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**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
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For the month of January, 2017

Commission File Number: 001-36815

Ascendis Pharma A/S

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Ascendis Pharma A/S

Date: January 9, 2017

By: /s/ Michael Wolff Jensen

Michael Wolff Jensen

Chairman and Senior Vice President, General Counsel

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Ascendis Pharma A/S

*Jan Mikkelsen
President & CEO*

January 2017

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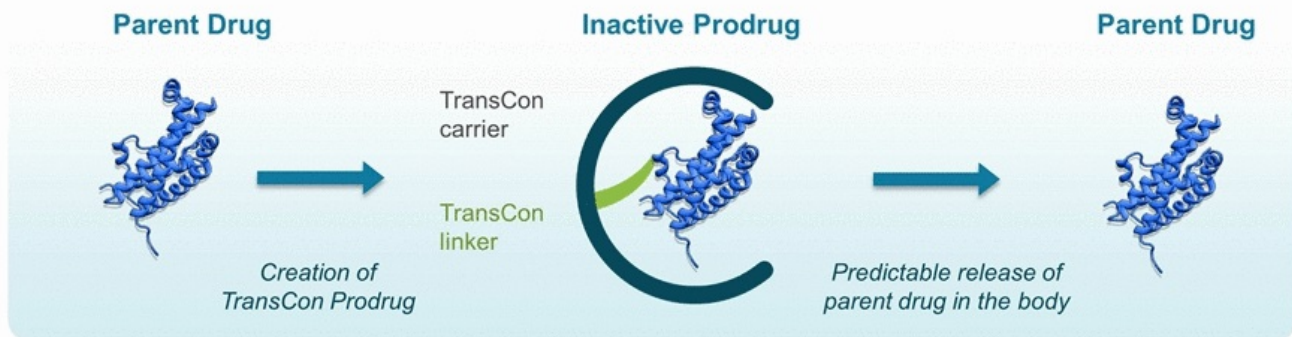
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Company Overview

- Create best-in-class rare disease products addressing unmet medical needs
 - Apply TransCon technology to parent drugs with clinical proof-of-concept
 - Expect higher development success rate compared to traditional drug development
- Endocrinology rare disease wholly-owned pipeline and expected milestones
 - TransCon Growth Hormone for pediatric GHD: heiGHt Trial full enrollment Q4 2017
 - TransCon PTH for hypoparathyroidism: IND/equivalent in 2Q 2017; planning pivotal trial in 2018
 - TransCon CNP for achondroplasia: IND/equivalent in 4Q 2017
- Commercial focus on the U.S. market with multi-billion dollar revenue potential
- Established high-value collaborations with Roche/Genentech in ophthalmology and Sanofi in diabetes
- Pro forma September 30, 2016 cash of ~ €190 million¹

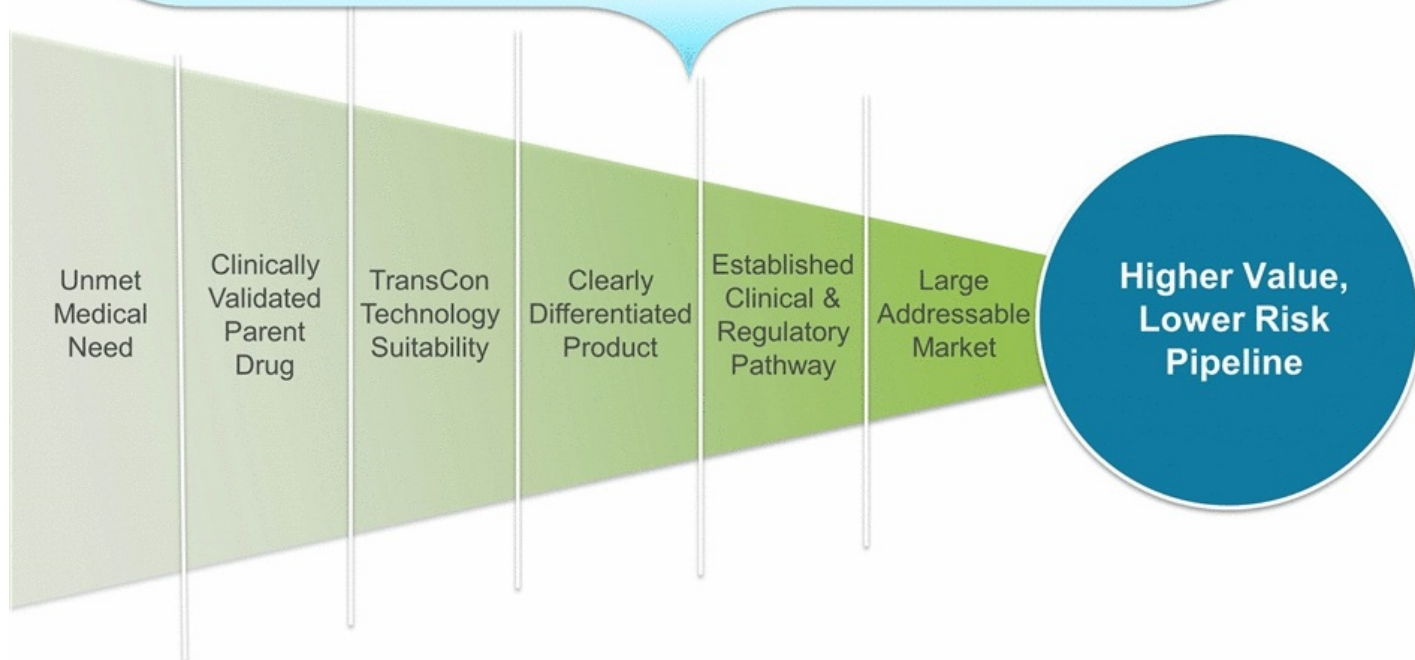
TransCon Technology



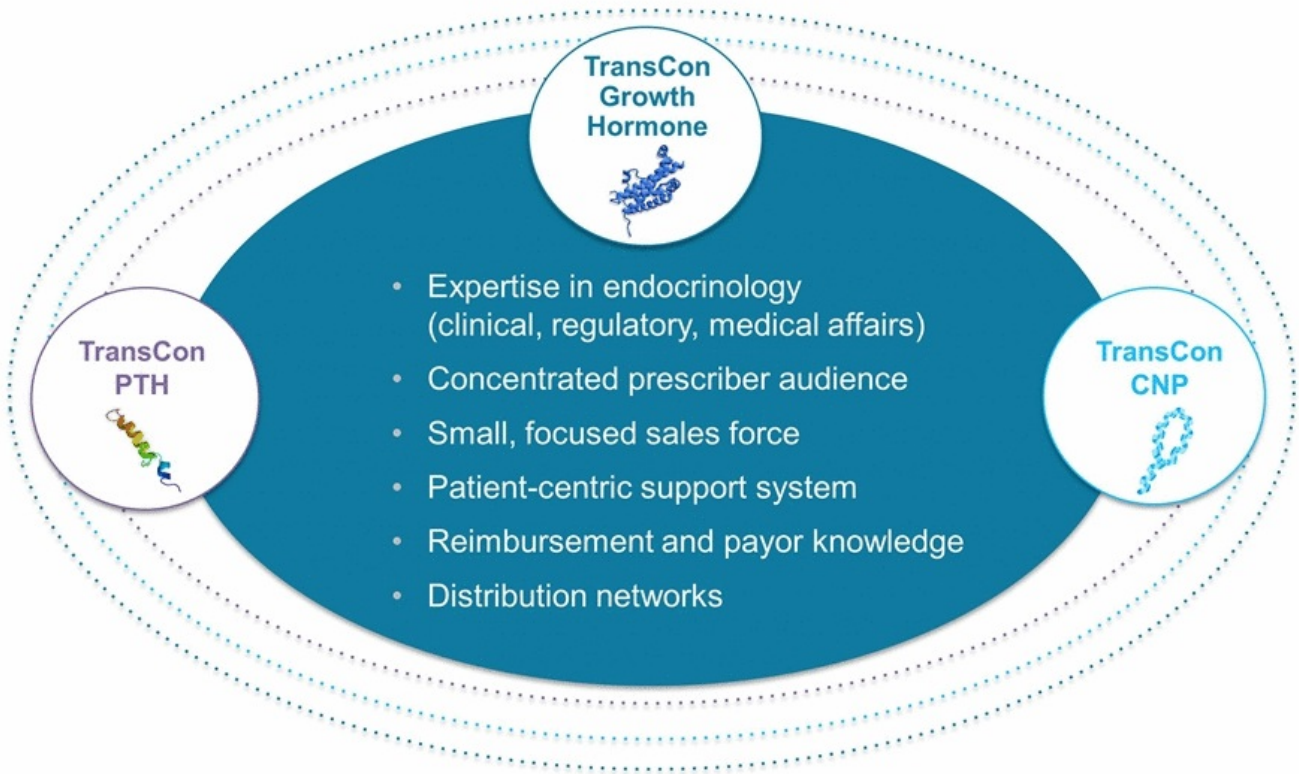
- Predictable release of unmodified parent drugs
 - Parent drugs can be proteins, peptides or small molecules
 - Linker release only dependent on pH and temperature
 - TransCon carrier enables both systemic and localized drug exposure
- Maintains same mode-of-action of parent drug molecule
- Release of parent drug supporting up to half-yearly administration
- TransCon products eligible for new composition of matter IP claims

Ascendis' Approach to Product Innovation

~4,800 Orphan Drug Designations
>500 Endocrine/Metabolic¹



Expected Synergies of Therapeutic Focus




Building a Leading Company in Rare Diseases

Internal Rare Disease Endocrinology Pipeline

Product Candidate	Primary Indication	Development Stage	Potential WW Market ¹	WW Commercial Rights
TransCon Growth Hormone	Growth hormone deficiency	Phase 3	> \$3 billion ²	
TransCon PTH	Hypoparathyroidism	Pre-IND	> \$2 billion ³	
TransCon CNP	Achondroplasia	Pre-IND	> \$1 billion	

Current/Potential Strategic Collaborations

TransCon Ranibizumab	Ophthalmology	Not disclosed	> \$7 billion	Genentech
TransCon Peptides	Diabetes	Not disclosed	> \$1 billion	SANOFI 
TransCon Treprostinil	PAH	Phase 1	> \$1 billion	Partnering Opportunity

Endocrinology

Ophthalmology

CV

¹ Based on market data and company estimates.

² Includes all indications.

7 ³ Based on treatment of ~25% of the U.S. patient population of ~77,000 patients.



TransCon Growth Hormone: Once-Weekly Replacement Therapy

Long-Acting Growth Hormones

- Human Growth Hormone (hGH) is a growing ~\$3 billion market
 - Largest indication is Growth Hormone Deficiency (GHD), representing ~50% of the market
 - Pediatric indications comprise up to 90% of the market
- Current growth hormone therapies require daily injections, which often results in suboptimal compliance and treatment response¹
- No successful commercialization of a long-acting growth hormone despite ~ 30 years of multiple attempts with different technologies
 - Molecular enlargement technologies – GH protein fusions, permanent PEGylation of GH
 - Depot formulations – release of unmodified GH from polymer microspheres
- TransCon Growth Hormone capitalizes on lessons from previous programs
 - Delivers physiological levels of unmodified growth hormone
 - Safety, tolerability, efficacy and immunogenicity shown to be comparable to daily hGH therapy

GHD – Not Only About Growth

- Children with GHD suffer beyond growth failure¹
 - Increased and abnormal fat distribution (especially truncal fat mass)
 - Abnormal metabolic profile
 - Impaired exercise capacity
 - Decreased quality of life
- Adults with GHD²
 - Trunk fat accumulation and decrease in lean body mass
 - Decreased bone mineral density
 - Dyslipidemia
 - Increased cardiovascular mortality and morbidity
 - Decreased quality of life
- Daily hGH addresses all the symptoms of the disease

Long-acting GH must fully mimic daily hGH to address the totality of the disease

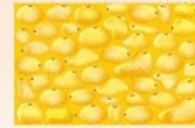
Tissue Specific Effects of GH and IGF-1

- GH receptors are expressed on virtually every cell of the body¹
- IGF-1 in serum is primarily derived from the liver and regulated by GH¹



BONE

Optimal growth is achieved *via* co-stimulation of GH and IGF-1 receptors in bone¹



ADIPOSE TISSUE

GH breakdown fat *via* stimulation of GH receptors in fat, counteracting the lipogenesis effect of IGF-1¹

- Increasing molecular size through permanent protein modification alters the ability to distribute outside the blood compartment compared to unmodified drug²
- Data continue to support that limiting the distribution of GH alters the therapeutic effect on trunk fat and growth velocity compared to unmodified/daily hGH

Tissue Distribution Associated with Optimal Profile



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cartilage system. 2) There is a substantial body of evidence that GH acts directly (and independently of IGF-I) on the growth of bone. 3) Although the liver is the main source of IGF-I in the circulation, IGFs are produced in virtually every tissue of the organism. 4) GH receptors have been shown to be present in virtually every tissue. Thus, mechanisms exist

The metabolic effects of GH may be classified as insulin-like and insulin-antagonistic (19). IGFs were originally identified by their insulin-like effects and were referred to as NSILAs (11–15). Among the established effects of GH are gluconeogenesis and lipolysis (34). On the other hand IGF-I exerts the opposite, insulin-like effects of increased tissue glucose uptake, inhibition of gluconeogenesis, and enhanced adipogenesis (34, 57–59).



(2)

comparable effects on lean body mass without the lipolytic effects of GH in the GHRD subjects. The difference in growth response between rhIGF-I-treated GHRD and rhGH-treated GHD groups is consistent with the hypothesis that 20% or more of GH-influenced growth is due to the direct effects of GH on bone. Nonetheless, the comparable $\Delta\text{HA}/\Delta\text{BA}$ suggests similar long term effects of replacement therapy in the two conditions. (*J Clin Endocrinol Metab* 82: 629–633, 1997)

Additional published data show that long-acting GH formulations based on unmodified hGH and daily hGH are associated with reduction in fat mass³⁻⁴

- 1 J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2007; 12: 4529-4535
- 2 J Clin Endocrinol Metab 1997; 82(2): 629-633
- 3 J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2005 90: 6431-40
- 4 Pituitary. 2013 Sep;16(3):311-8

TransCon GH Designed to Address Issues Raised by Academic and Regulatory Experts¹

Commentary

J S Christiansen and others

Long-acting growth hormone development

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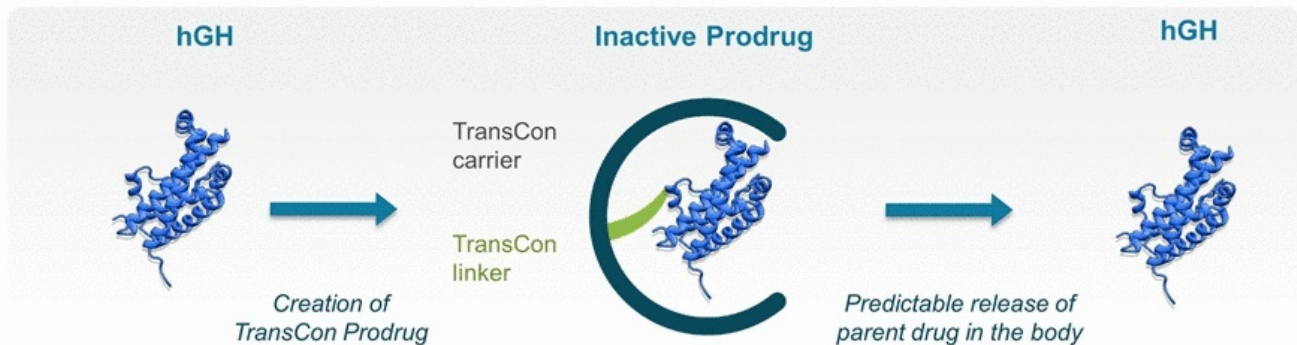
Growth Hormone Research Society perspective on the development of long-acting growth hormone preparations

Potential issues include: (i) supraphysiological elevations of GH and/or IGF1, (ii) trough GH concentrations above normal physiological levels, (iii) fluctuating IGF1 levels, (iv) elevated IGF1 in the absence of GH bioactivity, (v) nonphysiological tissue distribution due to distinct biological features of the products, and (vi) the specific chemical composition of each LAGH product may confer unique safety issues.

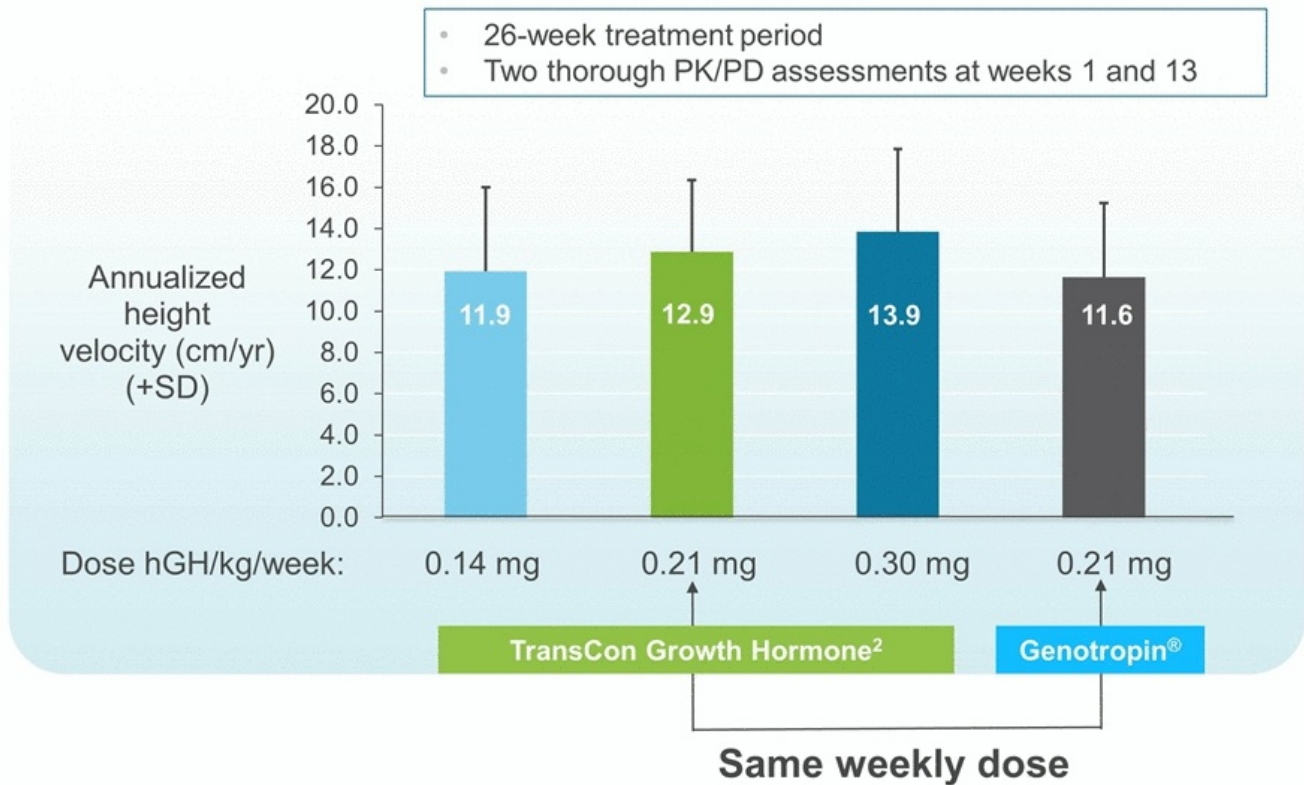
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Once-weekly prodrug releasing unmodified GH designed to mimic daily hGH:

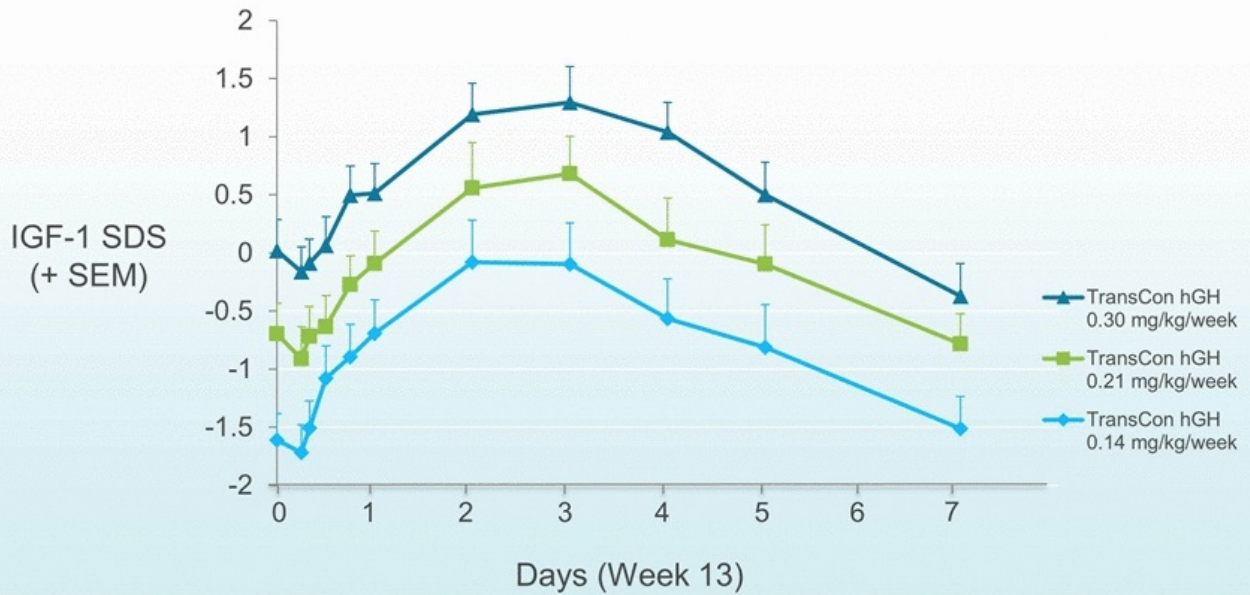
- ✓ Tissue distribution
- ✓ Physiological levels
- ✓ Therapeutic effects



Growth Comparable to Daily hGH in Phase 2 Study¹

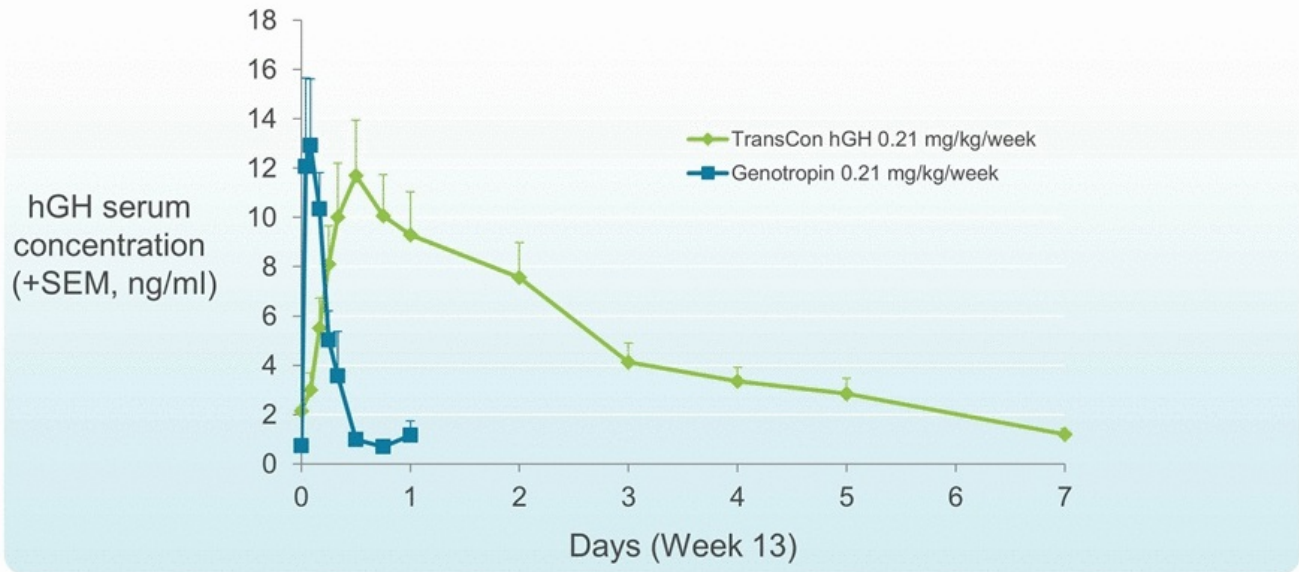


Dose Proportional IGF-1 Elevation Observed into the Normal Range in Phase 2 Study



Transient point values of IGF-1 SDS > +2.0 have been observed in a small number of patients primarily at the highest dose level

Comparable hGH Levels for TransCon Growth Hormone and Daily hGH in Phase 2 Study



Maximum hGH blood concentration comparable between equivalent weekly doses of TransCon Growth Hormone and daily hGH

Comparable Safety to Daily hGH in Phase 2

No Serious Adverse Events (SAEs) related to study drug

- Adverse events consistent with daily hGH therapy observed and not different between cohorts

Immunogenic profile comparable to daily hGH

- Favorable immunogenic profile comparable to daily hGH
- No occurrence of neutralizing antibodies

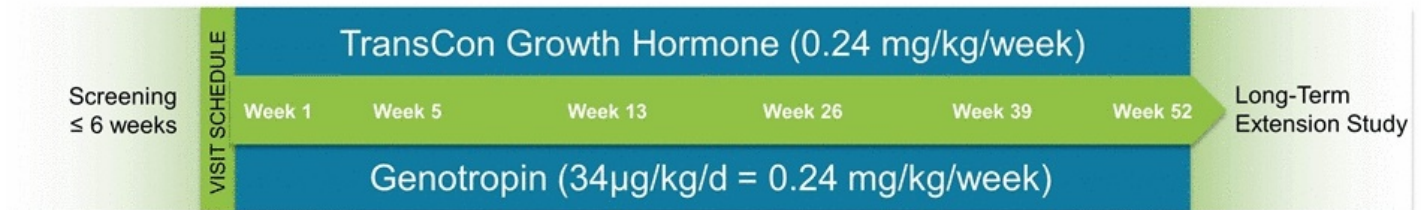
Injection site tolerability comparable to daily hGH

- >1100 TransCon Growth Hormone injections administered in the Phase 2 pediatric study
- No reports of lipoatrophy or nodule formation

Phase 3 Study - heiGHt Trial Ongoing



~ 150 treatment-naïve children with GHD (2:1 randomization)



Key Inclusion Criteria

- Prepubertal children with GHD
- Height SDS ≤ -2.0
- IGF-1 SDS ≤ -1.0
- GHD with 2 GH stim. tests (GH ≤ 10 ng/mL)
- Bone age ≥ 6 months behind chronological

Key Endpoints

- Annualized height velocity (HV) at 52 weeks (primary endpoint)
- Annualized HV at earlier time points
- Change in HT SDS over 52 weeks
- Change in serum IGF-1/IGFBP-3 levels
- Change in IGF-1 SDS and IGFBP-3 SDS
- Normalization of IGF-1 SDS

Easy to Use Device with Optimal Product Features

Key Device Features

- Simple operation with few user steps
- A single low-volume injection for all patients (<0.6 mL)
- Small needle comparable to daily hGH (31G, 4mm)
- Room temperature storage
- No waste due to empty-all design
- Enabled for Bluetooth® connectivity to IT health care solutions
- Device lifetime at least 4 years



Auto-injector for commercialization to be used in extension study

TransCon Growth Hormone Target Product Profile

- ✓ Efficacy
- ✓ Safety (including immunogenicity)
- ✓ Tolerability



**Comparable to
Daily Growth Hormone**

- ✓ Weekly subcutaneous administration
- ✓ Single injection/dose
- ✓ Convenience
 - ✓ 31G needle
 - ✓ Room temperature storage
- ✓ Device
 - ✓ Easy to use
 - ✓ Empty-all design (controlled substance)



TransCon Growth Hormone: Highlights

- Potential best-in-class long-acting growth hormone product profile
- Phase 3 heiGHt Trial recruiting and initial patients dosed; full enrollment expected 4Q 2017
- Commercial scale manufacturing and supply chain established
- Auto-injector developed and on-track for launch
- Multiple patent concepts provide potential protection into 2036



TransCon PTH:
Once-Daily for
Hypoparathyroidism

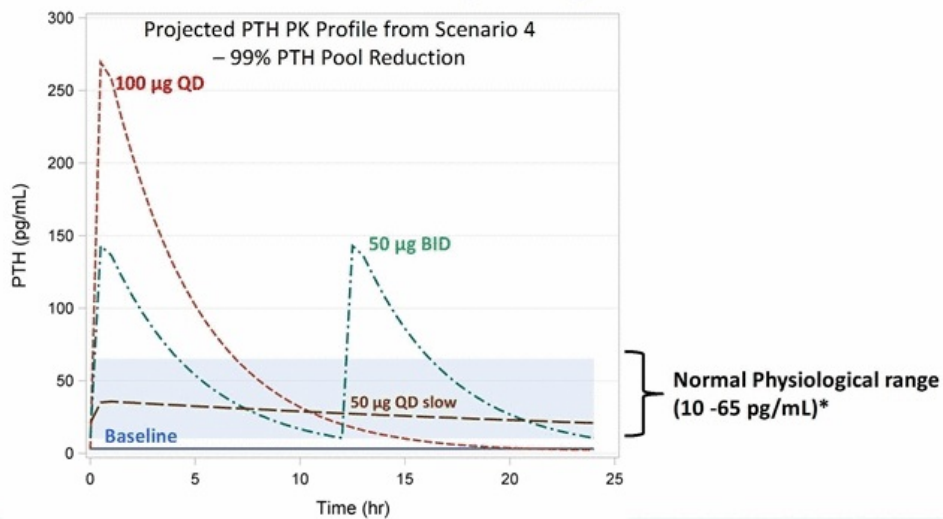


Hypoparathyroidism – Not Only About Serum Calcium

- Hypoparathyroidism affects 77,000 patients in the U.S.¹
- Patients suffer numerous comorbidities:
 - Hypocalcemia and hypercalcemia
 - Basal ganglia/CNS calcifications
 - Hypercalciuria (stones, nephrocalcinosis)
 - Lenticular calcifications/cataracts
 - Psychiatric disorders, depression
 - Arterial calcifications/atherosclerosis
 - Reduced QOL
- Until recently, hypoparathyroidism remained among the few hormonal insufficiency states not treated by the replacement of its missing hormone
- Natpara® [PTH(1-84)] launched in 2015 as once-daily administration but incompletely addresses all aspects of the disease

FDA Perspective on Optimal PTH PK¹

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

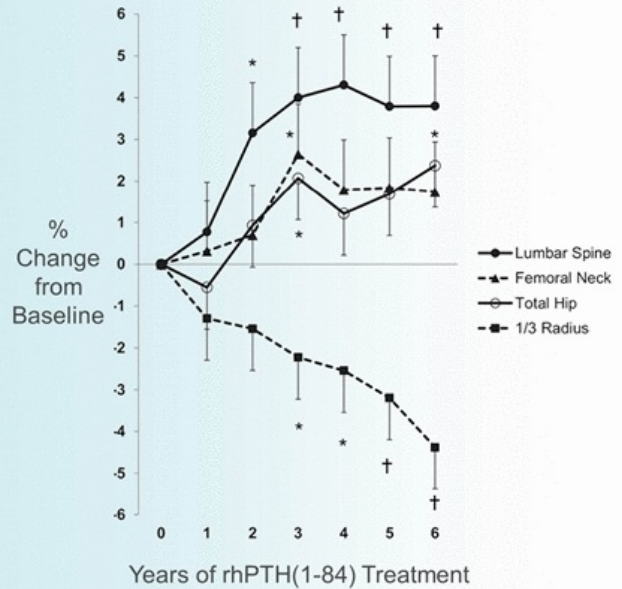


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Intermittent PTH Caused Decrease in Cortical BMD

- Six years of therapy with Natpara was associated with a progressive decrease in cortical BMD¹
- Continuous exposure to PTH(1-34) restores bone turnover to normal levels while avoiding the overstimulation of daily or twice daily injections²
- TransCon PTH is expected to normalize bone turnover and BMD, due to continuous PTH exposure

6 years of Natpara therapy decreases cortical bone BMD



Optimal PTH PK Improved Treatment Outcomes

Physiological Effect in Hypoparathyroidism	Natpara Once-daily ^{1, 2}	PTH (1-34) Infusion ³⁻⁶
Increase serum calcium	✓	✓
Reduce pill burden	✓	✓
Normalize urinary calcium excretion	✗	✓
Reduce clinical hypercalcemia	✗	✓
Reduce clinical hypocalcemia	✗	✓
Normalize serum phosphate	✓ (high-normal range)	✓
Normalize bone turnover	✗ (cortical bone loss)	✓

NIH clinical trials demonstrated superiority of continuous infusion > twice daily injections > once daily injections³⁻⁶

¹ Natpara Product Label

² J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2016, 101(7): 2742-2750

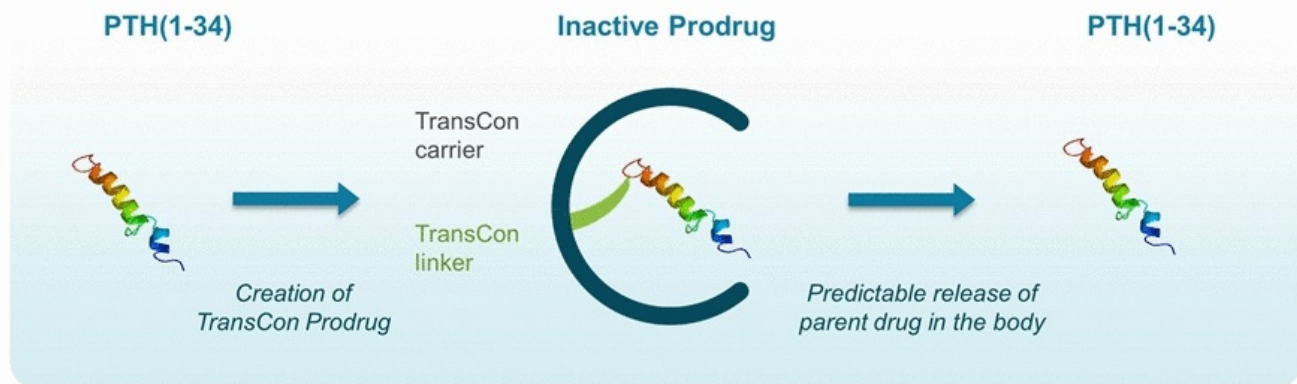
³ J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2009, 93(9): 3389-3395

⁴ J Clin Endocrinol Metab 1998, 83(10): 3480-3486

⁵ J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2013, 88(9): 4214-4220

⁶ JAMA 1996, 276(8): 631-636

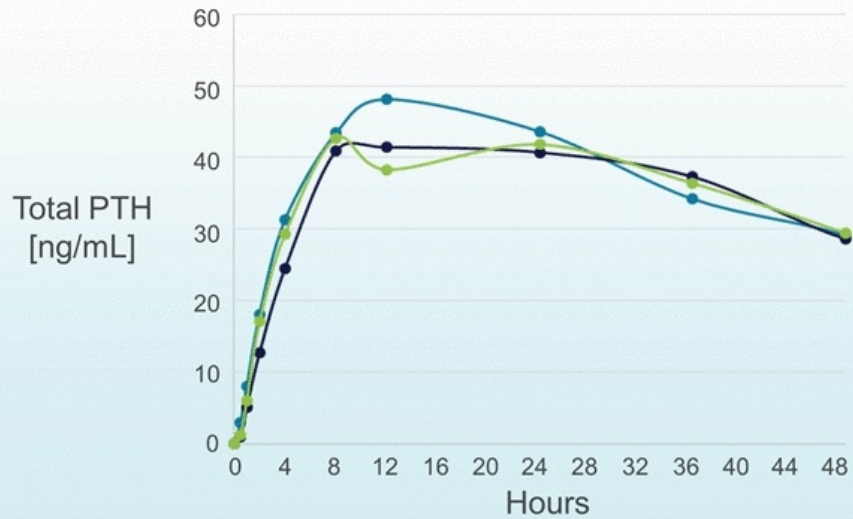
Designed Specifically for Hypoparathyroidism



- TransCon PTH is a sustained-release prodrug, providing free PTH levels in the physiological range over an entire 24 hours
- TransCon PTH designed to address limitations of current therapies to normalize:
 - Serum and urinary calcium levels
 - Serum phosphate levels
 - Bone turnover

Desired PK Profile Confirmed in Primates

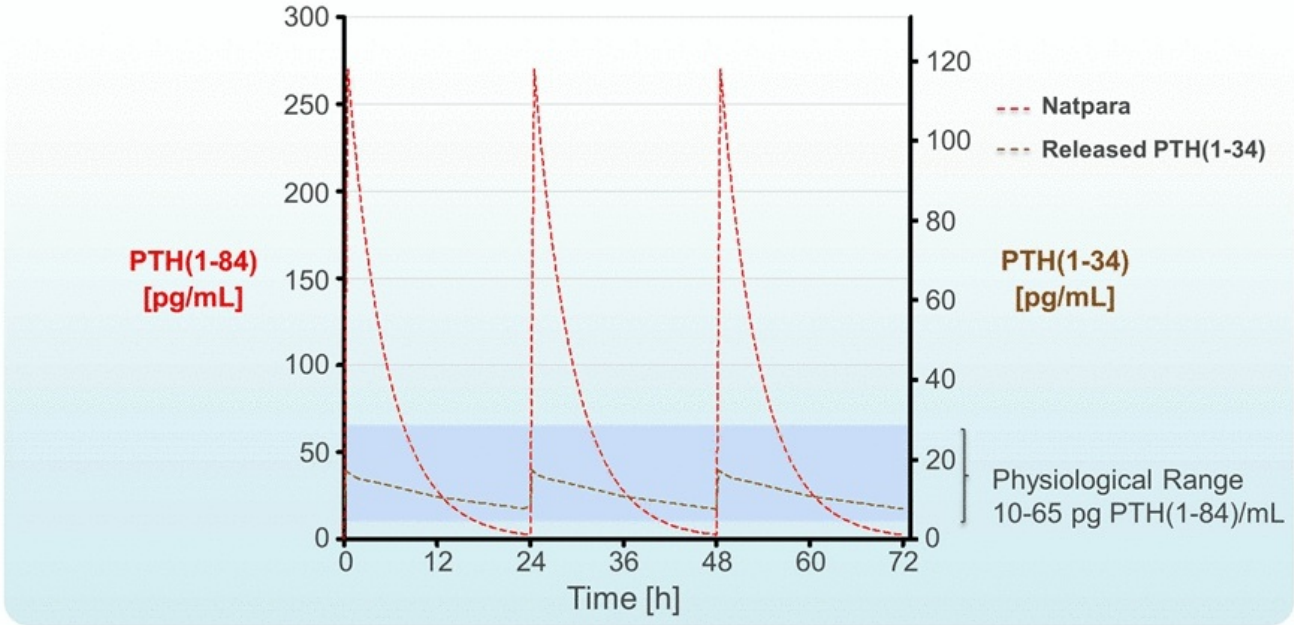
PTH levels following SC injections in cynomolgus monkeys
(TransCon PTH 5 μ g/kg, n=3)



PK profile of TransCon PTH in cynomolgus monkeys supports infusion-like profile following daily administration

Designed to Provide Physiological PTH

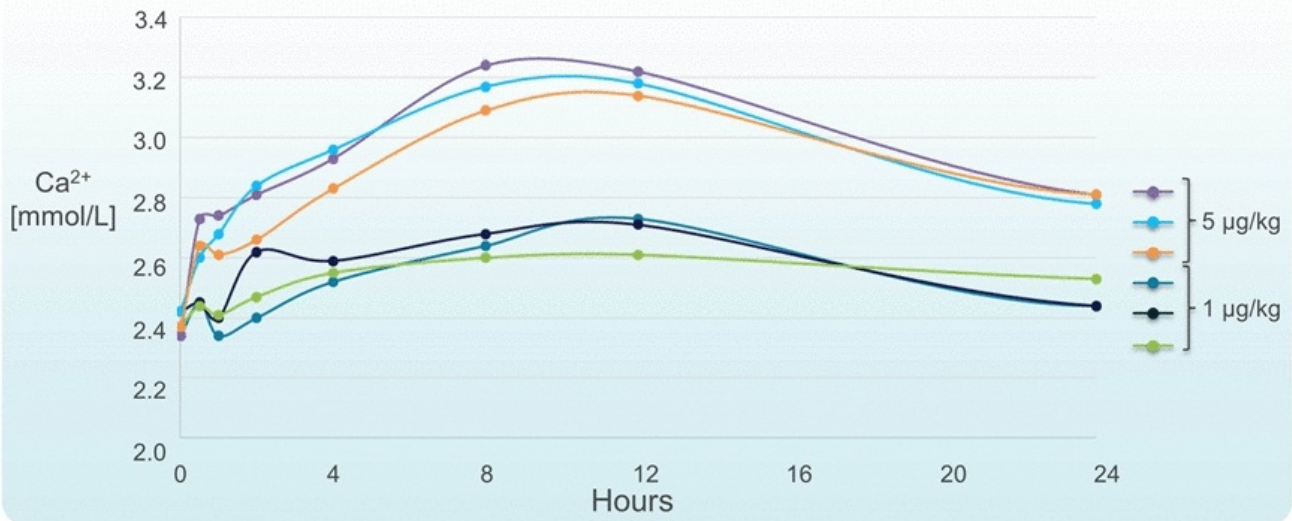
TransCon PTH Modeling Based on Primate PK Data¹



TransCon PTH is designed to maintain serum PTH levels in the physiological range, mimicking physiological exposure

Dose-Dependent Increase of Serum Calcium

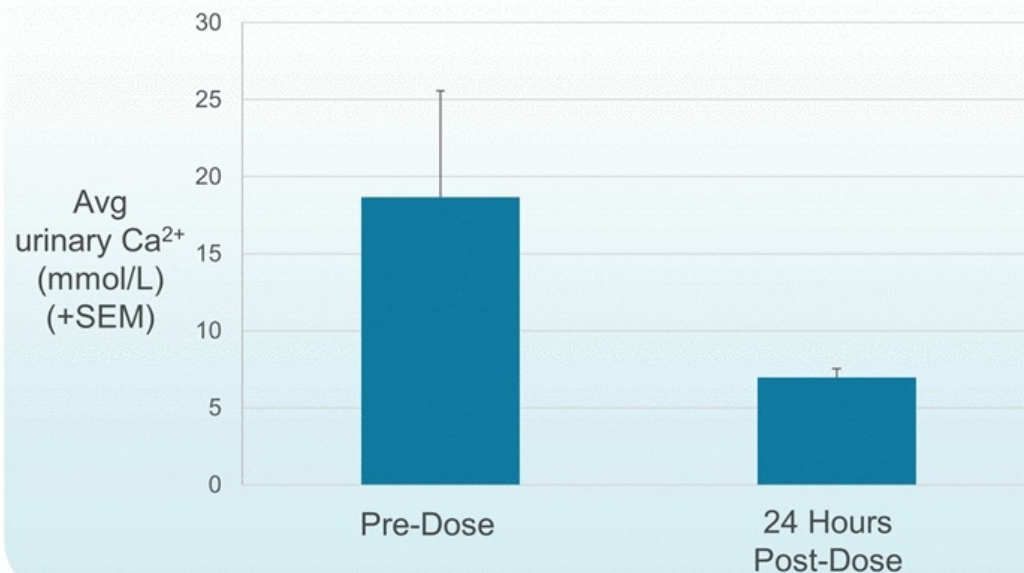
Ca²⁺ following SC injections in cynomolgus monkeys
(TransCon PTH 1µg/kg and 5µg/kg, n=3/group)



TransCon PTH leads to sustained elevation of serum calcium lasting more than 24 hours with low inter-individual variability

Reduction in Urinary Calcium Excretion

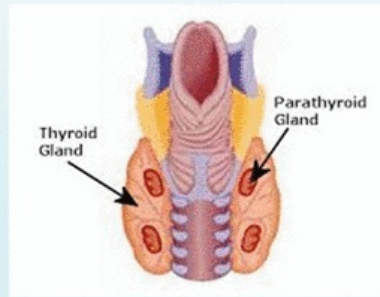
Urinary Ca²⁺ following SC injections in cynomolgus monkeys
(TransCon PTH 1µg/kg, n=3)



TransCon PTH administration reduces urinary calcium excretion in cynomolgus monkeys

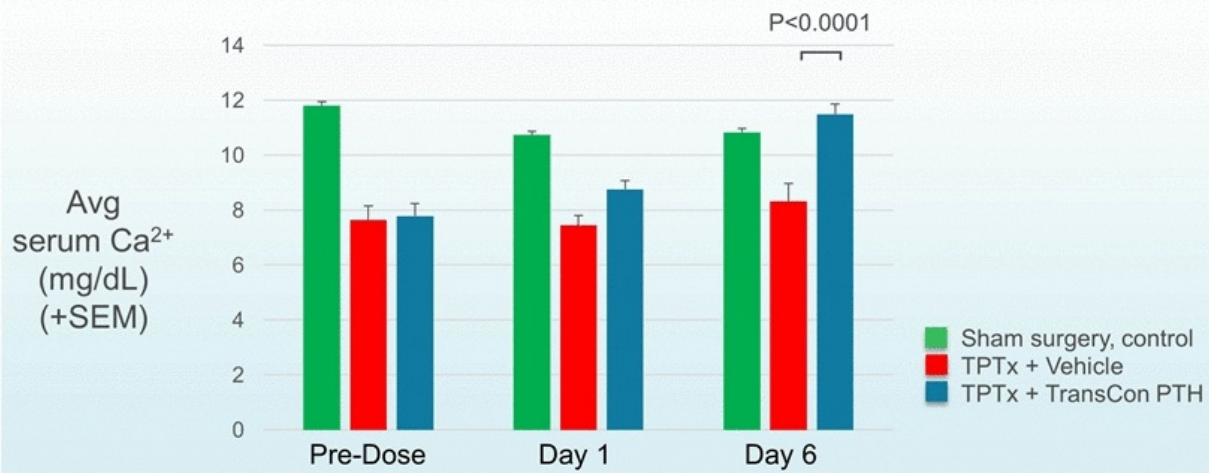
Thyroparathyroidectomy (TPTx) Model

- Hypoparathyroidism disease model
 - Rats subjected to thyroparathyroidectomy (TPTx) by removal of the thyroid and parathyroid glands and allowed to stabilize prior to dosing
 - Model characterized by decreased serum calcium and increased serum phosphorus



Normalized Calcium in Hypoparathyroidism Model

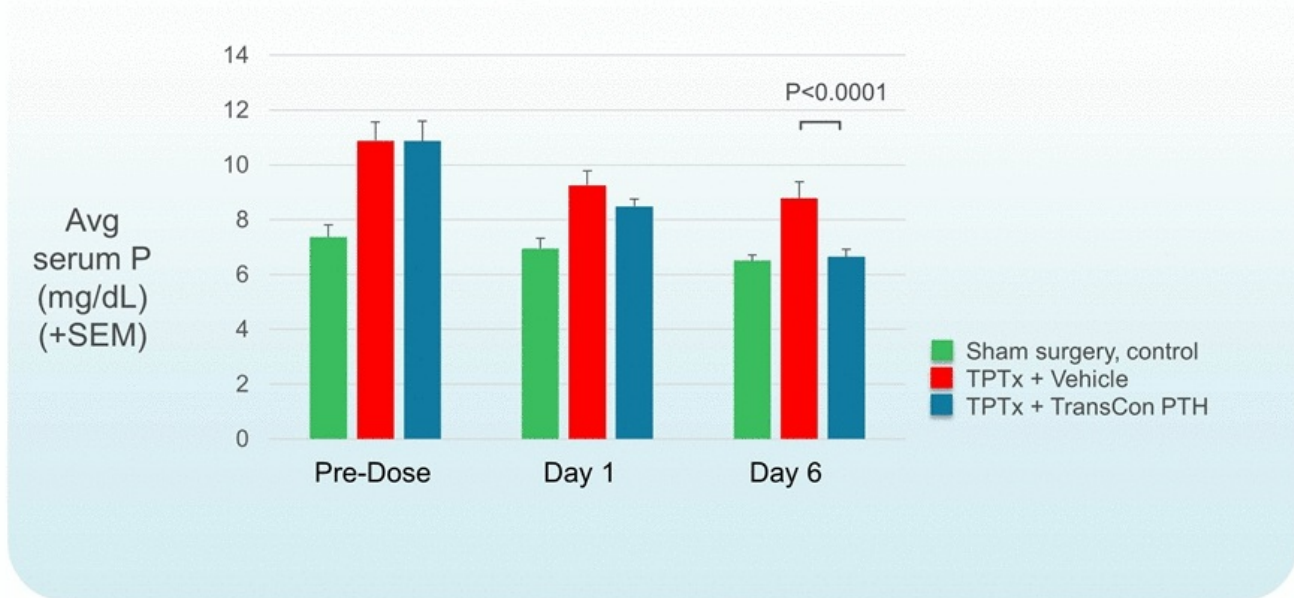
Ca²⁺ following SC injections in a TPTx model
(TransCon PTH 5µg/kg, n=9/group)



TransCon PTH normalized serum calcium in a relevant disease model of hypoparathyroidism

Reduced Phosphorous in Hypoparathyroidism Model

Serum Phosphorous following SC injections in a TPTx model
(TransCon PTH 5 μ g/kg, n=9/group)



TransCon PTH normalized serum phosphorous in a relevant disease model of hypoparathyroidism

TransCon PTH: Highlights

- Development risk lowered as TransCon PTH based on parent drug [PTH(1-34)] with clinical proof of principle and proven TransCon technology
- Preclinical data mimic [PTH(1-34)] infusion and demonstrate once-daily TransCon PTH address the limitations of current therapies
- Accelerated clinical development plan
 - IND or equivalent filing expected 2Q 2017
 - Combined Phase 1 single and multiple ascending dose trial
 - Planning initiation of pivotal trial in 2018
- Multiple patent concepts provide potential protection into 2037



TransCon CNP: Once-Weekly CNP for Achondroplasia

Achondroplasia – Not Only a Skeletal Disease

**Autosomal
dominant genetic
disorder**

- Most common form of human dwarfism
- Approximately 250,000 patients worldwide¹
- 80% born to average-sized parents

**Patients suffer
numerous
comorbidities**

- Back/spine/cord compression
- Cardiovascular complications
- Dental complications
- Ear infections/sleep apnea
- Obesity
- Bowed legs

**No FDA-approved
therapy**

- Only option to improve height is surgical limb lengthening

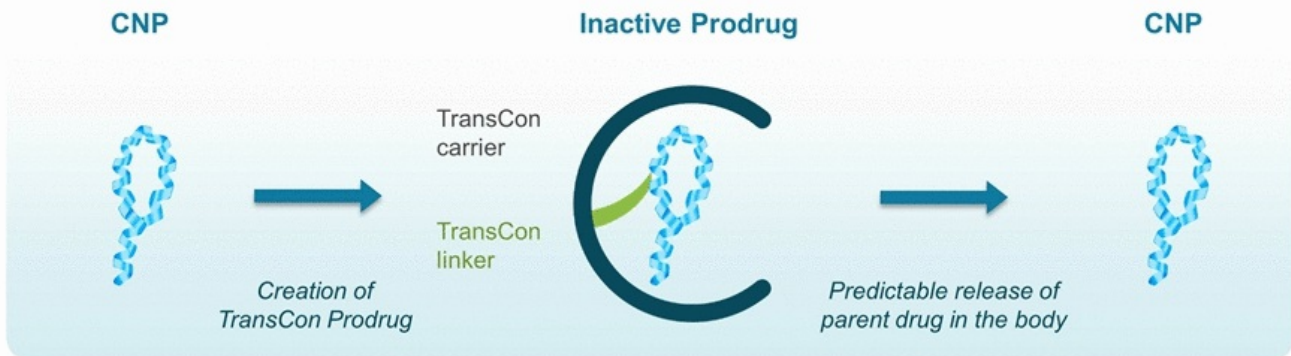


Clinical Proof of Principle in Achondroplasia

- Vosoritide (CNP analog) in Phase 3 for achondroplasia; reported promising height velocity data
 - Effects on growth at 12 months with 46-65% improvement from baseline in mean annual growth velocity¹
 - Vosoritide well tolerated, but hypotension observed in 40% of subjects receiving 15 µg/kg/day¹
 - Therapeutic coverage limited by the half-life of vosoritide (~20 min)

Therapeutic Goal: Optimize CNP efficacy with a well tolerated and convenient dosage form

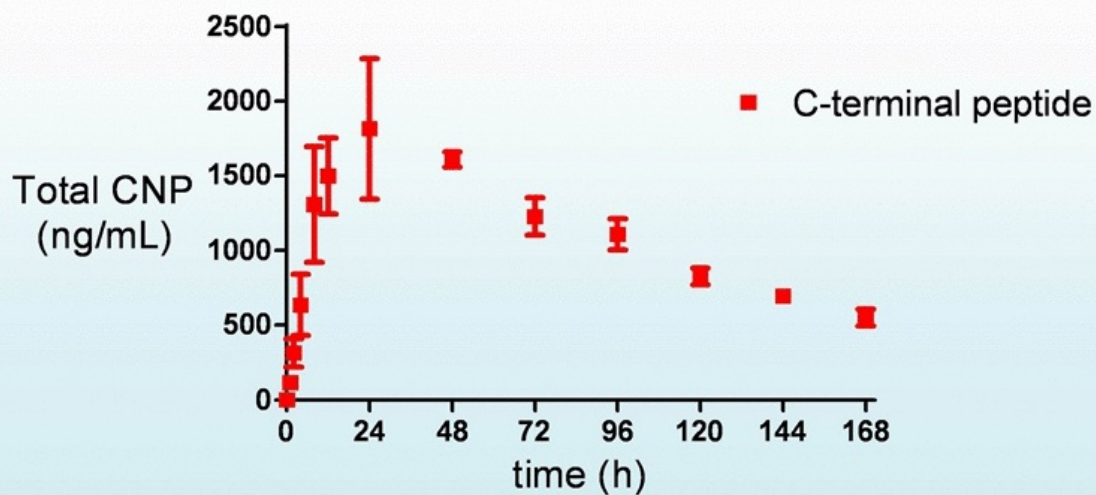
TransCon Technology Offers Potential Solution



- Effective shielding of TransCon CNP
 - From neutral endopeptidase degradation in subcutaneous tissue and blood compartment
 - Minimize binding of TransCon CNP to the NPR-C receptor to decrease clearance
 - Reduce binding of TransCon CNP to the NPR-B receptor to avoid hypotension
- Unmodified CNP liberated from TransCon CNP maintains small enough size to allow penetration into growth plates

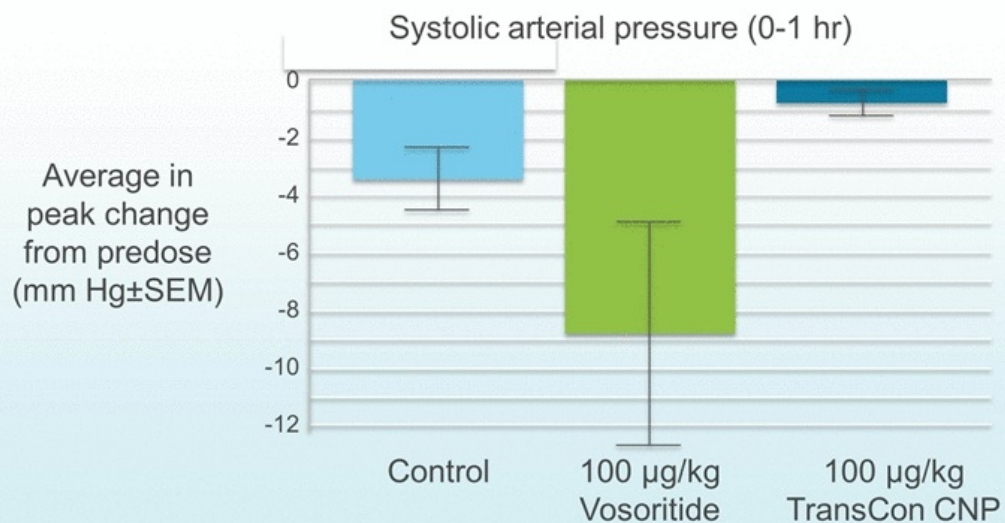
TransCon CNP Weekly Profile Confirmed in Primates

TransCon CNP following SC injections in cynomolgus monkeys (n=3)



- Data from ongoing and completed preclinical studies supports weekly dosing in patients with achondroplasia
- No cardiovascular adverse effects observed in preclinical models

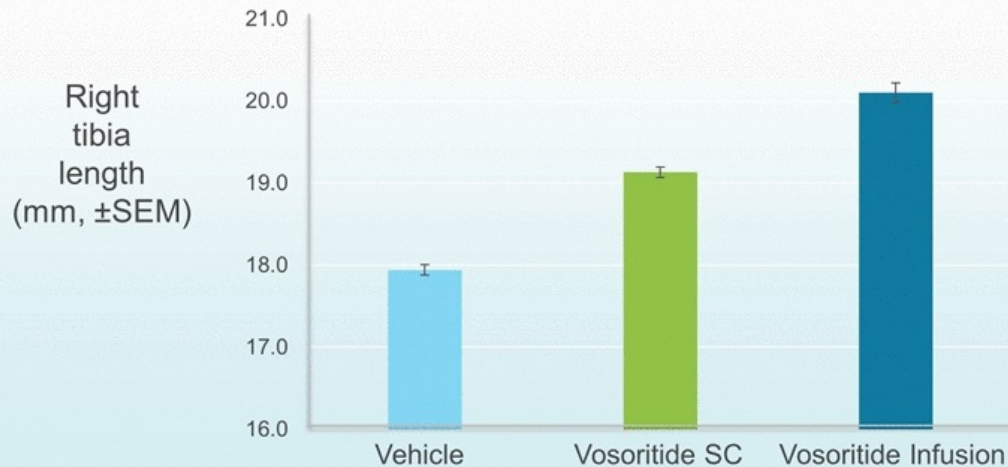
No CV Safety Signals Observed for TransCon CNP¹



- No hypotension or increased heart rate observed in telemetrized cynomolgus monkeys (n=4/group) receiving TransCon CNP
- BP changes in this study comparable to previous vosoritide study²

Continuous Infusion More Effective Than Daily¹

Mouse Growth Study Right Tibia Length
50 nmol/kg/day (n=9/group)



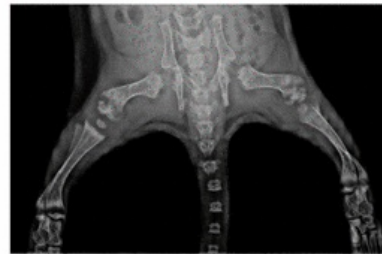
- Same amount of CNP given as continuous infusion in mice is more efficacious than daily SC injection over 35 days
- Same effect demonstrated for Ascendis' CNP peptide

TransCon CNP Improved Phenotype of $Fgfr3^{Y367C/+}$ Mouse Model of Achondroplasia

$Fgfr3^{Y367C/+}$ + Vehicle



$Fgfr3^{Y367C/+}$ + TransCon CNP



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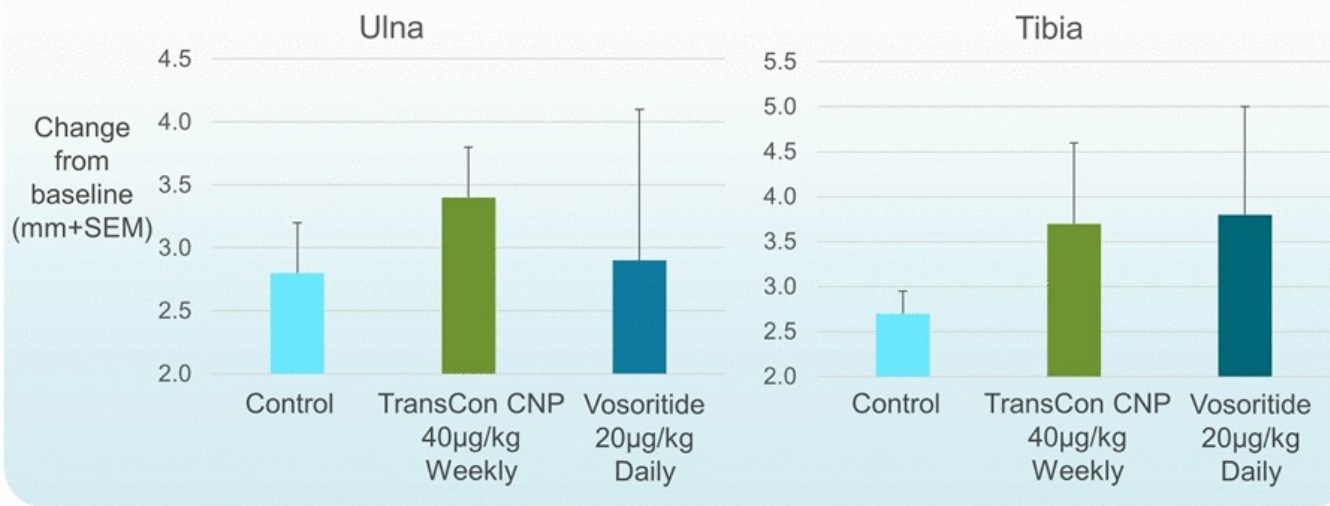
Juvenile Cynomolgus Growth Study Ongoing



- Comparing weekly TransCon CNP to a higher cumulative daily dose of vosoritide
- 6-month data expected in 1Q 2017

Juvenile Cynomolgus Growth Study – Interim Data¹

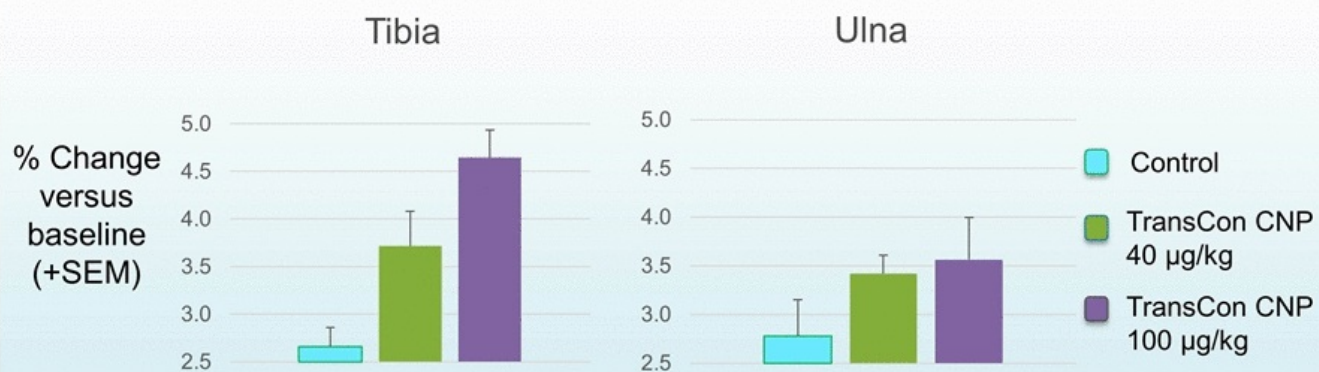
Growth following SC injections in juvenile cynomolgus monkeys at week 8 (n=4)



- TransCon CNP dose ~1/3 of vosoritide on a weekly basis
- Both TransCon CNP and vosoritide demonstrated a trend of bone growth over control-treated monkeys

Juvenile Cynomolgus Growth Study – Dose Effect

Growth following SC injections in juvenile cynomolgus monkeys at week 8 (n=4)

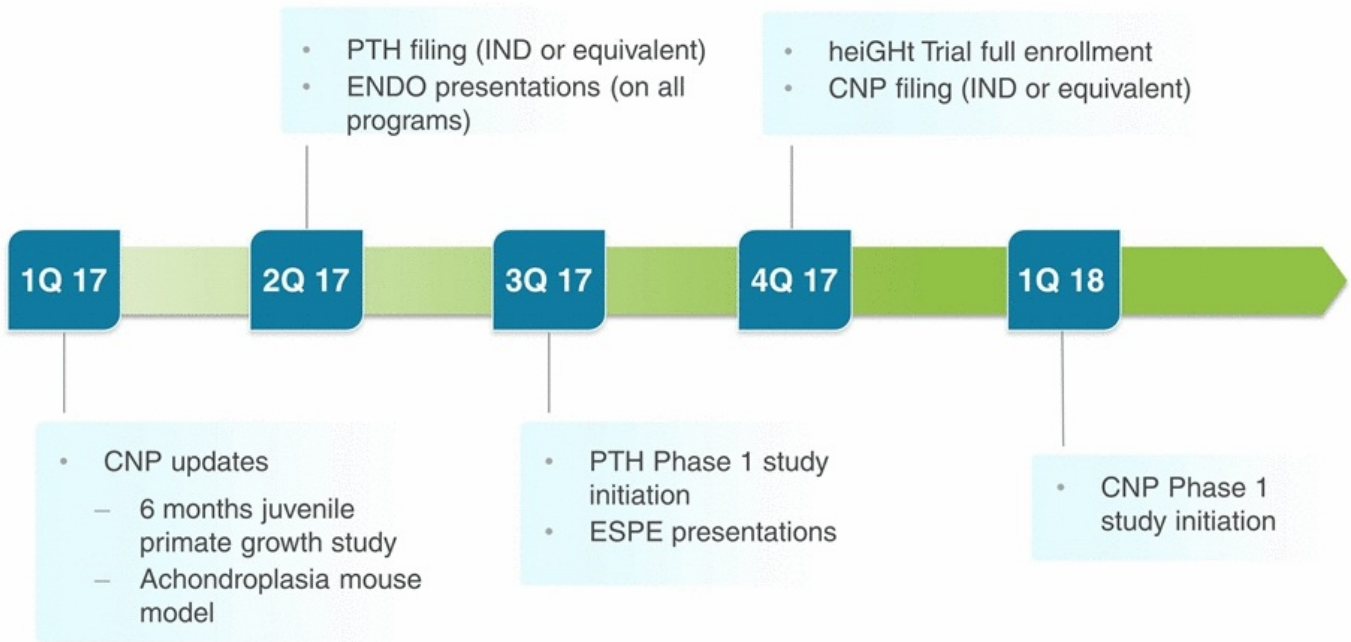


- Trend towards dose-proportional increase in growth with once-weekly TransCon CNP administration

TransCon CNP: Highlights

- TransCon CNP leverages Ascendis' technology platform to develop a once-weekly administration, without dose limiting cardiovascular adverse effects
 - Shields CNP from NPR-C receptor clearance and NPR-B induced-hypotension
 - Prolonged half-life extension and efficacy trend observed in cynomolgus monkeys
 - Reversion of phenotypical traits and comorbidities in mouse model of achondroplasia
- IND or equivalent filing expected 4Q 2017
- Phase 1 planned in healthy volunteers to establish tolerable dose range
- Multiple patent concepts provide potential protection into 2037

Selected Expected Milestones & News Drivers



Building a Leading Rare Disease Company

- Create best-in-class rare disease products addressing unmet medical needs
 - Apply TransCon technology to parent drugs with clinical proof-of-concept
 - Expect higher development success rate compared to traditional drug development
- Endocrinology rare disease wholly-owned pipeline and expected milestones
 - TransCon Growth Hormone for pediatric GHD: heiGHt Trial full enrollment Q4 2017
 - TransCon PTH for hypoparathyroidism: IND/equivalent in 2Q 2017; planning pivotal trial in 2018
 - TransCon CNP for achondroplasia: IND/equivalent in 4Q 2017
- Commercial focus on the U.S. market with multi-billion dollar revenue potential
- Established high-value collaborations with Roche/Genentech in ophthalmology and Sanofi in diabetes
- Pro forma September 30, 2016 cash of ~ €190 million¹