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## ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE IS EMERGING AS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT HEALTH CHALLENGE OF OUR TIME

- Leading cause of death in the UK and Europe
- Second only to heart disease in Australia
- Of the top ten leading fatal illnesses,
   Alzheimer's remains the only one that cannot be prevented, treated or cured



47m 75m 132m





30% OF 85 YEAR OLDS HAVE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

1 in 3 seniors will die with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia

NUMBERS WILL DOUBLE EVERY 20 YEARS

ONE PERSON EVERY 3 SECONDS

Globally there were ~10m new cases of dementia in 2015

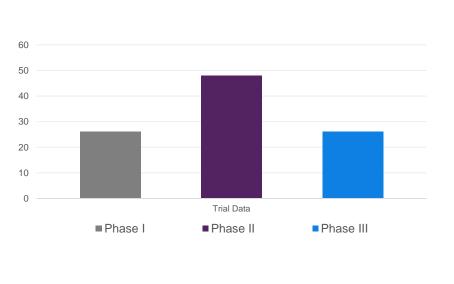
**TOTAL COST RISES TO US\$2 TRILLION BY 2030** 

Dementia will become a trillion dollar disease by 2018

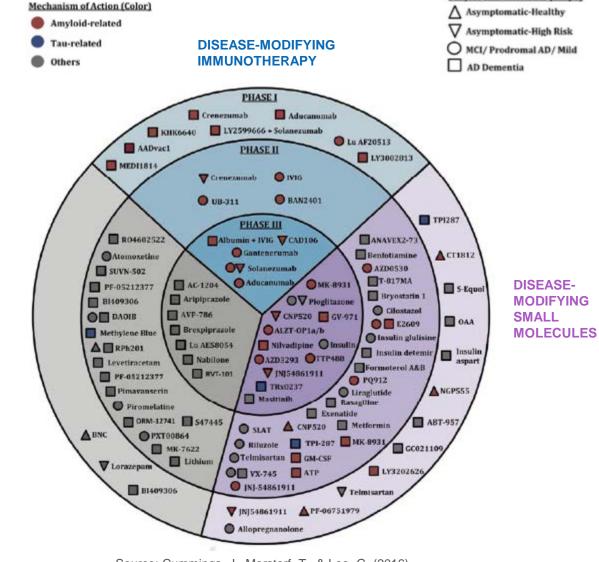


### **ALZHEIMER'S DRUG- DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE:**2016

93 DRUGS IN • 74% biopharma sponsored
CLINICAL TRIALS • 50% amyloid targeted



Source: clinicaltrials.gov as at Jan 4th, 2016



**SYMPTOMATIC** 

**AGENTS** 

Subject Characteristics (Shape)

#### **ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE PIPELINE**

#### TARGETS AND STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT

AD candidates in active clinical development

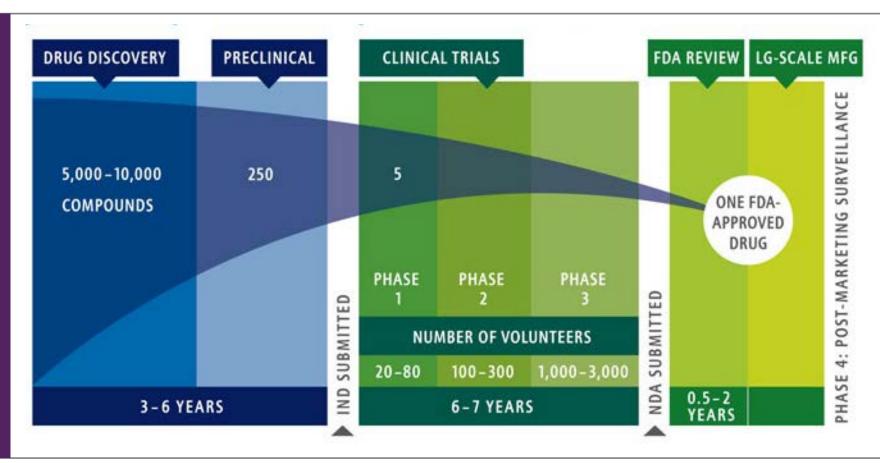
Therapeutic Classes	Mechanism Classes	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
	440 UCD4 inhibitor	4	4	
SYMPTOM	11β-HSD1 inhibitor	1	1	-
RELIEF	Neuroprotective	5	13	1
	Neurotransmitter based	3	13	6
	Anti-amyloid (except BACE inhibitor)	11	9	9
DISEASE	BACE inhibitor	1	4	4
MODIFYING	Anti-Tau	2	1	1
	Metabolic	2	6	3

#### **DRUG DISCOVERY**

15 YEARS AND \$1.5BN

**DRUG DISCOVERY & DEVELOPMENT:**A LONG, RISKY ROAD

PRE-DISCOVERY





RECENT PUBLICATIONS CONFIRM ASSOCIATION **BETWEEN CORTISOL** AND ALZHEIMER'S Ce DISEASE

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the rate of AD progression.

IMPORTANCE A reliable method of detecting Alth

needed for patient stratification in clinical trials or

upcoming therapies. Current cerebrospinal fluid (C for AD offer reliable identification of patients with



of hippocampal atrophy correlated strongly with both the degree of cortisol elevation over time and

current basal cortisol levels. Therefore, basal cortisol elevation may cause hippocampal damage and

impair hippocampus-dependent learning and memory in humans.

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Neurobiology of Aging



### PLASMA CORTISOL, AMYLOID-B, AND COGNITIVE DECLINE IN PRECLINICAL ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE:



A 6-year prospective cohort study

#### Introduction

Hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (HPA) axis dysregulation, which is typically assessed by measuring cortisol levels, is associated with cognitive dysfunction, hippocampal atrophy, and increased risk for mild cognitive impairment and Alzheimer disease (AD). However, little is known about the role of HPA axis dysregulation in predicting cognitive decline or in moderating the effect of high levels of amyloid- $\beta$  (A $\beta$ +) on cognitive decline in the preclinical phase of AD, which is often protracted, and thus offers opportunities for prevention and early intervention. We aimed to evaluate the independent and interactive effect of plasma cortisol levels and A $\beta$  status in predicting cognitive changes in the preclinical phase of AD.

#### **Methods**

Cognitively normal older adults (n=416) enrolled in the AIBL study underwent Aβ neuroimaging at a single timepoint. Fasted blood samples were collected at baseline and analysed using a commercial cortisol ELISA, performed according to manufacturer instructions. Because the distribution of raw cortisol values was highly skewed and non-normal, and could not be corrected to normal using log<sub>10</sub> transformation, they were dichotomized using a median split procedure.

Five cognitive composites were derived: Episodic Memory, Executive Function, Attention, Language and Global Cognition

Latent growth curve models were conducted to evaluate the relation between baseline plasma cortisol and  $A\beta$  levels, other risk factors, and cognitive composite scores over the 72-month study period.

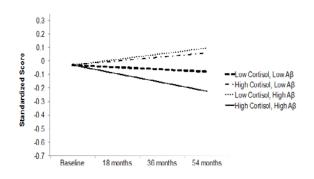
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#### Table 1: Demographic & clinical characteristics

	Aβ- low cortisol	Aβ- high cortisol	Aβ+ low cortisol	Aβ+ high cortisol	р
N	158	162	50	46	
Age	69.3 (6.6)	67.9 (6.4)	68.5 (5.5)	73.3 (7.9)	< .001
N (%) Female	86 (54.4%)	92 (56.8%)	24 (48.0%)	28 (60.9%)	.60
N (%) APOE E4	38 (24.1%)	26 (16.0%)	26 (52.0%)	25 (54.3%)	< .001
Premorbid IQ	107.9 (7.6)	108.5 (6.5)	110.5 (6.6)	109.4 (7.6)	.12
MAC-Q	25.2 (4.3)	25.2 (4.5)	25.5 (5.4)	26.3 (4.8)	.63
HADS depression	2.6 (2.2)	2.6 (2.2)	2.8 (2.9)	2.6 (2.5)	.97
HADS anxiety	4.3 (2.8)	4.3 (2.9)	4.2 (3.0)	4.5 (2.8)	.93
Plasma cortisol	99.2 (25.4)	191.4 (54.2)	91.0 (31.3)	187.8 (47.4)	< .001



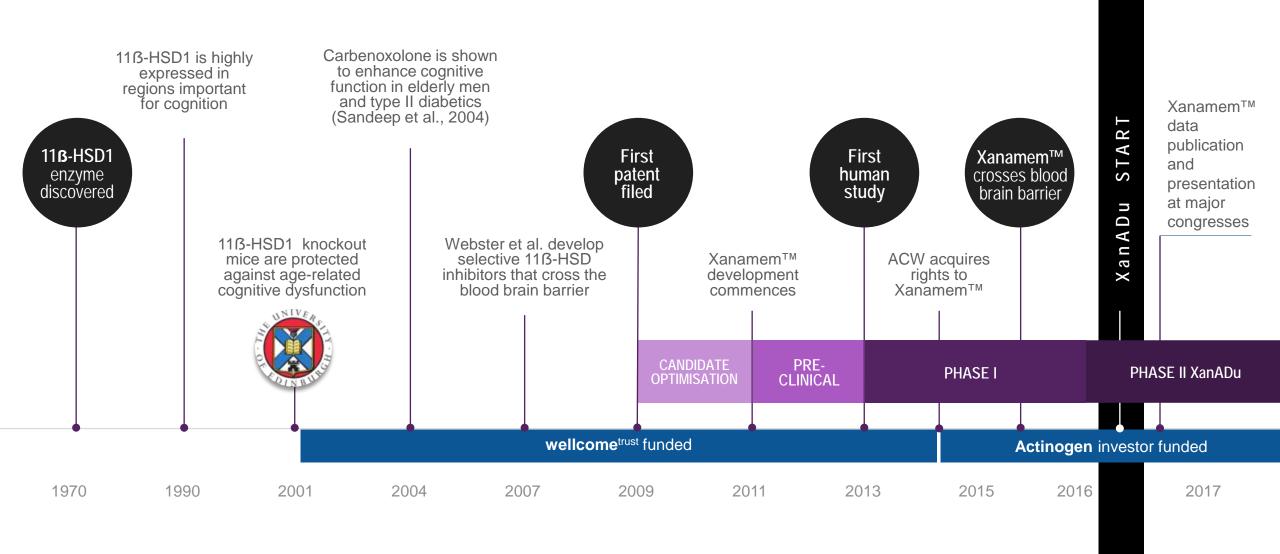
#### Summary

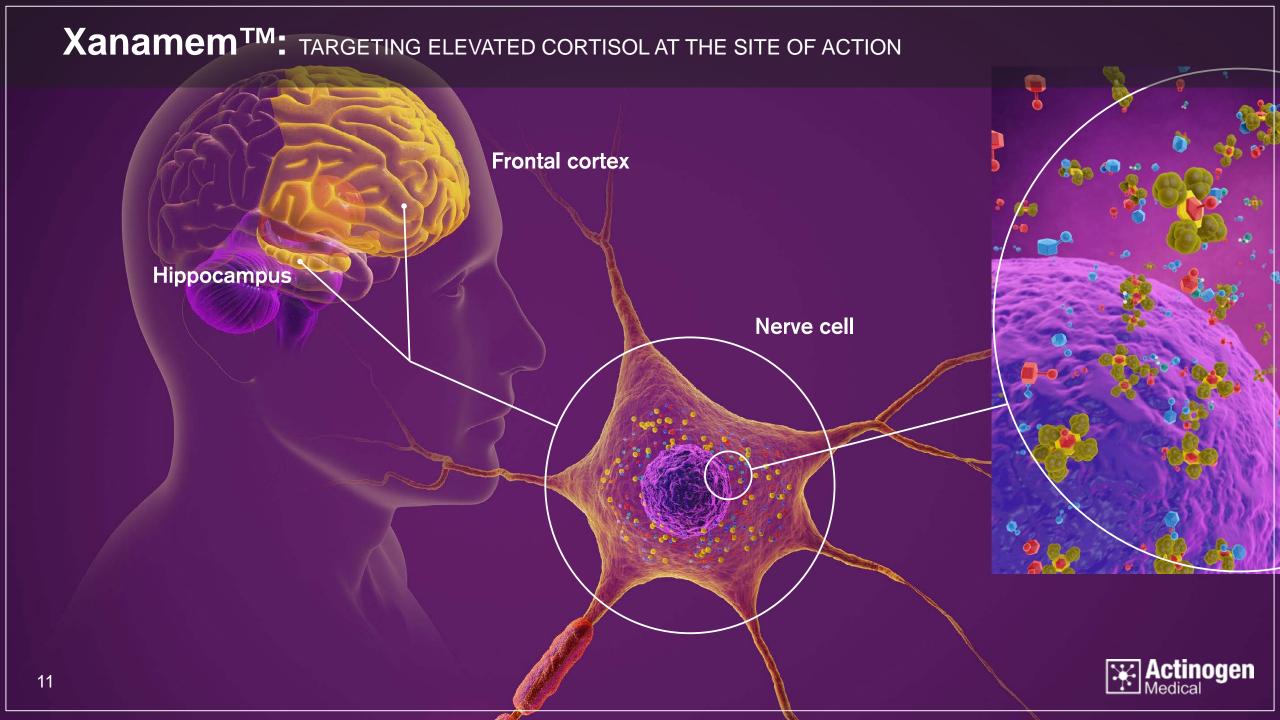
In cognitively healthy older adults, high plasma cortisol levels are associated with greater decline in global cognition, and accelerate the effect of Aβ+ on decline in global cognition, episodic memory, and attention over a 54-month period. These results suggest that therapies targeted toward lowering plasma cortisol and Aβ levels may help mitigate cognitive decline in the preclinical phase of AD.

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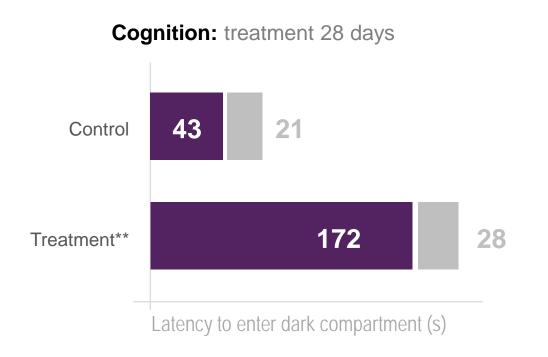
#### **ACTINOGEN'S JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY**

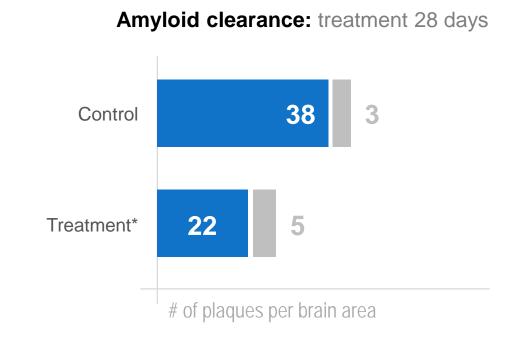




#### Xanamem™

Symptomatic <u>and</u> disease modifying effects in mouse models







Significant improvement in cognition after only 28 days treatment, which continues out to 41 weeks.



#### **Xanamem™** DEVELOPMENT:

proposed study design\*

XanADu – Phase II double blind, randomised, placebo-controlled study to assess the efficacy of Xanamem™ in participants with mild Alzheimer's disease

The largest global Alzheimer's study ever run by an Australian biotech company<sup>a</sup>

Treatment course

12 weeks

174
Mild Alzheimer's patients

Initiate XanADu at 10mg daily for 12 weeks Vs placebo. Plan to increase dose to 30mg daily for 12 weeks.

AUS, USA and UK

Co-primary end points
ADAS-Cog +
ADCOMS

Secondary end-points

Multiple: MMSE CDR-sob, RAVLT, NTB, NPI

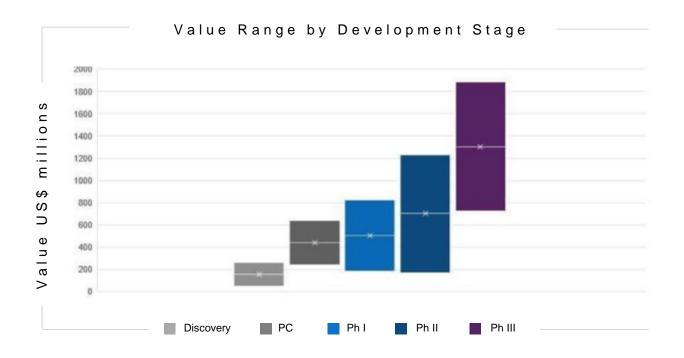


#### **OUTLOOK**



#### **Financial**

- Cash on hand (4C Sept 2016): \$6.6m
- Positive cashflow through to 2018
- Additional potential revenue:
  - R&D rebate
  - EMDG
  - Other non-dilutive capital sources
- XanADu budget estimate: TBD
- Current market cap. Vs peers





### Strategic Focus

- Research Phase II
  - XanADu mild AD
  - Diabetes cognitive impairment
- Business development
  - Being "partner ready"
  - Partnering Actinogen beyond Phase II
  - Publicising Actinogen and Xanamem



#### OUTLOOK

#### ACTINOGEN and Xanamem<sup>™</sup> – on the world stage



AAIC (Alzheimer's Association International Congress)

Xanamem and AIBL posters



ICE (International Congress of Endocrinology)

Oral presentation (Walker)



MMC (Mastering Medicinal Chemistry)

Oral presentation (Webster)



CTAD (Clinical Trials in Alzheimer's disease)

Oral presentation (Ritchie)



British Journal of Pharmacology

Webster publication



Biological Psychiatry: Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuroimaging

AIBL publication



#### **OUTLOOK**



Xanamem<sup>™</sup>'s innovative, differentiated mechanism of action – reinforced by the literature and KOLs



Patent protected to 2031 – composition of matter



Excellent progress with research planning and regulatory approval



XanADu and DCI patient recruitment initiated 2017 with results in 2 years



Actinogens secure financial position



Experienced Board and Management



Alzheimer's - significant unmet medical need in a huge and growing global market



