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# Company Overview

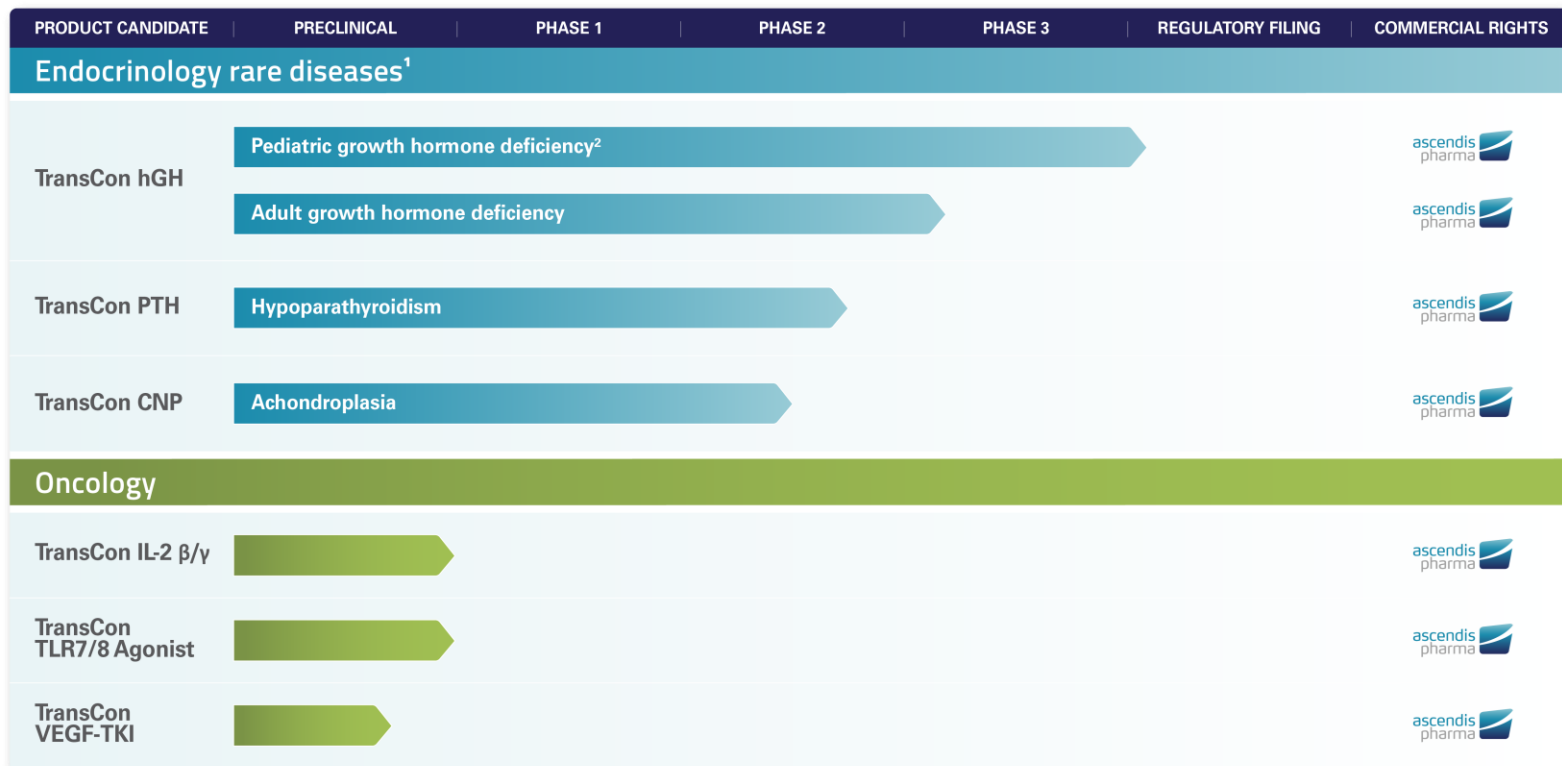
- Create best-in-class products addressing unmet medical needs by applying TransCon™ technologies to parent drugs with clinical proof-of-concept
- Endocrinology rare disease internal pipeline and expected 2020 milestones
  - TransCon hGH for pediatric GH deficiency: BLA and MAA filings expected Q2 and Q4
  - TransCon PTH for hypoparathyroidism: Phase 2 top-line data end March<sup>1</sup>; long-term data Q3
  - TransCon CNP for achondroplasia: Phase 2 ACcomplishH dose escalation and initiate second trial in China<sup>2</sup> Q4
- Build leading positions for each endocrinology rare disease product with commercial focus on maximizing global reach
  - Partnership with VISEN Pharmaceuticals for endocrinology rare disease products in China
- Oncology pipeline in development with highly differentiated product candidates
  - First IND filing or equivalent expected in 2020
- As of September 30, 2019, cash and cash equivalents of ~€659 million

# Vision 3x3: Building a Leading BioPharma Company

## Our Goal is to Achieve Sustainable Growth through Multiple Approaches

- Obtain regulatory approval for three independent Endocrinology Rare Disease products
  - TransCon Growth Hormone for pediatric growth hormone deficiency
  - TransCon PTH for adult hypoparathyroidism
  - TransCon CNP for achondroplasia
- Create further growth of Endocrinology Rare Disease pipeline through
  - Global clinical reach
  - Pursuing 9 total indications, label optimization, and life cycle management
  - New endocrinology products
- Establish global commercial presence for our Endocrinology Rare Disease area
  - Build integrated commercial organization in North America and select European countries
  - Establish global commercial presence through partners with local expertise and infrastructure
- In Oncology, create a high value pipeline with one IND or equivalent filing each year
- Creation of a third independent therapeutic area with a diversified pipeline

# Diverse Pipeline of Independent Product Candidates

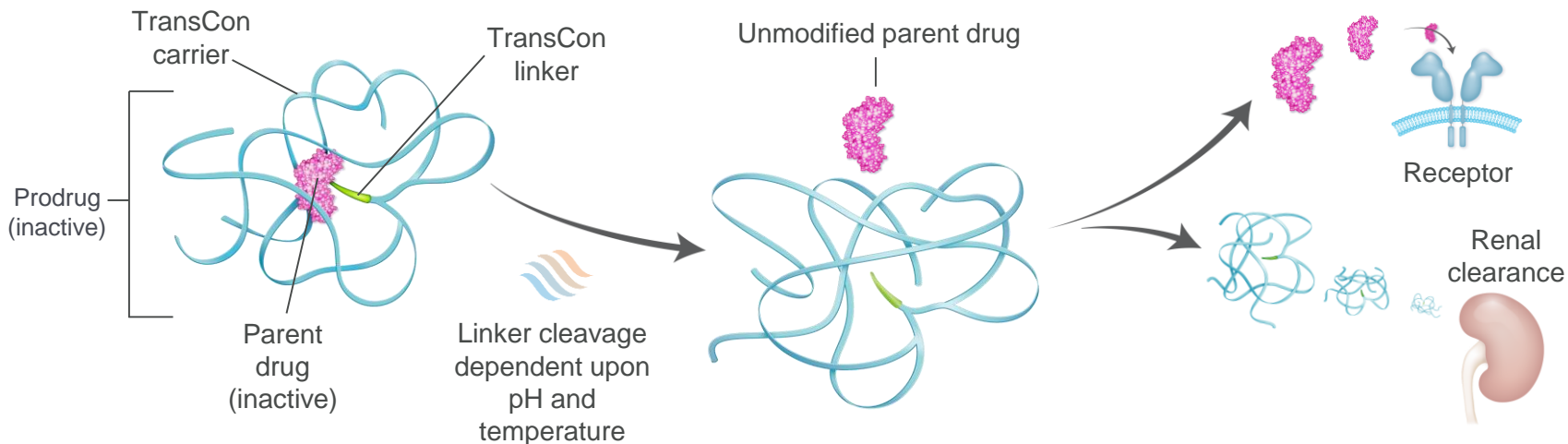


<sup>1</sup> Excludes rights granted to VISEN Pharmaceuticals in Greater China

<sup>2</sup> In phase 3 development for pediatric growth hormone deficiency in Greater China through strategic investment in VISEN Pharmaceuticals

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# TransCon Technology: Sustained Systemic Delivery

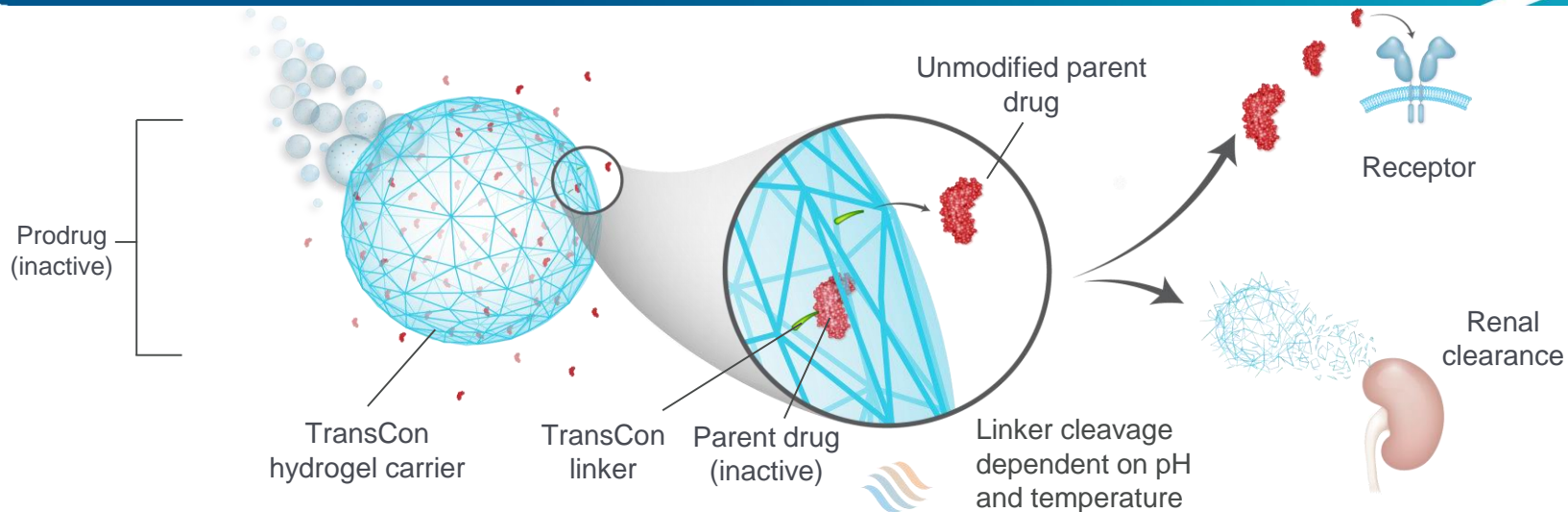


Parent drug is transiently bound to a TransCon linker-soluble carrier moiety, which inactivates and shields parent drug from clearance

Following injection, the linker is designed to autocleave at a specific rate to predictably release unmodified parent drug

Designed to distribute released drug like the parent molecule; linker-carrier is cleared renally

# TransCon Technology: Sustained Localized Delivery



Parent drug is transiently bound to TransCon linker-hydrogel carrier, which inactivates, shields parent drug and prevents clearance

Following injection, the linker is designed to autocleave at a specific rate to predictably release unmodified parent drug

Designed to provide sustained high local drug levels with low systemic exposure; hydrogel degrades into small polymers that are renally cleared



# TransCon Growth Hormone: Once-Weekly Replacement Therapy



# Growth Hormone Supports Overall Endocrine Health

## BODY COMPOSITION<sup>2,3,4</sup>



**ULTIMATE HEIGHT  
ACHIEVEMENT<sup>1</sup>**



**MENTAL HEALTH<sup>5</sup>**



## CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE<sup>6,7</sup>



**FRACTURES<sup>8</sup>**

Daily hGH addresses all the symptoms of the disease; long-acting growth hormone products must fully mimic daily hGH to adequately address the totality of the disease

Sources: 1. de Boer, H. et al. 1997; 2. Rutherford, O. M. et al. 1991. 3. Colle, M., J. Auzeir.1993. 4. Johannsson, Gudmundur, et al. 1999. 5. Stabler, Brian et al. 1996. 6. Leong, Gary M., Gudmundur Johannsson. 2003. 7. Colao, Annamaria et al. 2002. 8. Bex, M, and R Bouillon. 2003

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# TransCon hGH Phase 3 Program in Pediatric GHD



N=161

- Treatment-naïve subjects



N=146

- Subjects previously treated (n=143) and treatment-naïve (<3 years, n=3)



Extension trial  
(N=296)

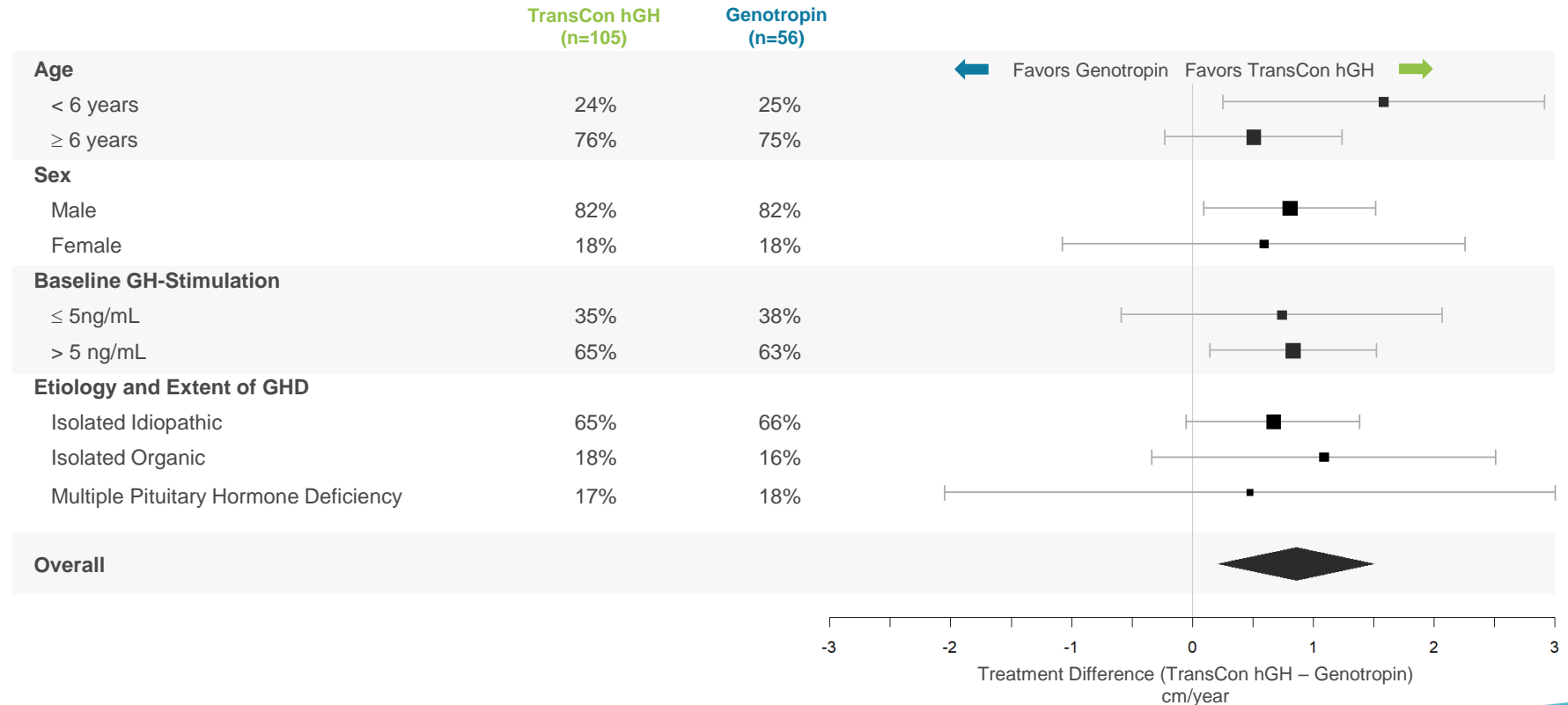
*Expected  
Regulatory filings  
(BLA Q2 2020,  
MAA Q4 2020)*

# TransCon hGH Met Primary Objective of Non-inferiority and Demonstrated Superiority in AHV at Week 52

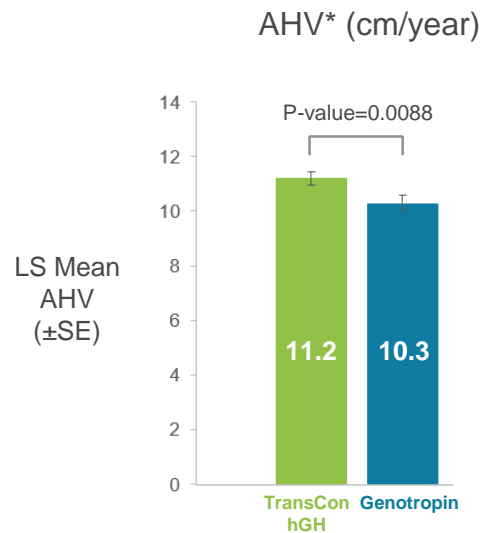
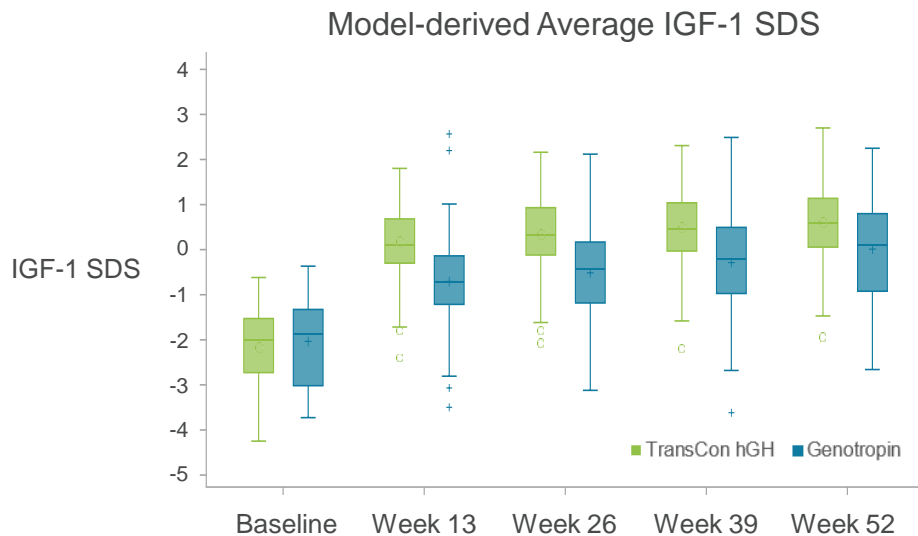


	TransCon hGH 0.24 mg/kg/week (n=105)	Genotropin® 0.24 mg/kg/week (n=56)	Estimate of Treatment Difference	P-value
LS Mean AHV at Week 52 (cm/year)	11.2	10.3	0.86	<b>0.0088</b>
Standard Error	0.23	0.30	0.33	
95% Confidence Interval (cm/year)	10.71 – 11.62	9.73 – 10.89	0.22 – 1.50	

# AHV Consistently Favors TransCon hGH Across All Subgroups at Week 52



# AHV Paralleled the Difference in Average IGF-1



TransCon hGH preserved the balance between direct and indirect effects of daily hGH

# Key Learnings from TransCon hGH Clinical Trials

- TransCon hGH demonstrated an adverse event and immunogenicity profile comparable to that of a daily hGH
- TransCon hGH demonstrated superior height velocity<sup>1</sup> to a daily hGH through a PK profile of released hGH that may be more efficiently utilized by target tissues
- TransCon hGH data showed predictable linear response to dose titrations
- TransCon hGH data suggest the same mode of action as daily hGH and preservation of the biological balance between direct hGH and IGF-1 effects in target tissues

# Adverse Event Profile of TransCon hGH in the Phase 3 Program<sup>1</sup>

	heiGHt Trial		fliGHt Trial	enliGHten Trial <sup>2</sup>
	TransCon hGH 0.24 (n=105) n (%)	Genotropin 0.24 (n=56) n (%)	TransCon hGH 0.24 (N=146) n (%)	TransCon hGH 0.24 (N=296) n (%)
Treatment-emergent Adverse Events (TEAEs)	81 (77)	39 (70)	83 (57)	161 (54)
TEAEs Related to Study Drug	12 (11)	10 (18)	6 (4.1)	10 (3.4)
Serious Adverse Events (SAEs)	1 (1.0)	1 (1.8)	1 (0.7) <sup>3</sup>	5 (1.7) <sup>4</sup>
SAEs Related to Study Drug	0	0	0	0
TEAEs Leading to Any Action on Study Drug	2 (1.9)	1 (1.8)	2 (1.4)	5 (1.7)
TEAEs Leading to Discontinuation of Study Drug	0	0	0	0

TransCon hGH had an adverse event profile comparable to daily hGH which was consistent across phase 3 trials

<sup>1</sup> All doses expressed in mg/kg/week

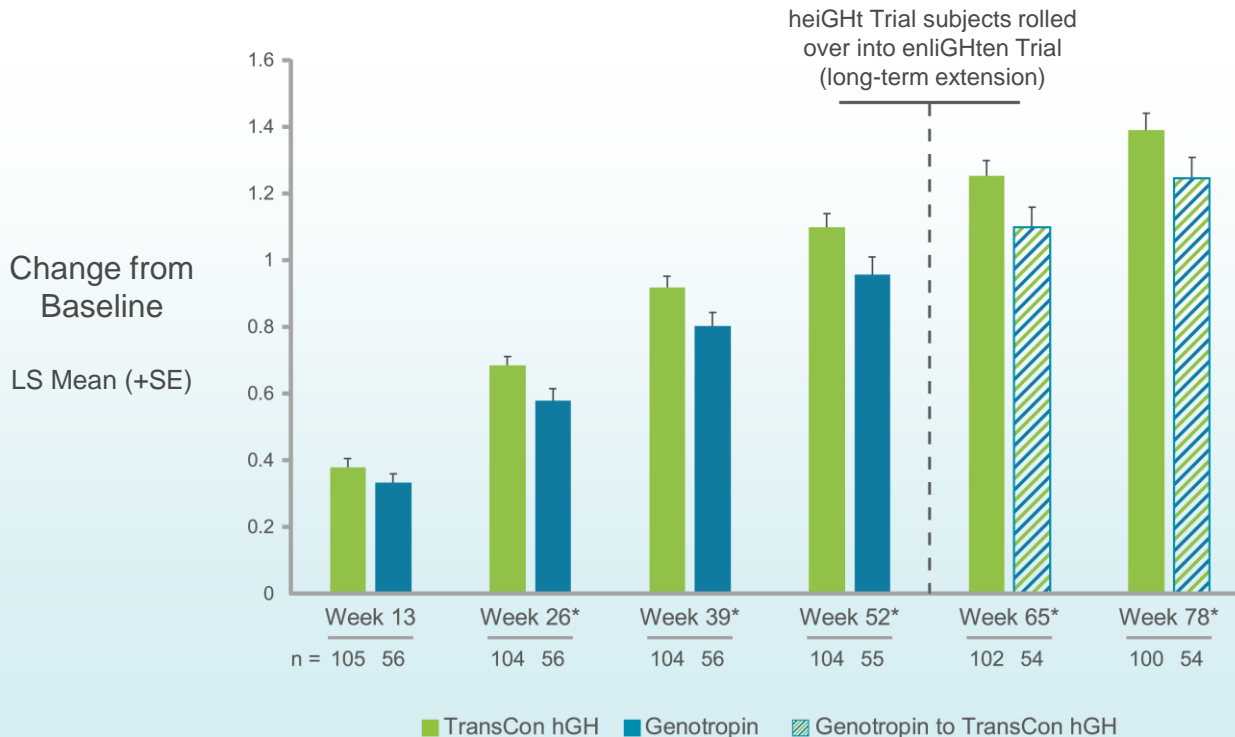
<sup>2</sup> Based on data reported up to September 2019

<sup>3</sup> One subject reported two SAEs; both considered unrelated to study drug

<sup>4</sup> Two subjects reported two SAEs; all considered unrelated to study drug

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# TransCon hGH Sustained Improvement in Height SDS



heiGHt subjects treated for 1.5 years with TransCon hGH demonstrated:

- Superior growth after 52 weeks compared to Genotropin<sup>1</sup>
- Superior growth continued in the enliGHten extension trial

<sup>1</sup> Based on results from phase 3 heiGHt Trial at 52 week endpoint

\*Treatment difference resulted in a nominal p-value <0.05

ANCOVA model

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# Auto-Injector Designed to Improve Adherence



## Key Features to Enhance Patient Experience

- Room temperature storage
- Small needle, comparable to daily hGH (31G, 4mm)
- Single low-volume (<0.60mL) injection for patients ≤60kg
- Simple operation
- No waste due to empty-all design
- Device lifespan at least 4 years
- Easy to titrate
- Bluetooth® connectivity enabled for automatic data capture
- Development of integrated connectivity platform underway

>160 subjects are using Auto-Injector and dual-chamber cartridges (DCCs) in extension trial



# On-track towards Filing TransCon hGH BLA Q2 and MAA Q4

- Completed both the fliGHt and heiGHt Trials, including rollover into enliGHten, and completed two-year follow-up for 46 subjects on TransCon hGH
- Completed manufacturing of PPQ batches and development of the auto-injector
- Proprietary Auto-Injector and DCCs introduced in phase 3 enliGHten Trial; met objective of collecting required usability data to support auto-injector as part of initial BLA submission
- Two pre-BLA meetings held with FDA related to Chemistry, Manufacturing and Controls (CMC), and for clinical/non-clinical packages
- In Europe, received orphan designation for TransCon hGH and Conformité Européenne (CE) mark for Auto-Injector

# TransCon hGH: Raising the Bar

- Phase 3 heiGHt Trial demonstrated superior height velocity of TransCon hGH in pediatric GHD, with comparable safety and tolerability as compared to a daily hGH
- BLA filing expected Q2 2020 and MAA filing expected Q4 2020
- Create further growth:
  - China: Pediatric GHD phase 3 initiated
  - Global: Adult GHD phase 3 expected to be initiated Q1 2020
  - Japan: Pediatric phase 3 expected to be initiated Q4 2020
- Easy-to-use Auto-Injector part of initial BLA/MAA filings
- Commercial manufacturing ongoing
- Commercial leadership team, infrastructure and launch plan in place
- Multiple independent patent filings to provide additional potential protection into 2039



# TransCon PTH: PTH Replacement Therapy for Hypoparathyroidism

# Chronic Hypoparathyroidism: Significant Patient Population

**Estimated Prevalence: ~200k in these 4 regions**

USA

**~70k-112k**

- 2013, Powers et. al., Prevalence and Incidence of Hypoparathyroidism in the United States Using a Large Claims Database, JBMR
- 2011, Clarke et. al., Co-morbid Medical Conditions Associated with Prevalent Hypoparathyroidism: A Population-Based Study

Europe

**~86k-223k**

- 2013, Underbjerg et. al., Cardiovascular and Renal Complications to Postsurgical Hypoparathyroidism: A Danish Nationwide Controlled Historic Follow-up Study
- 2015, The Epidemiology of Nonsurgical Hypoparathyroidism in Denmark: A Nationwide Case Finding Study
- 2016, Astor et. al., Epidemiology and Health-Related Quality of Life in Hypoparathyroidism in Norway

Japan

**~25k-32k**

- 2016, Suzuki et. al., Factors Associated with Neck Hematoma After Thyroidectomy
- 2018, Interview conducted with Japanese HP expert

South Korea

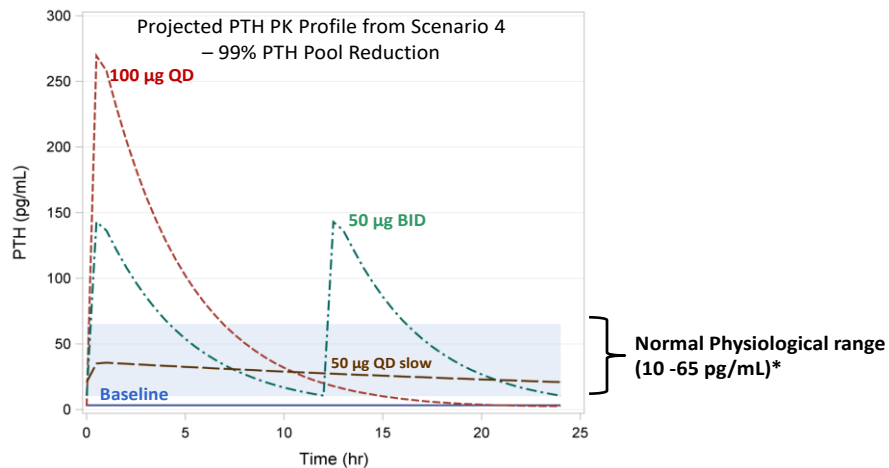
**~12k-13k**

- S. Korean ICD-10 codes
- 2018, Interview conducted with S. Korean HP expert

# Constant Normal Level of PTH is Optimal - FDA Perspective<sup>1,2</sup>

FDA U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
Protecting and Promoting Public Health  
www.fda.gov

## Altering Regimen (QD to BID) or Release Profile Bring PTH Levels Close to the Physiological Levels



Continuous infusion of PTH demonstrated<sup>3,4</sup>:

- Normalization of serum calcium and phosphate
- Complete removal of current standard of care (vitamin D and calcium supplements)
- Normalization of urinary calcium

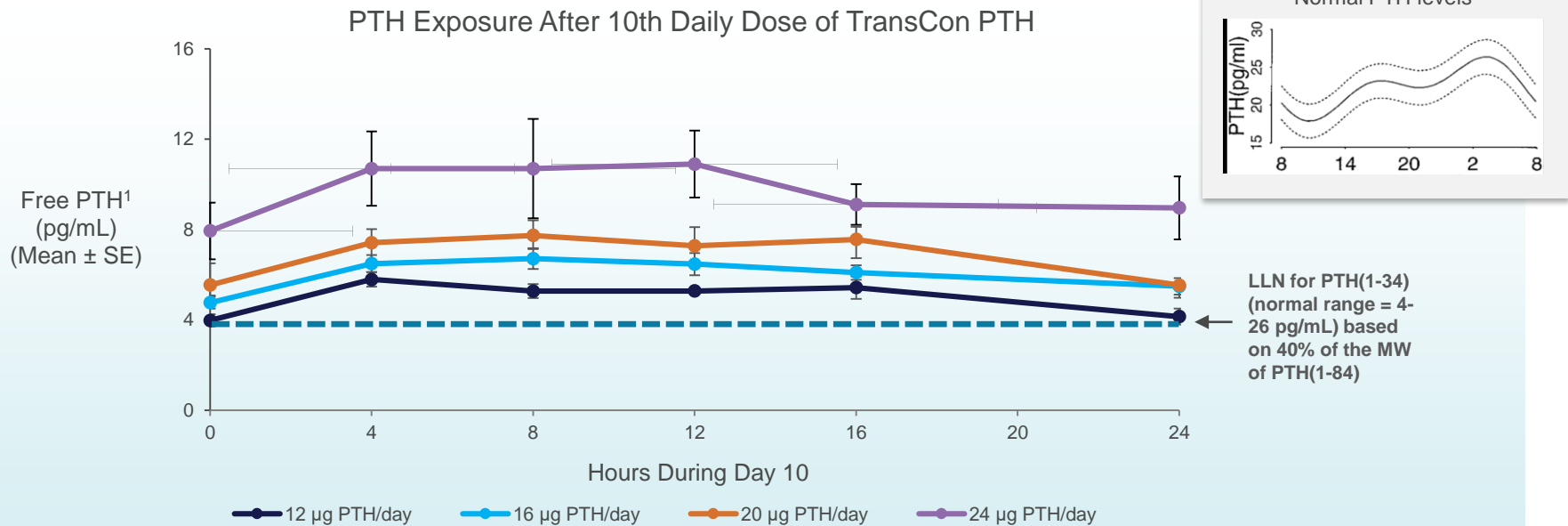
<sup>1,2</sup> FDA presentation: Natpara Advisory Committee, September 12, 2014; Clin Pharmacol Ther. 2019 105(3):710

<sup>3,4</sup> J Clin Endo Metab 2012 97(2);391–399; J Pediatr 2014 165(3);556-563

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# Phase 1: PK Data Support Infusion-like Profile over 24 Hours



TransCon PTH daily dosing provided a flat infusion-like profile of released PTH at day 10

<sup>1</sup> PTH measured as Free PTH(1-34) and Free PTH(1-33)  
Analyses from TransCon PTH Phase 1 trial; data not shown for doses <12 µg/day, as levels of Free PTH are BLQ.  
Poster presented at ECTS 2019

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# TransCon PTH Phase 2 Trial Design



~40 adult subjects with HP currently receiving standard of care (active vitamin D + calcium)



## Primary Composite Endpoint (4 weeks)

Proportion of subjects with:

- Normal serum calcium; **and**
- Normal FeCa (or at least 50% decrease from baseline); **and**
- Off active vitamin D; **and**
- Taking ≤1,000 mg/day calcium

## Key Secondary Endpoints (4 weeks)

- Primary composite **and** taking ≤500 mg/day calcium

## Additional Endpoints ≥4 weeks

- PRO\* measures (HPES: a disease-specific PRO for HP)
- Nephrolithiasis, nephrocalcinosis, vascular calcification, ER/urgent care visits and hospitalizations
- BMD and TBS by DXA, bone turnover markers, 24-hour urine calcium excretion (in extension only)



# Expanded Phase 2 Trial and Open-label Extension Trial

- Implemented addendum to protocol to expand and expedite enrollment in the U.S. for subjects affected by the NATPARA<sup>®</sup> recall
- Subjects from fixed-dose PaTH Forward Trial roll over to the open-label extension with individually optimized TransCon PTH dosing to evaluate long-term safety and efficacy
- Long-term data from open-label extension evaluates a composite endpoint. Evaluating proportion of subjects with:
  - Normal serum calcium; **and**
  - Off active vitamin D; **and**
  - Taking  $\leq 500$  mg/day calcium; **and**
  - Normal 24-hour urine calcium excretion (or at least 50% decrease from baseline)

# PaTH Forward Update

- Sites in Canada, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Norway and U.S.
  - Addendum implemented in the U.S.
- Screening completed with expected enrollment of ~55 subjects
- To date, no dropouts in the double-blind portion of PaTH Forward
- Preliminary data on first 8 subjects completing 4 weeks follow-up in open-label extension<sup>1</sup>
  - All subjects are completely off current standard of care
  - 8 of 8 subjects no longer require active vitamin D
  - 7 of 8 subjects no longer require calcium supplements (one subject taking < 500 mg calcium)
- Top-line phase 2 data expected by end of March 2020<sup>2</sup>
- Six-month data from open-label extension expected Q3 2020

# Simple Pen Injector in Phase 2

## Key Features

- Simple operation
- Three multi-use pens with three different strengths (6, 9, 12 µg; 15, 18, 21 µg; 24, 27, 30 µg)
- Ready-to-use liquid formulation, room temp stability for 14 days
- Low injection volume ( $\leq 0.1$  mL)
- Small (31G), short (5 mm) safety pen needle



Pen injector  
planned for  
commercial  
launch being  
used in phase 2

PaTHforward  
TRIAL

# TransCon PTH: Developing a “True” Replacement Therapy

- Phase 1 data support infusion-like profile of TransCon PTH
- Carcinogenicity study waiver granted in the U.S. and EU
- TransCon PTH Phase 2 trial expanded to allow easier and faster enrollment of subjects previously treated with NATPARA®
- Manufacturing of PPQ batches including pen injector progressing as planned
- Maximizing enrollment to demonstrate substantial evidence of effectiveness



# TransCon CNP: The New Frontier of Growth Biology

# TransCon CNP: Pursuing New Frontier of Growth Biology

- C-type natriuretic peptide (CNP) pathway has demonstrated clinical proof of concept
  - Short half-life of native CNP (2-3 minutes) limits therapeutic use
- TransCon CNP provides continuous CNP exposure 24 hours a day, seven days a week to balance constantly activated FGFR3 pathway, aiming to restore normal growth
- In phase 1, TransCon CNP demonstrated
  - Effective CNP  $t_{1/2}$  of approximately 120 hours
  - No serious AEs, no impact on resting blood pressure or heart rate, no downregulation of endogenous CNP production; no anti-CNP antibodies
- ACHieve natural history study and ACcomplishH phase 2 trial (ages 2 – 10 years) initiated, with escalation of sequential dose cohorts in ACcomplishH throughout 2020
- Expansion of clinical program in China through VISEN Pharmaceuticals
  - ACHieve initiated; ACcomplishH China expected to be initiated Q4 2020
- Potential for significant impact on patients' lives, including height and comorbidities



# Oncology

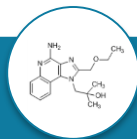
# Potential to Impact Efficacy, Safety and Practicality of Both Systemic and Intratumoral Cancer Treatments

- Applying TransCon technologies to clinically validated mechanisms to develop differentiated and potentially best-in-class products
  - Large number of validated oncology targets with known limitations
  - Applicable for diverse drug classes and mechanisms of action
  - Enable both systemic and intratumoral (IT) approaches

## Advancing a diversified high-value pipeline



TransCon  
IL-2  $\beta/\gamma$



TransCon TLR 7/8  
Agonist



TransCon  
VEGF-TKI

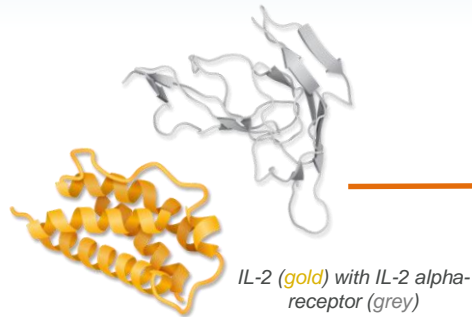


# Design of TransCon IL-2 $\beta/\gamma$ :

## 1) Designed for Desired Receptor Binding

### Generation of IL-2 Variant

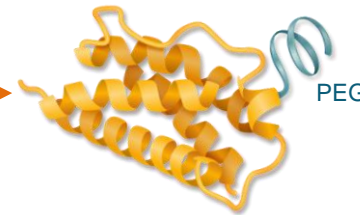
Introduction of cysteine at  $\alpha$ -binding site of IL-2 (aldesleukin)



### Blocking $\alpha$ -binding

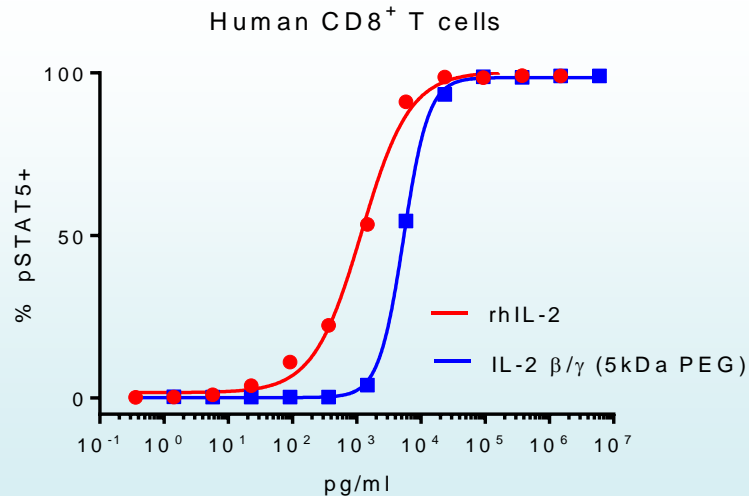
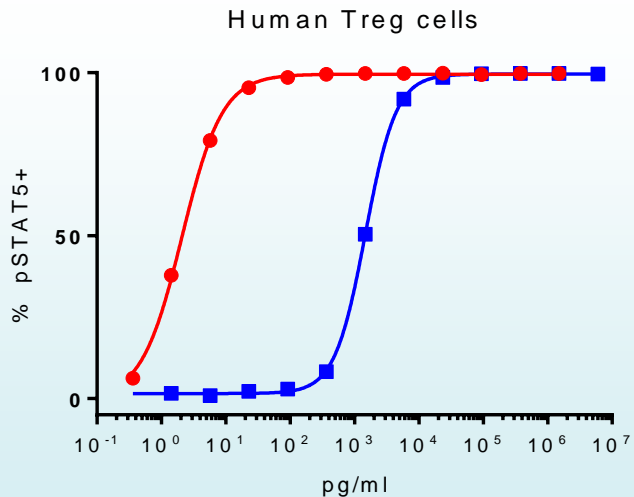
Site-selective permanent PEG conjugation (5kDa) of introduced cysteine

Permanent PEG attachment at  $\alpha$ -binding site



Optimized IL-2  $\beta/\gamma$  receptor selectivity and potency by permanent site-selective PEG conjugation at IL-2R $\alpha$ -binding site

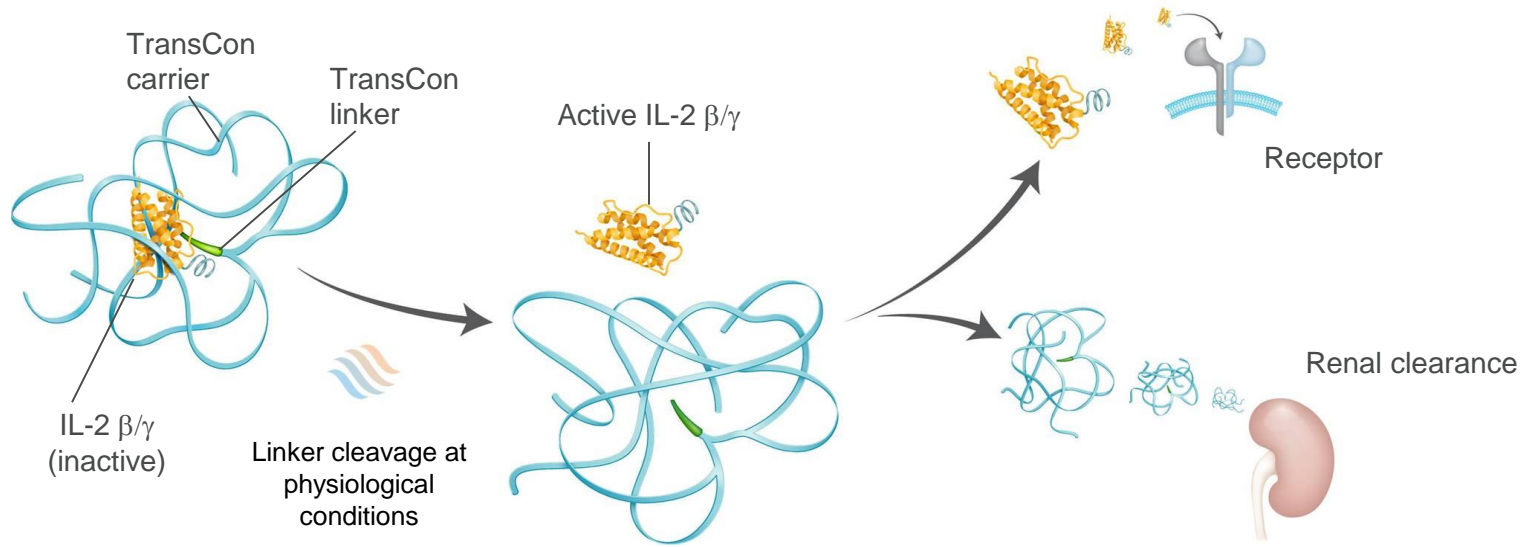
# IL-2 $\beta/\gamma$ – Desired Receptor Selectivity Demonstrated



~770-fold reduced potency on primary human Treg cells compared to rhIL-2 while only ~4-fold loss in potency on CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells and NK cells

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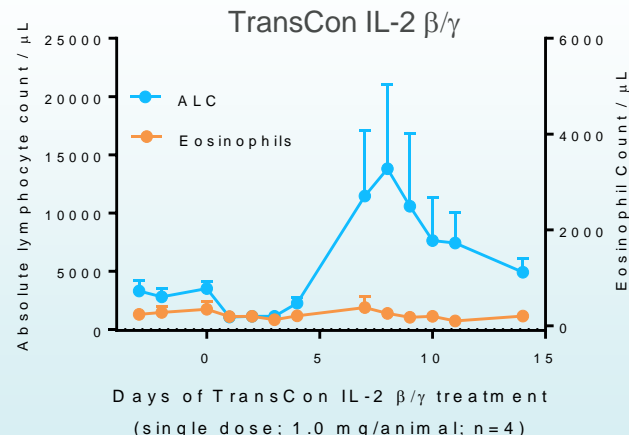
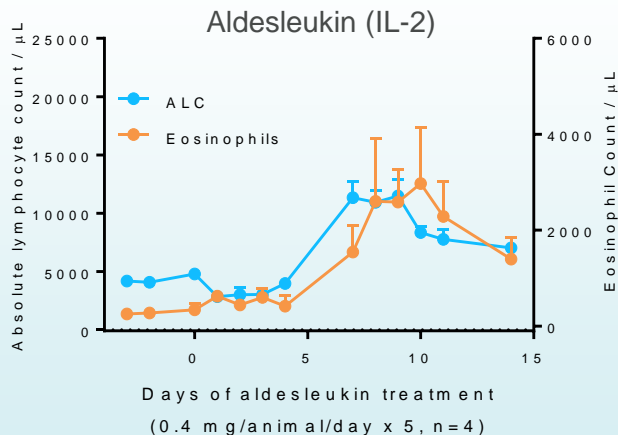
## 2) TransCon Technology to Optimize Exposure



Sustained, long-lasting exposure utilizing the TransCon hGH linker and carrier, expected to support every 3 week dosing

# TransCon IL-2 $\beta/\gamma$ – Prolonged Activity and Receptor Selectivity Demonstrated in Cynomolgus Monkeys

A single 1 mg dose/animal (~0.1 mg/kg) TransCon IL-2  $\beta/\gamma$  resulted in >3-fold enhancement of Lymphocyte Counts, Minimal Effect on Eosinophils Compared to Aldesleukin in Cynomolgus Monkeys

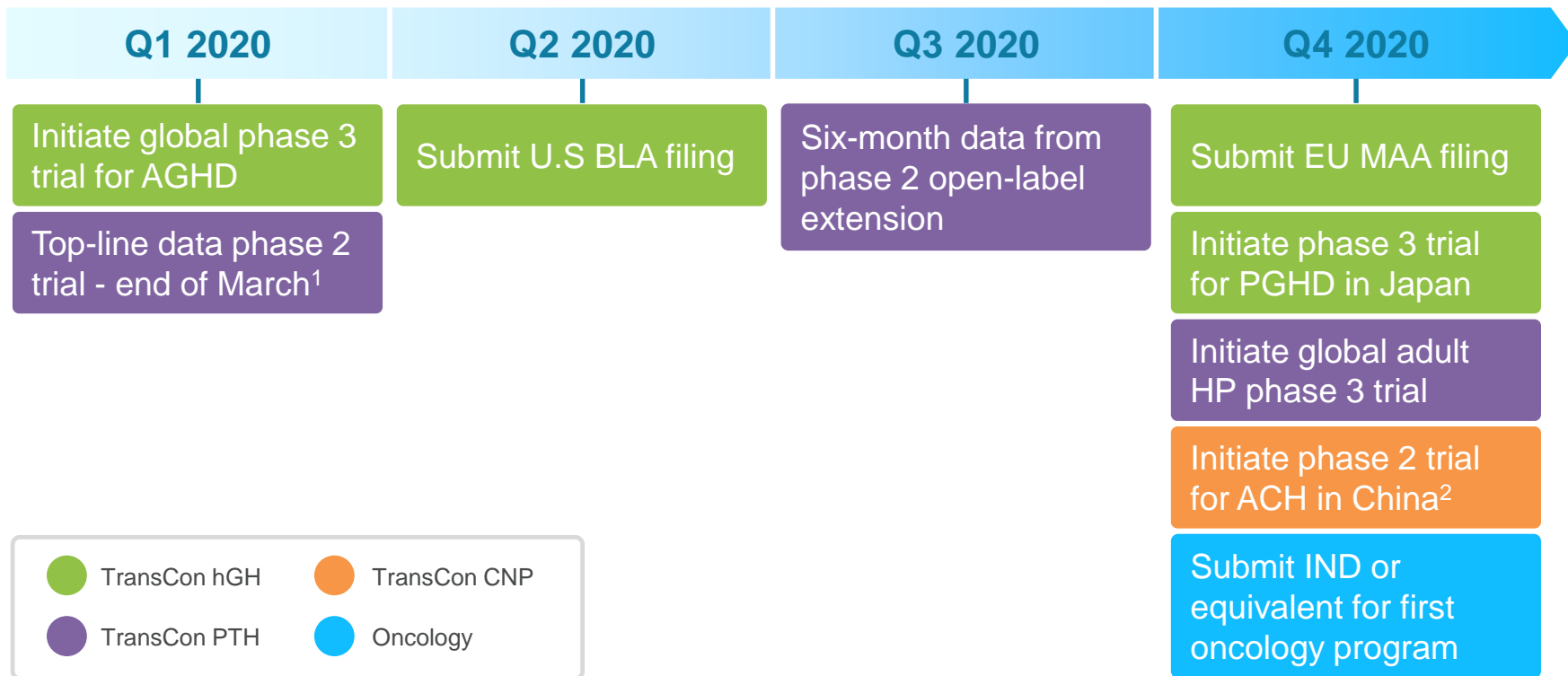


- Single dose provided >3-fold and prolonged enhancement of lymphocyte counts supporting Q3W dosing
- Well tolerated in monkeys with low risk of vascular leak syndrome; minimal effect on eosinophils<sup>1</sup>
- Monotherapy and combination anti-tumor activity observed in mice

# Oncology Summary

- Best-in-class potential using systemic and intratumoral TransCon technologies
  - Preclinical anti-tumor proof-of-concept demonstrated with small molecules, cytokines and antibodies
  - TransCon intratumoral technologies acceptance into the FDA's Emerging Technology Program
- Differentiated product candidates with potential in multiple indications
  - TransCon IL-2  $\beta/\gamma$
  - TransCon TLR7/8 Agonist
  - TransCon VEGF-TKI
- Potent anti-tumor effects of TransCon oncology candidates demonstrated in preclinical studies
- First IND or equivalent expected to be filed Q4 2020
- Over 20 patents and applications in support of TransCon oncology candidates

# Selected 2020 Expected Milestones



- TransCon hGH
- TransCon CNP
- TransCon PTH
- Oncology

<sup>1</sup> Results timing +/- two weeks

<sup>2</sup> Conducted through strategic investment in VISEN Pharmaceuticals