

### XanaMIA Phase 1b trial achieves primary endpoints: topline results & strategic update

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### Actinogen is a neurotherapeutics developer realizing a revolutionary therapy so patients and their families can live their best lives



### **Actinogen snapshot**

Actinogen Medical (ASX:ACW) is developing a novel oral treatment with rapid onset of clinical activity to address a range of central nervous system (CNS) diseases



### Favourable pharmaceutical properties



Substantial clinical data

Attractive disease indications and rationale



- Demonstrated target engagement in brain and HPA axis in human trials
- Low dose, ≤10mg
- Low drug-drug interaction potential suitable for combination therapy
- ✓ >300 subjects or patients safely treated
- Cognitive enhancement activity (attention & working memory) confirmed in XanaMIA trial in healthy older volunteers at 5 mg and 10 mg dose levels
- Strong cortisol rationale for treatment of multiple diseases: early stages of Alzheimer's Disease; Depression & related cognitive impairment; Fragile X Syndrome; and many others
- Molecule in-licensed from U Edinburgh in 2014
- Comprehensive patents in place<sup>1</sup>
- Cash position A\$19M at 31 Mar 2022



# Xanamem: oral, low dose, once-a-day treatment with a unique mechanism

Brain penetrant 11β-HSD1 small molecule enzyme inhibitor reduces cortisol inside brain cells - modulating signaling pathways and underlying disease processes<sup>1,2</sup>

Potential to be:

- Rapidly cognitive enhancing
- Disease-modifying (slow or halt progression)



<sup>1.</sup> Xanamem® is a CNS (Central Nervous System) penetrant small molecule based on human PET scan evidence and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) measurements

Sooy et al. 2015 showing effects on amyloid plaque reduction in an aged mouse model after 28 days associated with increases in insulin degrading enzyme; Popoli et al. 2011 microglial cell modulation in rats, effects on glutamate, cannabinoid and other signalling pathways

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- 25+ years of drug development experience, primarily of Central Nervous System (CNS) drugs
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- Medical Director at Orphazyme A/S



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Cogstate

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- Professor in Neuroscience at the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and in Psychology Monash University, Melbourne Australia
- Senior management committee of the Australian Imaging, Biomarkers and Lifestyle (AIBL) study of Alzheimer's Disease
- Involved in the development and approval of 13 new drugs that affect cognition including most recently esketamine for treatment resistant depression



### Key implications from the new XanaMIA results

- Trial met its primary safety, efficacy (cognition) and pharmacodynamic endpoints
- Second consecutive double-blind trial to show improvement in attention and working memory with Xanamem
- Confirms the target dose range of ≤10 mg suggested by imaging of Xanamem action in the brain
- Demonstrates Actinogen can efficiently conduct trials like this in under 12 months in Australia
- Sets Actinogen up for success in future trials, including near-term Phase 2 trials in multiple diseases associated with dysregulated brain cortisol

<sup>1. &</sup>quot;Attention" domains were individual and composite scores of working memory (one back test), visual identification (identification test), psychomotor function (detection test); other XanaMIA results and Strategic Update 7 domains were a one card learning test, a delayed recall test and continuous paired learning test.



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### **Cognitive improvement vs. placebo in healthy, older volunteers in XanaHES trial in 2019**



- Cogstate Cognitive Test Battery (CTB) with 20 mg daily, 12-week treatment; effect size (ES) estimated with the same MMRM statistical model as the current trial<sup>1</sup>
- Clinically significant effects on "attention" domains of cognition (ES<sup>2</sup> attention composite = 1.2)



2. Z-score of standardized treatment effect (mean difference in MMRM model change from baseline vs. placebo/standard error of change).



### PET data supports exploring a lower Xanamem dose range of ≤10mg daily



PET data demonstrates that Xanamem extensively binds to the 11β-HSD1 enzyme throughout the brain, with high post-treatment effects (absence of colour) after 7 days at all doses, slightly less at a 5 mg dose.

This is consistent with full hormonal pharmacodynamic activity seen with 10 mg in clinical trials.

Note: Study population consisted of ~50% healthy older subjects who were cognitively normal and ~50% with Alzheimer's disease. Subjects dosed for seven days. Baseline: Mean of baseline scans of patients in that dose group; After dose: Mean of post-dosing (7 days) scans in that dose group.



### XanaMIA Phase 1b/2 trial design

Targeting the first stages of Alzheimer's Disease (AD)

XanaMIA - Part A: XanaMIA - Part B: **Double-blind Phase 1b** Phase 2 H12022: minimally effective dose level 2023: experimental study design in patients with early stages of Alzheimer's Disease 107 healthy older subjects with normal cognition, Final design to be determined. 50-80 years of age 10 mg & 5 mg daily vs. placebo designed to measure effect sizes in cognition rather than statistical significance 6-week duration of therapy, 4-week follow up **Primary dose-response objectives:** 

- 1. Safety of 5 mg and 10 mg dose levels
- 2. Pharmacodynamics of ACTH<sup>1</sup> response
- 3. Cognition: especially attention effects seen previously in Cogstate CTB



### **Statistical methods**

- Double-blind, randomized design, industry best standard statistical analysis for smaller sample size trials: computerized cognitive testing with the Cogstate CTB<sup>1</sup> with International Digit Symbol Substitution Test - Symbols (IDSST-S)
- "Intention-to-treat" analyses with no imputation for missing data, no "last observation carried forward"
- Linear Mixed-Effects Model for Repeated Measures (MMRM) with treatment group, visit, and treatment-by-visit interaction as fixed effects. Baseline score was included as a covariate and subject-specific intercept as a random effect
- Effect Sizes (ES) vs. placebo were estimated from modelled data as Z scores and raw data as Cohen's d statistics
- For cognitive data the a priori criterion for effect detection was Cohen's d ≥ 0.3 in one or more tests (≥ 0.2 is regarded as clinically meaningful in Alzheimer's Disease)

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### Effect size statistics measure "signal to noise"



Ratios commonly used in trials of Alzheimer's Disease using raw or statistical model data





Cohen's d

Z-score is a standardization method for a normal distribution



# XanaMIA dose-ranging topline results

### The XanaMIA Part A trial met its objectives



- Clinically significant improvements were seen in the attentional domains, including working memory, of the Cogstate CTB with both doses, including visual attention with 5 mg at the end of treatment achieving the a priori primary endpoint criterion of Cohen's d > 0.3 (Cohen's d = 0.32, Z = 1.97, p < 0.05)</li>
- Xanamem was safe and well-tolerated over the 6-week treatment period in this cognitively normal population aged 50-80 years (mean age 64 years, mixed female and male population)
- Both 5 mg and 10 mg dose levels showed pharmacodynamic activity by raising mean ACTH by 2.03 to 2.35 times, respectively, principally within the normal laboratory range and to a similar extent as higher doses in prior studies
- Cognitive findings were consistent with those in the prior XanaHES trial and with high brain activity of 5 mg and 10 mg doses in a Positron Emission Tomography (PET) study

# ACTH hormone response suggests similar Xanamem biological activity at 5 mg and 10 mg dose levels

ACTH is the brain hormone that regulates cortisol production in the adrenal gland



\* steady-state plasma levels are achieved after 3 days: Webster et al. 2017, Actinogen data on file



### Attention Composite improved at Week 4 and 6 vs. placebo

Pooled working memory/visual attention/psychomotor speed (mean, SE)





XanaMIA results and Strategic Update 17

### **Effect Sizes Attention Composite & domains**



#### Magnitude of treatment effect (on-treatment MMRM ES<sup>1</sup> > 0.9 in green)

YanaMIA trial	Desired improvement	Effect size <sup>1</sup> 5 mg			Effect size <sup>1</sup> 10 mg		
Cognitive Evaluation (Test)		Week 4 N=35	Week 6 N=35	Follow up N=33	Week 4 N=30	Week 6 N=29	Follow up N=29
Attention Composite	Positive	0.52	1.29	0.51	0.65	0.48	-0.38
Working Memory (One Back Test)	Positive	0.19	1.11	1.11	0.42	0.98	1.07
Visual Attention (Identification Test)	Positive	0.45	1.97 <sup>2</sup>	-0.31	-0.48	0.29	-1.99
Psychomotor Function (Detection Test)	Positive	0.95	0.27	0.83	1.61	0.30	0.65

1. Z-score of standardized treatment effect (mean difference in MMRM model change from baseline vs. placebo/standard error of change); Z > 0.9 ~ one-sided 80% confidence interval or greater

2. p < 0.05 by MMRM, Cohen's d (raw mean change/pooled raw standard deviation of change) = 0.32

Previous XanaHES trial <sup>3</sup>	Week 4	Week 8	Week 12	Follow up	
Attention Composite ES <sup>1</sup>	1.11	1.20	1.27	1.36	
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### Effect Sizes non-attentional domains, IDSST-S



### Mixed positive & negative effects similar to previous XanaHES trial; no effect on IDSST-S (on treatment MMRM ES<sup>1</sup> > 0.9 in green and -0.9 in pink)

XanaMIA trial	Desired	Effect Size <sup>1</sup> 5 mg			Effect Size <sup>1</sup> 10 mg		
Cognitive Evaluation Test	Improvement	Week 4 N=35	Week 6 N=35	Follow up N=33	Week 4 N=29	Week 6 N=29	Follow up N=29
Composite	Positive	-0.60	-1.34	-0.67	-1.34	-0.09	-0.12
Paired Associate Learning (CPAL Test)	Positive	-0.17	1.07	0.47	-1.11	0.41	0.38
Delayed recall (CPAR)	Positive	-0.74	-1.83	-0.86	-0.98	-0.36	-1.42
Visual Learning (One Card Learning Test)	Positive	-0.15	-1.22	-0.57	-0.69	-0.19	0.77
IDSST-S	Positive	-0.19	0.04	0.07	-0.84	-0.20	-0.69

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Previous XanaHES trial	Week 4	Week 8	Week 12	Follow up		
Non- Attention Composite ES <sup>2</sup>	0.56	0.11	0.13	-0.20		
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### Xanamem was safe and well-tolerated



- No treatment-related serious adverse events
- Other predominantly mild events were generally equally distributed across the three groups including placebo
- No adverse events of concern, consistent with program safety database of over 300 people studied in trials to date



### **Summary**

- There is a strong unmet need for new and safer treatments for many diseases where dysregulated cortisol is a target - Xanamem is designed to reduce cortisol inside brain cells
- Xanamem is potentially a rapidly-acting cognitive enhancer and, in the longer term, a disease modifier
- This Phase 1b trial in cognitively normal, older volunteers met its primary objectives of safety, pharmacodynamics and clinically significant effects on cognition:
  - ✓ Rapid improvements in cognition for attention tests highly consistent with the prior XanaHES trial
  - Met primary cognitive endpoint of Cohen's d > 0.3 and other clinically significant effects in test domains of "attention" (working memory, visual attention, psychomotor function)
  - ✓ Biological activity confirmed for 5 mg and 10 mg dose levels based on ACTH hormonal response
  - ✓ ACTH and cognition findings were consistent with high target engagement in the brain at low doses visualized with PET imaging



### **Next steps**

Actinogen continues its Phase 2 trial program with greater confidence:

- In its choice of a lower minimally effective dose range of  $\leq$  10 mg
- Utility of the Cogstate CTB to measure cognitive effects of Xanamem

The next steps for Alzheimer's Disease include:

- Full analysis of trial data
- Consultation with Australian and international Alzheimer's Disease experts
- Design of the XanaMIA Part B trial in patients with early stages of Alzheimer's Disease



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### **Actinogen Strategy**



#### Accelerate clinical development

- Focus on cognitive enhancement:
  - Early stages of Alzheimer's Disease
  - Implement XanaMIA Part B
  - Depression Phase 2 trial
  - Trial operations mainly in Australia
- Suspend global Fragile X Syndrome Phase 2 until alternative funding can be found

#### **Forward planning**

- Scale up and optimise **manufacturing** to prepare for commercially viable, large scale production
- Ancillary clinical and nonclinical studies
- Commercial planning

#### **Create value from partnerships**



#### Pharma/biotech engagement

- Actively engage large and mid-size potential partners with new results
- Seek value-add partnerships



#### Regulatory engagement

 Seek early US FDA and EMA interactions on cognitive enhancement development programs



### **Xanamem Clinical Development Pipeline**

		Phase 2 Pathway	Outlook	
	Cognitive impairment in early <b>Alzheimer's disease</b>	XanaMIA (IND) Part A: 10mg, 5mg, Placebo ( Part B: Patients with early sta supporting assessments	"Big-to-market" Multiple Phase 2b/3 trials	
	<b>Depression</b> with cognitive impairment	Study preparation	XanaMDD Phase 2 randomised trial measuring depression & cognition	Potential to treat both depression and related cognitive impairment
s	Anxiety, sleep & behavioural problems in <b>Fragile X Syndrome</b>	XanaFX (IND) Proof-of-concept in adolesc	ent and young adult males	Pending alternative funding or partnership

### **Key catalysts**

#### Clinical trials

#### **Alzheimer's Disease**

- XanaMIA Part A cognition & safety results positive
- Expert review of XanaMIA data and next steps
- Commence XanaMIA Part B trial in patients in 2022, results 2023-4
- Regulatory interactions

#### Depression

- $\circ$  Commence trial setup
- Commence program later in 2022, results 2023-4

#### Publications and collaborations

- XanaMIA Part A scientific presentation later in 2022
- PET study manuscript submitted
- Other key peer-review publications



### **Thank you and Questions**

