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# About Epichem

- Formed in 2003
- Wholly owned subsidiary of PharmAust Ltd
- Expertise in synthetic & medicinal chemistry
- 17 Employees (16 BSc, 12 PhD)
- Laboratories in Perth & Melbourne



# Our Business

- Contract research (fee-for-service)
  - predominantly for the drug discovery sector
- Collaborative research (IP generation)
  - with partners with expertise and assets in biology
- Manufacture reference standards
  - predominantly for the pharmaceutical sector
  - rapidly expanding catalogue of products
- Revenue generating and profitable

# Revenues by Sector (2014)





# Revenues by Region (2014)





# World Class - Globally Competitive





# Export Awards 2010-2013





WINNER

SMALL BUSINESS EXPORT AWARD



Western Australian Industry and Export Awards



48th Australian Export Awards WINNER



# Prospects for Contract Research Business

• Global market for chemistry outsourcing is US\$11bn

– ...and growing at 10.5% p.a.

- Australian sector recovering following GFC
- The falling AUD and Epichem's growing reputation opens new opportunities in overseas markets
- Revenues and profitability from this business are good but constrained by the number of chemists/fumehoods
- Epichem is currently seeking extra laboratory space to exploit this market opportunity



# Prospects for Reference Standards Business

- Global market > US\$1bn p.a.
- Highly fragmented market with 2 major suppliers
  - USP sales of ~US\$140M p.a.
  - LGC sales of ~US\$110M p.a.
- Significant market growth due to:
  - ever increasing regulatory requirements
  - new & improved analytical techniques
  - new drugs entering market, especially illicit drugs
- Epichem aiming for 1% of market (>\$10M) by 2020

# Clients Include



# **Epichem Research Projects**

Epichem has a small number of early stage pre-clinical research projects where it has a share of the intellectual property and/or rights to any commercial outcomes.





Blood glucose lowering comparison between EPL-BQ70 (33mg/kg or  $72\mu$ M) and insulin (2.5nM) in anaesthetised, normoglycaemic rats.

Vehicle (X; n = 8 rats), human insulin ( $\bigcirc$ ; n = 8), or EPL-BQ70 ( $\blacksquare$ ; n = 8).

# Cryptosporidium Project

collaboration with Murdoch University

Inhibition of Cryptosporidium in vitro





# Novel Anti Cancer Lead

Colo 320 Kras SL

IC50 0.836 uM



We have identified a **highly novel**, small molecule that selectively kills a suite of oncogene-expressing engineered cell lines



# Key Objectives for 2015

- Expand and promote Reference Standards business
  - launch US Distributor
  - target the growing SE Asian market
- Secure additional laboratory space
  - then promote Contract Research business
- Support Pitney's PPL-1 project
- Refocus research to maximise synergies with Pitney and exploit Pitney's oncology expertise



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# PRESENTATION TO PHARMAUST LTD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 24 OCTOBER 2014

David Morris Surgeon/Scientist Professor of Surgery UNSW St George Hospital Sydney. Australia

# PHARMAUST CANCER

## PPL-1/AAD

Albendazole

Bromelain/Nac

Nanoparticles



## 

Animal

• Dog

Clinical Trial

Japanese Midsize Company



#### LAB

>40 Different Tumor Cell Lines

Combination Therapy

Mtor Pathway

• p70s6K



## **REN MESO COMBO**



## A2780, OV COMBO



Comparison of tumor volume V.s. treatment time in mice treated with PPL-1 50 mg/kg alone or in combination with Doxorubicin 2 mg/kg.





• Dog (Lymphoma Sarcoma)

•4 Dogs Treated (Compassionate Use)

 Trial Now Started (Corgi - Melanoma and Kelpie with chemo-resistant lymphoma)





# CLINICAL TRIALPhase I

Adelaide

• Pt 1 Entered

Death, Tumor Progression

• CRC Liver Mets

## JAPANESE CO ANALOGUES

Recent Visit Tokyo

• License AAD

• Joint Patent on AAD Library

• PAA 50% Ownership

 Very Exciting In Vitro Result in Human Brain Cancer



#### **JAPANESE CO ANALOGUES**

### PAA To Do Cell/Animal Work On AAD Analogue

Re-asses Business Relationship in 6m

Major Pharma

## ALBENDAZOLE

• Potent Inhibitor VEGF

Regulatory Submission Advanced

 Work on New Delivery Mechanisms (Cyclodextrin, Albumin)

Clinical Trial For Ascites

• US VEGF Patent



## **BROMELAIN/NAC**

• Bromelain (Pineapple Stem Enzymes)

NAcetylcysteine

• Synergistic Action On Tumor Mucous

Patent Recently Published

• Cytotoxic Potentiator



#### JELLY LIKE MUCIN IS TRANSFORMED TO AN AMBER COLOURED LIQUID WITH 300UG/ML BROMELAIN + 4% NAC AT 37 DEG C - 3 HOURS







Combination of bromelain and NAC results in significantly more potent growth-inhibitory effects on gastrointestinal cancer cells



Sulforhodamine B assay after single agent and combination treatment with bromelain and NAC for 72 hours. Significant changes (p < 0.05) are marked by bold and non-bold asterisks when single agent bromelain and NAC are considered as control, respectively





**Representative photos of MUC5AC and MUC1 in MKN45 cells** after 48h treatment with Br/NAC combination. Green and red fluorescence correspond to MUC5AC/MUC1 and propidium iodide, respectively. Scale bar: 50 µm.





Representative photos of MUC2 in LS174T cells after 48h treatment with Br/NAC combination. Green and red fluorescence correspond to MUC2 and propidium iodide, respectively. Scale bar: 50 µm.

#### IP administration of the combination effectively disintegrates

#### mucin in rats bearing human PMP mucin implants



Graph (a) represents the percentage of mucin disintegration in rats treated every 12 hr for 48 hr . Graph (b) shows weight fluctuations in rats treated every 12 hr for 48 hr with various concentrations of bromelain and 4% NAC. Animals were monitored for 55 days for health-related parameters.

#### Combination of bromelain and NAC results in more potent growth-

#### inhibitory effects

Viability of YOU cells treated with bromelain or bromelain + various concentrations of NAC





#### Sulforhodamine B assay after combination treatment with bromelain and NAC for 48 hr.

#### The addition of bromelain sensitized the MPM cells to cisplatin



Sulforhodamine B assay after combination treatment with bromelain and Cis for 72 hours.

# Combination of bromelain and NAC sensitized the MPM cells to cisplatin and 5-FU

A Effect of cisplatin on YOU cells in combination with bromelain, NAC and NAC + Bromelain B Effect of cisplatin on PET cells in combination with bromelain, NAC and NAC + Bromelain



Sulforhodamine B assay after combination treatment with bromelain, NAC and Cis for 48 hr.

BR/NAC intraperitoneal treatment of LS174T nude mouse model of PC





## NANOPARTICLES

•Work On Albendazole 200x 1 effect

Recent Work On An Established
 Cytotoxic Drug (≈ Bn/Yr)

#### Synthesis of nab-ABZ (10 nm)





**Evaluation** 

Size - dynamic light scattering

Morphology - TEM

HPLC drug encapsulation efficiency 60-90%

pH controls size + release

Drug release up to 7 days: 68% pH 5, 18% pH 7.4

#### Characterization of nab-ABZ (DLS & TEM Picture)









Nab-ABZ 10 nm

Nab-ABZ 200 nm



Release Study of nab-ABZ (200 nm)



## Internalisation

Nab-ABZ	15 min uptake
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OVCAR3 37%, (88% 1 hour)

SKOV3	<b>99</b> %



## Cellular internalization nab-ABZ in SKOV3 cells (4 h Treatment)



#### Cellular Uptake study (nab-ABZ 200 nm ) by FACS Analysis



#### In-vivo Comparative Study of nab-ABZ 10 nm & 200 nm (Tumour Weight )in OVCAR3 xenograft Tumor Model





#### IC50 of Chemo Drug vs Albumin P10

nm	SKOV3	OVCAR3	CFPAC1	T407D
	Ov	Ov	Pancreas	Breast
Existing Drug 130nm	18	18	100	100
Albumin P10	4.4	1.9	5	13

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