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Melbourne-based biopharmaceutical company developing & commercialising antisense pharmaceuticals for large unmet markets



Advanced stage product pipeline with positive Phase II clinical results delivered from two compounds (ATL1102 & ATL1103)



Substantial shareholders include renowned institutions in life sciences Australian Ethical Investment & Platinum Asset Management & biotech pioneer Leon Serry Ŀ

Phase II clinical trial in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD)* – ATL1102 trial at Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, positive preliminary results reported



Potential for outlicensing of ATL1103 for acromegaly.

Preliminary interest from regionally based pharmaceutical companies

*DMD is one of the most common fatal genetic disorders caused by a mutation in the muscle dystrophin gene leading to severe progressive muscle loss & premature death in boys – high unmet medical need





ANTISENSE – WHAT IS IT & HOW DOES IT WORK?



Antisense oligonucleotide drugs are small (12-25 nucleotides) DNA or RNA-like compounds that are chemically modified to create medicines



Antisense drugs prevent the production of proteins involved in disease processes by interrupting the translation phase of the protein production which results in a therapeutic benefit to patients



Antisense Therapeutics is partnered with Ionis Pharmaceuticals (market capitalisation:US\$9 Billion), world leaders in antisense drug development & commercialisation, to develop RNA-targeted therapeutics





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ANTISENSE THERAPEUTICS ADVANCED STAGE CLINICAL PIPELINE

Targeting diseases where there is a need for improved therapies



- Positive preliminary results reported
- Completion of dosing in all patients Nov'19



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- Phase II clinical trial completed
- Potential for outlicensing to support and fund further clinical development

ATL1102 IN MS

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- Phase II clinical trial completed
- Monitoring data from DMD trial to inform on future clinical development in MS







- Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) is a devastating genetic muscular disease caused by loss of dystrophin with progressive muscle wasting & associated muscle injury leading to inflammation & fibrosis (100% mortality)
- Affects boys with an incidence of ~1 in 3,500 & prevalence of ~44,000 in US & EU
- Dystrophin restoration treatments recently approved eteplirsen (Exondys 51:Sarepta Therapeutics) for the 13% of patients amenable to Exon 51 skipping
- Key challenge in management of DMD patients is to reduce the inflammation that exacerbates muscle fibre damage
- Corticosteroids (CS) are the <u>only</u> therapy used to treat the inflammation in DMD but have insufficient efficacy& significant side effects including weight gain, reduced bone density & growth retardation. CS not as effective in patients with a greater number of CD49d receptors on T cells.



Source: CureDuchenne



WHY ATL1102 for DMD?

- Improved therapies are needed to ameliorate DMD severity & delay disease progression - DMD is an orphan indication so can benefit from IP & development incentives



ATL1102, an antisense drug to CD49d, shown to be a highly active immunomodulatory drug with potent effects on inflammatory processes in MS patients

- 90% reduction in inflammatory brain lesions vs placebo [Limmroth V et al Neurology 2014]
- Reduced CD49d on T & B cells, and T & B cell numbers by ~25 & 50% respectively
- Pre-clinical & clinical data in MS has supported move directly into the six-month DMD patient trial (effective leveraging of substantial investment & progress made to date in MS)



Pivotal scientific publication confirming CD49d as a potential target for DMD therapy

- DMD patients with greater number of circulating T cells with high levels of CD49d (alpha chain of VLA-4) expression have both more severe & rapid progression of disease [Pinto-Mariz et al Skeletal Muscle 2015]
- Ambulant patients on CS suggesting CS do not reduce CD49dhi expression on T cells
- CS treatment does not modulate CD49d expression on T cells in MS
- Non-ambulant DMD patients have greatest number of CD49d high expressing T cells



ATL1102 DMD PHASE II CLINICAL TRIAL





Dr Ian R Woodcock Neuromuscular Fellow, RCH, Melbourne Australia



Prof. Monique Ryan Head of Neuromuscular Clinic RCH, Melbourne Australia Consultant Neurologist

- Open label Phase II trial in nine non-ambulant (wheelchair bound) boys 10-18 years of age with DMD conducted over 24 weeks of dosing at 25 mg/week
- Trial being led by RCH Head of Neuromuscular Clinic Professor Monique Ryan & RCH Neuromuscular Fellow Dr Ian Woodcock
- Neuromuscular clinic at RCH the largest in the Southern Hemisphere for treating boys with DMD

Myo-Pinch
 The primary endpoints of the trial relate to the safety and tolerability of ATL1102 with the efficacy of ATL1102 in DMD assessed in terms of its effects on disease processes and progression (e.g. the upper limb strength of the boys as assessed via the Myo-Grip and Myo-Pinch device)







ATL1102 DMD PHASE II CLINICAL TRIAL – Positive Preliminary Results

- The preliminary data from the 6 patients who had completed 24 weeks of dosing is indicative of a positive drug effect both at an immunomodulatory (i.e. effects on relevant immune cells) and disease progression (i.e. effects on muscle strength and function) levels
- With respect to the safety related trial data, no Serious Adverse Events have been reported to date
- As an early indication of an immunomodulatory effect, the number of immune T cells expressing CD49d were trending downward during treatment phase while returning to around starting levels post dosing
- As an indicator of ATL1102's suggestive positive effects on disease progression, Ricotti et al 2016 evaluated disease progression in nonambulant boys over a 6 month period, where a significant mean loss in upper body muscle strength of the subjects was observed. By comparison, the data on the first 6 patients completing ATL1102 dosing, shows a distinct improvement in these strength parameters over the losses noted in the Ricotti publication

Forest Plot for the Mean Change (and 95% CIs) from Baseline Pinch to Month 6







PHASE IIB CLINICAL TRIAL

- Company received advice from regulatory consultants that, based on existing ATL1102 preclinical & clinical data, ANP could look to seek approval in Europe for a Phase IIb clinical trial
- 2. Scientific Advice (SA) meetings have now been scheduled for late Oct/Nov with three European regulatory authorities
- 3. The focus of the SA meetings will be on the Phase IIb trial design, dose escalation plans, applicability of the study end-points and the study duration. ANP expects to receive written responses month following each meeting
- 4. Once national SA is obtained ANP will seek advice from the European Medicines Agency (EMA) for their acceptance of the overall development program for ATL1102 in DMD, in particular the Phase IIb clinical study design and path for product registration
- 5. This regulatory process is to run in parallel with the Phase II trial at RCH in Melbourne, thereby accelerating development







TREATMENT DEVELOPMENT FOCUSING ACROSS ALL INTERVENTION POINTS

Prospect for these therapies to be complementary rather than competitive



Frontiers in Genetics Combined Therapies for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy to Optimize Treatment Efficacy

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Duchene Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) is the most frequent muscular dystrophy and one of the most severe due to the absence of the dystrophin protein. Typical pathological features include muscle weakness, muscle wasting, degeneration, and inflammation. At advanced stages DMD muscles present exacerbated extracellular matrix and fat accumulation. Recent progress in therapeutic approaches has allowed new strategies to be investigated, including pharmacological, gene-based and cell-based therapies. Gene and cell-based therapies are still limited by poor targeting and low efficiency in fibrotic dystrophic muscle, therefore it is increasingly evident that future treatments will have to include "combined therapies" to reach maximal efficiency. The scope of this mini-review is to provide an overview of the current literature on such combined therapies for DMD. By "combined therapies" we mean those that include both a therapy to correct the genetic defect and an additional one to address one of the secondary pathological features of the disease. In this mini-review, we will not provide a comprehensive view of the literature on therapies for DMD, since many such reviews already exist, but we will focus on the characteristics, efficiency, and potential of such combined therapeutic strategies that have been described so far for DMD





ATL1102 - anti-inflammatory and immune modulating agent with potential for multiple clinical applications

ANTI-INFLAMATORY

Anti-Inflammatory Therapeutics Market[^] is expected to garner **US\$106.1 billion** by 2020 (Allied Market Research)

[^]MS, Arthritis, Psoriasis, Respiratory, IBD

CORTICOSTEROIDS

The global steroid market is forecast to attain the value of **US\$17 Billion** by the end of 2025 (QV Research)

DMD THERAPIES

The global DMD drug market is expected to reach over **US\$4 Billion** by 2023 (Grand View Research)

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- Corticosteroids are the only marketed therapy to treat the inflammatory damage associated with dystrophin loss in DMD
- Prevalence of DMD in EU and US est. 44,000 with most ambulant and ~2/3 of non-ambulant patients on corticosteroids*
- DMD cost of therapy considerations

Deflazacort (Emflaza) is a CS approved in US only - average annual cost estimated US\$65K per patient per annum

Exondys 51 (dystrophin restoration agent) cost in the US is US\$300K per patient per year



VALUE CREATION POTENTIAL OF ATL1102 FOR DMD

- Approval based on the surrogate endpoint of dystrophin increase in skeletal muscle observed in some Exondys 51-treated patients
- Sarepta market capitalisation has grown from ~US\$60m (July 2012) to \$3 billion on FDA approval of Exondys 51today ~US\$6.5 billion
- Exondys 51 despite being first FDA approved treatment for DMD is only useful in 13% of boys with the exon 51 mutation
- Inflammation (the target of ATL1102 in DMD) contributes to disease progression in all DMD patients

- Cost per patient of Exondys 51 is US\$300K/year
- 2nd quarter 2019 total net revenue for Exondys 51 US\$94.7 million
- Mr William Goolsbee, ex Chairman of Sarepta, is a nonexecutive director of Antisense Therapeutics



EXONDYS 51 (DEVELOPED BY SAREPTA) APPROVED BY THE FDA IN LATE 2016 UNDER THE ACCELERATED APPROVAL PATHWAY







Mr Robert W Moses Independent Non-Executive Chairman

Formerly Corporate Vice President of CSL Limited. Mr. Moses draws on more than 40 years' experience in the pharmaceutical/ biotechnology industry. **Mr Mark Diamond** *Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer*

Over 30 years' experience in the pharmaceutical & biotechnology industry. Formerly Director, Project Planning/Business Development at Faulding Pharmaceuticals in the USA, Senior Bus Dev Manager within Faulding's European operation & International Business Development Manager with Faulding in Australia. **Dr Graham Mitchell** Independent Non-Executive Chairman

Joint Chief Scientist for the Victorian Government Department of Environment & Primary Industries. Formerly Director of Research in the R&D Division of CSL Limited. **Dr Gary Pace** *Independent Non-Executive Director*

Dr Pace has more than 40 years' international experience in the development & commercialisation in biotechnology/ pharmaceuticals industries. Long-term board level experience with both multi-billion & small cap companies. **Mr William Goolsbee** Independent Non-Executive Director

Founder, Chairman & CEO of Horizon Medical Inc. 1987 – 2002 until acquisition by UBS Private Equity. Founding Director then Chairman of ImmunoTherapy Corporation until acquisition by AVI Biopharma, Inc. (now Sarepta Therapeutics). Former Chairman of privately held BMG Pharma LLC & Metrodora Therapeutics.





KEY FINANCIALS

Market Capitalisation (at \$0.105)	A\$44.1M
Shares on issue	420.2M
52-week high/low	\$0.145 - \$0.017
Options (ANPOB, \$0.08 exp. 19/12/19)	68.6m
Cash as at 30 June 2019*	\$2.9M

* Additional \$5.5 million if all options were exercised

OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE		
Тор	p 40 holders	57.74%
Substantial Shareholders		
•	Australian Ethical Investment	18.50%
•	Platinum Asset Management	6.27%
•	Leon Serry	6.15%







ANTISENSE THERAPEUTICS SUMMARY & VALUE DRIVERS



Advanced stage product pipeline – two compounds with positive Phase II clinical results published in high quality peer reviewed scientific journals with multiple clinical applications



Highly regarded institutional shareholders - Australian Ethical Investment & Platinum Asset Management



Phase II clinical trial in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) – ATL1102

- Trial is fully enrolled, all patients to have completed dosing in November 2019
- Positive preliminary results reported from first 6 patients having completed dosing
- Phase IIb trial design and approval process to run in parallel, potentially accelerating development of ATL1102
- Drug potentially complementary to other DMD programs e.g. Sarepta Therapeutics
- Significantly 'underserved market' with comparable company benchmarks demonstrating substantial value creation potential



ATL1103 (atesidorsen) for acromegaly

- Potential for partnering to further develop the compound



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