



# Invex Therapeutics

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# Company Snapshot



Company	
Repurposed, Proven Drug	Presendin™ (Exenatide)
Clinical Stage	Entering Phase III
Orphan Disease Focus	Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension (IIH)
Orphan Designation Granted	USA + EU
Total Addressable Market	\$1.6 billion annually (US/EU)
Valuation Drivers	Clinical, regulatory, patent

Capital	
Shares on Issue	75.2 million
Unlisted Options	4.6 million
Ave. Quarterly Cash Burn (12 mth trailing)	\$0.49 million
Cash (31 Mar-21)	\$33.2 million
Market Capitalisation (17 Jun-20) <sup>1</sup>	\$42.9 million
Enterprise Value (17 Jun-20)	\$9.7 million

<sup>1</sup>Based on closing price of \$0.57

## Major Shareholders



Directors / Management	16.8%
Tattarang	11.8%
Tisia Nominees Pty Ltd	5.3%
Anthony Grist	4.8%
JK Nominees Pty Ltd	4.0%
University of Birmingham	2.7%

**Top 20 Shareholders 59.5%**

## Board of Directors



Dr Jason Loveridge	Chairman
Professor Alexandra Sinclair	Executive Director & Chief Scientific Officer
Dr Tom Duthy	Executive Director
Mr David McAuliffe	Non-Executive Director
Dr Megan Baldwin	Non-Executive Director



# Invex Therapeutics - Executive Summary

Clinical stage drug development Company targeting the orphan disease Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension (IIH)

## Attractive Market Dynamics



- IIH Total Addressable Market (TAM) in the US and Europe of **A\$1.6 billion** per annum and growing at **3.4% per annum**
- Unencumbered drug therapy market – no approved treatments, no new treatments in clinical trials
- Urgent market need, chronic administration required

## Supportive Clinical Data



- Strong Phase II clinical data - clear statistical and clinical evidence of efficacy in primary and secondary endpoints demonstrating a strong and sustained drug effect in the IIH population
- No significant safety concerns over 12 weeks of treatment
- Plan to file with national health authorities in Europe & commence a Phase III registration trial

## Significant Barriers to Competition



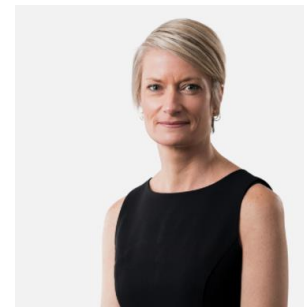
- Orphan drug designation in US (7 years exclusivity) and Europe (10 years exclusivity)
- Issued and pending patents for use of Exenatide in IIH; Formulation patents filed Q1 2020



# Q1/Q2 2021 Highlights

## Dr Megan Baldwin Appointed to the Board of Directors

- Dr Baldwin is CEO and Managing Director of Opthea Limited (ASX:OPT; NASDAQ:OPT)
- Opthea included into the S&P/ASX 300 in June 2020
- Opthea raised \$180 million and listed on NASDAQ Exchange in October 2020



## Continued Preparations for Phase III Trial in IIH

- Selection of preferred 1x per day sub cutaneous formulation of Presendin™ for clinical development - **achieved**
- Continued evaluation of several contract manufacturing organisations (CMO) capable of supplying of clinical-grade Presendin™ for Phase III study and thereafter commercial supply – **contract discussions well-advanced, but not yet complete**

## Regulatory

- Written response received from FDA – Type C Meeting












# FDA Response Type C Meeting – June 21

- Filing to Division of Neurology, based on finalised protocol assistance from European Medicines Agency (EMA) in December 2020 – aim to harmonise a single Phase III study across both EMA & FDA:
  - Intracranial Pressure (ICP): Primary Endpoint
  - Monthly Headache Days: Key Secondary Endpoint
- FDA consider a clinically meaningful effect on visual function, such as Perimetric Mean Deviation (PMD) as a recommended primary endpoint – FDA open to Invex providing proposals on this or other visual measures
- ICP a supported secondary endpoint. Very few comments on planned measure of monthly headache days and other key headache measures noted

## Next Steps

- Invex to meet with key regulatory and scientific advisors in coming weeks, to further understand FDA thinking and clinical strategies
- Decision scenarios:
  - Effect of FDA advice on EMA Phase III design, if any
  - Ability to meet requirements of both regulators in 1x clinical trial, or not
  - Finalisation of clinical strategy for Europe and the US

## Current Status of Phase III Clinical Trial

Regulatory Agency		
Primary Endpoint Preference <sup>1</sup>	 Vision	 Intracranial Pressure (ICP)
	 Intracranial Pressure (ICP)	 Headache Days <sup>2</sup>
Secondary Endpoints <sup>3</sup>	 Headache Days	 Vision <sup>4</sup>
	Protocol Assistance/Advice	 Further Review

<sup>1</sup> Based on Protocol assistance received 20 July 2020 (FDA,EMA), 23 Dec 2020 (EMA) & 15 June 2021 (FDA)

<sup>2</sup> The EMA provided advice that both a reduction in ICP and a clinical outcome measure such as headache days for Presendin™ v placebo would be required to support a market clearance

<sup>3</sup> The FDA did not consider ICP as a primary endpoint for regulatory clearance, but a secondary endpoint. Invex considers headache days as an important clinical outcome measure.

<sup>4</sup> A preferred measure of visual function is to be determined prior to submitting a final study protocol to commence a Phase III trial; for EMA, ICP + a clinical outcome measure such as headache days or vision is required



# What is Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension (IIH)?



## The Disease<sup>1</sup>

- >90% of cases are overweight women of childbearing age, with no known cause (idiopathic): approx. 4.7 per 100,000
- >90% suffer headaches that are progressively more severe and frequent: major cause of morbidity
- Up to 25% suffer permanent vision loss due to elevated intracranial pressure (ICP) effect on optic nerve function



## The Impact<sup>2</sup>

- Invasive surgical and/or device interventions to temporarily lower ICP and preserve vision (significant side effects)
- 40% of patients have repeat hospital admissions, with average stays of 2.7 days
- Significant impact on quality of life and rapidly rising healthcare costs e.g. £462M in UK by 2030 (5x increase on 2017)



## The Solution

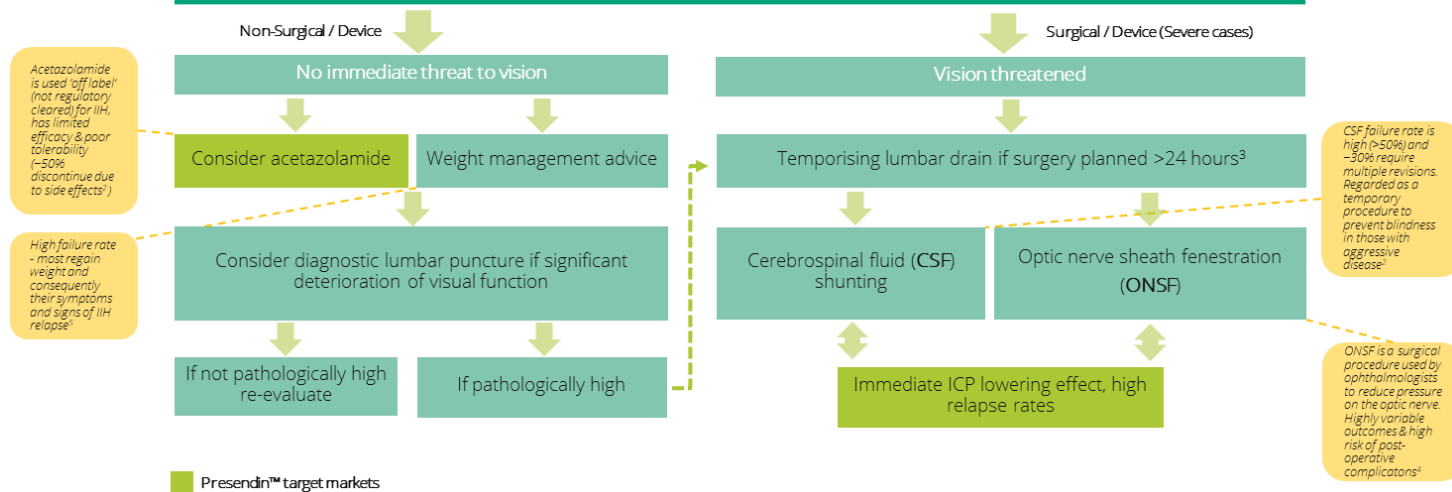
- Prof. Alex Sinclair (Invex CSO & Exec. Director) first to demonstrate glucagon like peptide 1 (GLP-1) receptor agonists commonly used in diabetes treatment (Exenatide formulated as Byetta® or Bydureon®) act on the choroid plexus in the brain to lower cerebral spinal fluid secretion and as a consequence, ICP
- Exenatide - strong scientific basis for benefit, well defined mechanism of action, patents secured - re-purposing opportunity to improve safety & efficacy → Presendin™
- Invex Phase II study in IIH - first clear demonstration of safety & efficacy in IIH

# Current treatments for IIH are limited

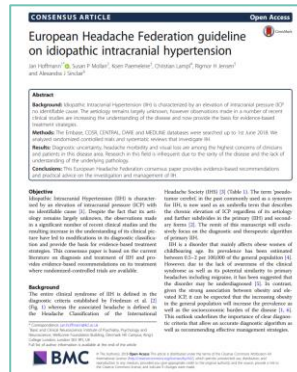


- Diagnostic criteria (2013) and treatment guidelines (2017/8) now well defined
- IIH consensus guidelines written by Prof. Alex Sinclair & colleagues
- Treatment guidelines highlight the lack of a standard drug therapy in IIH and opportunity for rapid incorporation into treatment guidelines post regulatory clearance
  - Drives clinical use, important for payer coverage

## Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension – Treatment Guidelines<sup>1</sup>



■ Presendin™ target markets

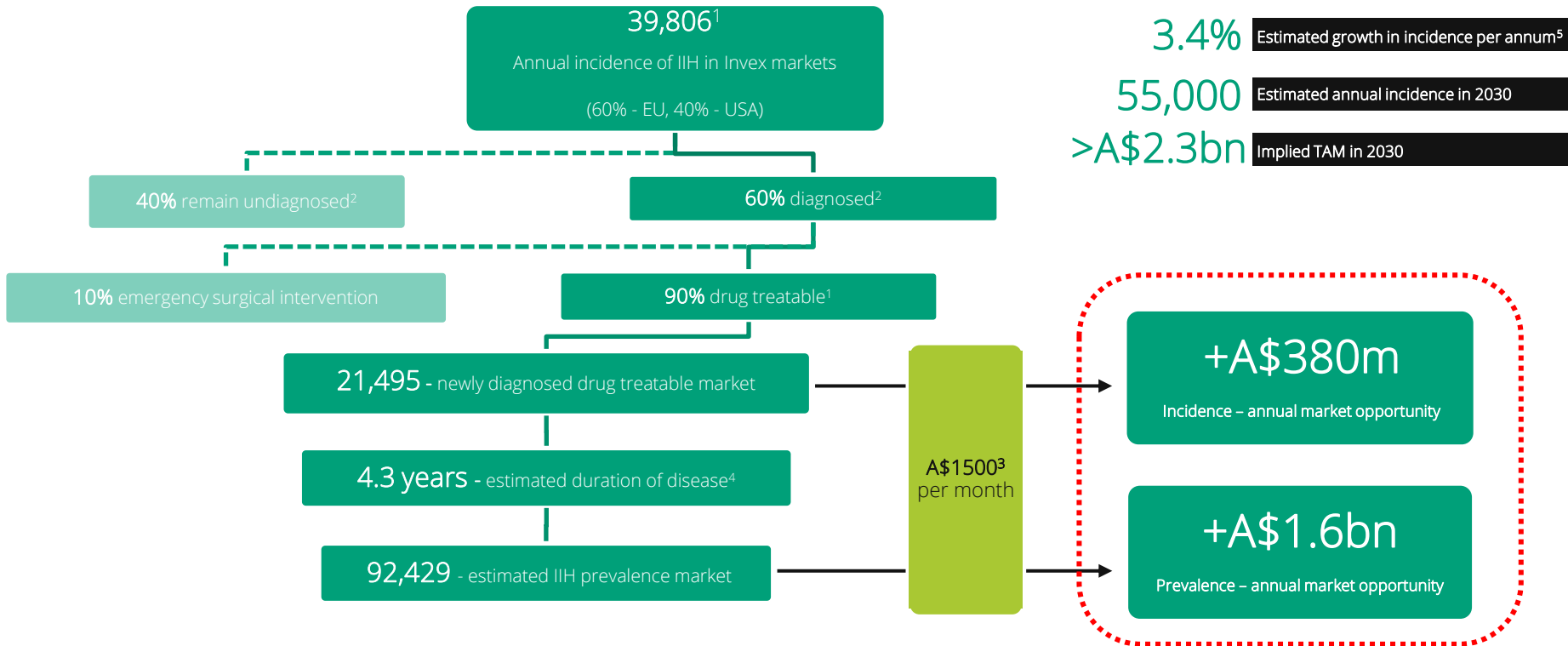


1. Mollan SP, et al. Idiopathic intracranial hypertension: consensus guidelines on management (2018); 2. Ball et al., A randomised controlled trial of treatment for IIH (2011); Wall et al, The IIH treatment trial: clinical profile as baseline (2014); 3. Thurtell et al., IIH recognition, treatment and ongoing management (2013); 4. Sergott et al., Optic nerve sheath decompression: a clinical review. (1990); Banta and Farris, Pseudotumor cerebri and optic nerve sheath decompression (2000); 5. Li et al., Meta-analysis: pharmacologic treatment of obesity (2005); Ko et al., Weight gain and recurrence in idiopathic intracranial hypertension (2011)





# IIH Total addressable market (TAM)



1. Mollan et al., EYE. The expanding burden of idiopathic intracranial hypertension (2019) incidence rate of 4.7/100,000 general population, n=23,182 . Targets markets are EU 27(& UK) + USA

2. Mollan SP, et al. Idiopathic intracranial hypertension: consensus guidelines on management (2018) ; Invetx estimate re % presenting headache severity

3. Simoens et al., "what price do we pay for repurposing drugs for rare diseases"? (2016) – average 66x & Invetx initial pricing analysis => pricing subject to change

4. D. Friesner et al., Idiopathic intracranial hypertension in the USA: the role of obesity in establishing prevalence and healthcare costs (2010)

5. Assumes average of obesity growth rates in UK (<https://www.oecd.org/els/health-systems/Obesity-Update-2017.pdf>) and historical incidence growth rate



# Key clinician pathways in the management of IIH

No Immediate Threat to Vision

## Optometrists



- Often patients with vision issues consult an optometrist, who in turn are primary referrers to ophthalmologists
- ~37,000 optometrists in the USA<sup>1</sup>

## Ophthalmologists



- ~19,000 ophthalmologists in the USA<sup>1</sup>
- ~260 specialise in neuro-ophthalmology, specifically treating IIH patients<sup>2</sup>

## Neurologists



- ~19,000 neurologists in the USA who see patients with significant headaches<sup>1</sup>
- ~1,500 to 2,000 sub-specialise as certified headache specialists<sup>2</sup>

Threat to Vision



- Hospitalisation and surgical / device intervention
- CSF shunting, ONSF to reduce pressure



# Invex Phase II trial – design & outcomes

## Study Purpose

- Obtain first clinical proof of concept for Exenatide in IIH and provide a basis to move into pivotal Phase III trial by leveraging orphan drug status in Europe and the United States

## Efficacy Outcomes

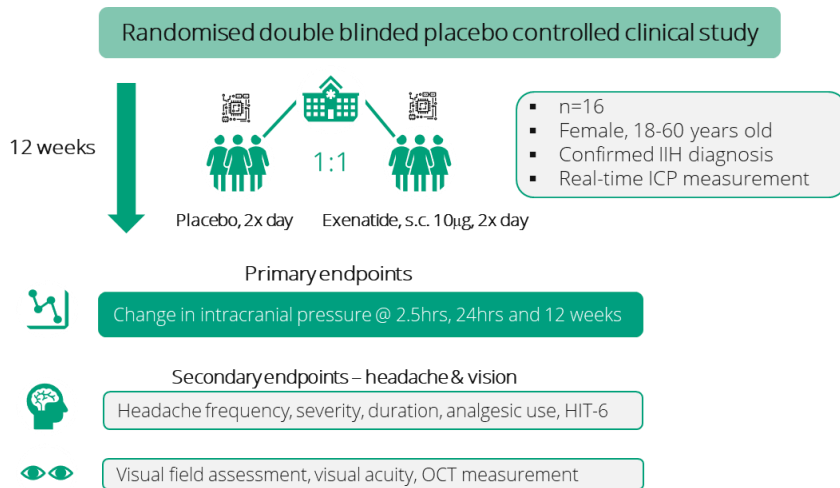
- Primary Endpoint (reduction in ICP) Met** – 18-21% reduction across three time points; statistically significant and clinically meaningful
- Secondary Endpoint (Headache) Met** – statistically significant & clinically meaningful reduction in headache days (7.7 days / 37% versus placebo)
- Secondary Endpoint (Vision) Met** – statistically significant & clinically meaningful improvement in visual acuity (0.1 logMAR improvement at 12 weeks, equivalent to one line of visual acuity)

## Safety Results

- No serious adverse events (SAEs) were observed related to the use of Exenatide
- Overall, adverse events were relatively low, with nausea the most common seen in >85% of patients treated with Exenatide
- Nausea is a known and the most frequent AE of sub-cutaneous administration of this formulation of Exenatide (Byetta®)

## Conclusion

- Strength of the outcomes for both primary & key secondary clinical endpoints from the Phase II study implies a clear & strong drug effect in the IIH population & supports progression to a Phase III clinical trial for registration in the USA and Europe.



# Lead-In Activities Ahead of Planned Phase III Trial

## Reformulation



- Successfully completed a series of animal pharmacokinetic (PK) studies in CY2020 with proprietary formulations
- COVID-19 impacted access to laboratory personnel and testing facilities in Q4 CY2020
- Final formulation candidate for planned clinical studies pending
- Formulations are subject of additional patent filings made by Invex in Q1 CY2020

## Tolerability\*



- All Presendin™ formulation excipient(s) have been used in already approved drugs and have a well-established safety profile
- Invex only required to undertake one additional safety study to assess local tolerability at the injection site (in animals)
- Straightforward and rapid process

## Manufacturing



- Require a Contract Manufacturing Organisation (CMO) to manufacture and supply clinical-grade Presendin™ for human clinical trials & perform other activities required by government regulators
- Discussions with globally-recognised manufacturers capable of production and supply are well-advanced
- Final sign off for supply of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) Presendin™ pending

## Human PK Study\*



- As a reformulation of an existing approved drug, a Phase I human pharmacokinetic (PK) study required
- Single and repeated sub-cutaneous doses in healthy (obese) volunteers
- Total amount of bioavailable drug must not exceed that approved for reference Exenatide drug product Byetta®



# Negative Impact of COVID-19 Lockdown in the UK on IIH

## Prospective Evaluation Study Showed 4.7 Fold Increase in Emergency Surgical Interventions to Avoid Permanent Vision Loss

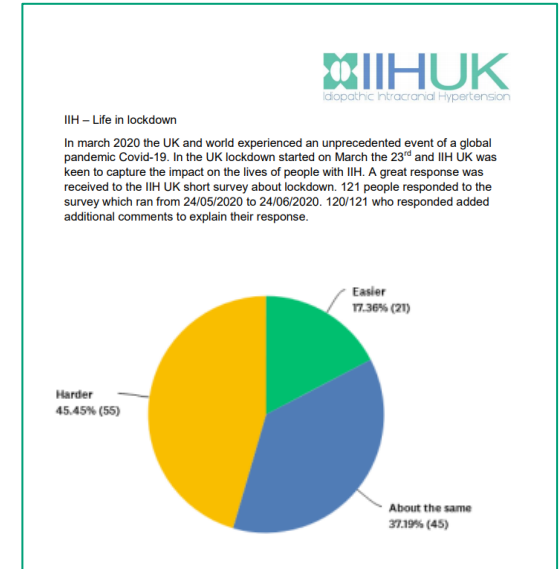


- Study (n=139 over 10 weeks) showed increased risk of disease deterioration and CSF shunting in those with both existing and new IIH
- **367% increase** in surgical rate due to impaired access to emergency care, delayed routine waiting times and lifestyle changes under lockdown
- Increases in anxiety and depression noted, and weight gain

## IIH UK Survey<sup>2</sup> Highlights Significant Quality of Life Impacts on IIH Patients



- **45%** felt living with IIH was **harder** under UK lockdown
- Challenges of access to medical care was a common theme with cancelled appointments, unable to get hold of medical teams and a lack of information
- Increase in stress, reduction in activity and increase in weight made IIH condition worse



Multi-City Lockdowns During COVID-19 Have Highlighted the Significant Market Need for New Effective (Non-Surgical) Therapies for IIH Patients Outside of Hospital Setting



# Summary & Outlook

- Large, growing market for IIH with no approved medical interventions
- **Orphan Drug Designation in the USA and EU** provides expedited, cost-effective clinical trial recruitment, reporting and approval/registration as well as commercial exclusivity for up to 7 -10 years, jurisdiction dependent
- Strong Phase II clinical data established
- European regulatory pathway completed: ICP + clinical measure (headache or vision) acceptable for 1x Phase III trial & regulatory clearance (subject to safety and efficacy)
- **Financial:**
  - **\$33.2M** in cash at 31 March 2021 – sufficient to fully fund completion of a Phase III clinical trial in IIH for registration
  - No requirement for additional capital
  - Low corporate overheads, very modest quarterly cash burn of ~\$0.5M per Q over last 12 months
  - Very attractive ~**\$10M** Enterprise Value (EV) considering stage of development and market attributes
  - Large EV discount to ASX-listed orphan (ASX:CUV, ASX:NEU, ASX:RAC), ophthalmic (ASX:OPT) and re-purposing (ASX:PAR, ASX:ILA) companies
- **2021 Milestones:**
  - Appointment of contract manufacturer for clinical and commercial supply of Presendin™
  - Subject to availability of GMP Presendin™\*
    - Human PK study and Animal tolerability study to commence as soon as practicable following receipt of clinical doses
    - Preparations for, and filing of, a CTA in Europe for a Phase III clinical trial 2H CY2021
    - Commencement of Phase III clinical trial in Europe in late 2H CY2021 - 1H CY2022





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