologies
- Cost-effective and de-risked R&D model compared with internalising R&D infrastructure and expertise



## Summary & Review (cont.)

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### **Radioprotector, Carbon-Cage Nanoparticles and Polymer Coated Nanoparticles**

- There are a number of pathways for Sirtex to potentially realise value
- Out-licensing model the preferred option, prior to major clinical studies
- A number of important milestones for each program expected in the next 12-18 months, with important go/no-go decision points for continued investment





## Summary & Review (cont.)

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### Histone Inhibition Program

- Addresses a very large, unmet market need in sepsis with potential for fast-track, orphan drug and breakthrough therapy designation by the FDA
- Phase 1 clinical study to commence in 1H of CY17
- Potential to expand across other indications where role of histones in disease pathogenesis is scientifically validated, offering multi-billion dollar contestable market opportunities



**Thank you**