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# Agenda



## 1. Introduction, Company overview and drug candidates in development

### 2. PledOx<sup>®</sup> in Chemotherapy Induced Peripheral Neuropathy (CIPN)

- a. Unmet medical need
- b. Development of PledOx<sup>®</sup> in CIPN with oxaliplatin
- c. Commercial opportunity in CIPN with oxaliplatin
- d. Indication expansion – CIPN with taxanes

### 3. Aladote<sup>®</sup> in Paracetamol Overdose (POD)

- a. Unmet medical need
- b. Aladote<sup>®</sup> proof of principle study results
- c. Development of Aladote to prevent acute liver injury caused by POD
- d. Commercial opportunity in POD

### 4. Corporate Strategy

- a. Finance and up-listing
- b. Business development
- c. Direction and opportunities to enhance value

### 5. Summary & Closing remarks

# Today's speakers and moderator



**Nicklas Westerholm**  
CEO

Took office in June 2017. Previously worked in the AstraZeneca Group since 1996 in number of global leadership roles in various business areas such as R&D, Finance & Investor Relations, and Commercial Manufacturing and Supply, most recently as VP in Project & Portfolio Management, Cardiovascular and Metabolic Diseases, Global Medicines Development Unit. Prior, Nicklas has held positions such as Executive Officer & VP Japan Operations and Director of Investor Relations.



**Christian Sonesson, Ph.D.**  
VP Product Strategy & Development

Appointed VP Product Strategy & Development in Aug 2017 following 13 years at Astra Zeneca. He has broad experience within drug development, including successfully leading products during Phase 3 (FORXIGA® in type 1 diabetes) and of regulatory submissions and defense, bringing new drug candidates to market in different regions (e.g. FORXIGA® in type 2 diabetes, MOVANTIK®, ONGLYZA®-SAVOR, BRILINTA®-PEGASUS and QTERN®). Christian has a Ph.D. in Biostatistics from Gothenburg University and an Executive MBA from Stockholm School of Economics.



**Yilmaz Mahshid, Ph.D.**  
CFO

Joined Dec 2017. Dr Mahshid has a Ph.D. from department of Medical Biochemistry and Biophysics at Karolinska Institute and has previously been employed at Industrifonden as an Investment Manager & Controller. He also has previous experience as a healthcare analyst at Pareto Securities. He started his career as a researcher at Karolinska Institutet and later at the pharmaceutical companies Biologop and Orexo



**Prof Per Pfeiffer, PhD**

Prof. Pfeiffer, MD, PhD, currently Professor at the University of Southern Denmark, Head of Clinical Research Unit and the Digestive Oncology Unit at department of Oncology, Odense University Hospital, Denmark. Prof. Per Pfeiffer obtained his degree of MD and PhD at the University of Southern Denmark  
His research interests include primarily clinical cancer research in patients with gastrointestinal cancer, primarily colorectal, gastric and pancreatic cancer. He has published more than 170 peer-reviewed articles (H-factor 32) in prestigious journals.



**James Dear, PhD**

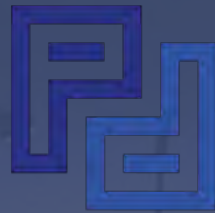
Dr James Dear: Medical training at University College London and a PhD in Pharmacology. Dr Dear spent 2 years at a research fellow at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, USA. Since 2005, Dr Dear has been at the University of Edinburgh. Current research interests are markers and mediators of paracetamol toxicity. In 2016 Dr. Dear won the British Pharmacological Societies Grahame-Smith Prize for Research Excellence in Clinical Pharmacology. Dr Dear has published 126 papers (H-index 32).



**Lars Hevrenng**  
Moderator

Lars is an equity research analyst focusing on the healthcare sector. He has a background from Roche, SEB Enskilda and Danske Bank, and is now at Vator Securities





PledPharma

PledPharma is an **innovative**, **unique** and **integrated** pharmaceutical drug development company, focusing on improving treatments for diseases with substantial unmet medical need.

The company's most advanced project PledOx<sup>®</sup> is being developed to reduce nerve damage associated with chemotherapy. A global phase III program is ongoing.

The drug candidate Aladote<sup>®</sup> is being developed to reduce the risk of acute liver injury associated with acetaminophen poisoning. A proof of principle study has successfully been completed and will serve as the basis for the continued development.

**Founded:**

**2006**

**Listed:**

**Nasdaq First North**

**Cash position<sup>2</sup>:**

**SEK 230m**

**Location:**

**Stockholm**

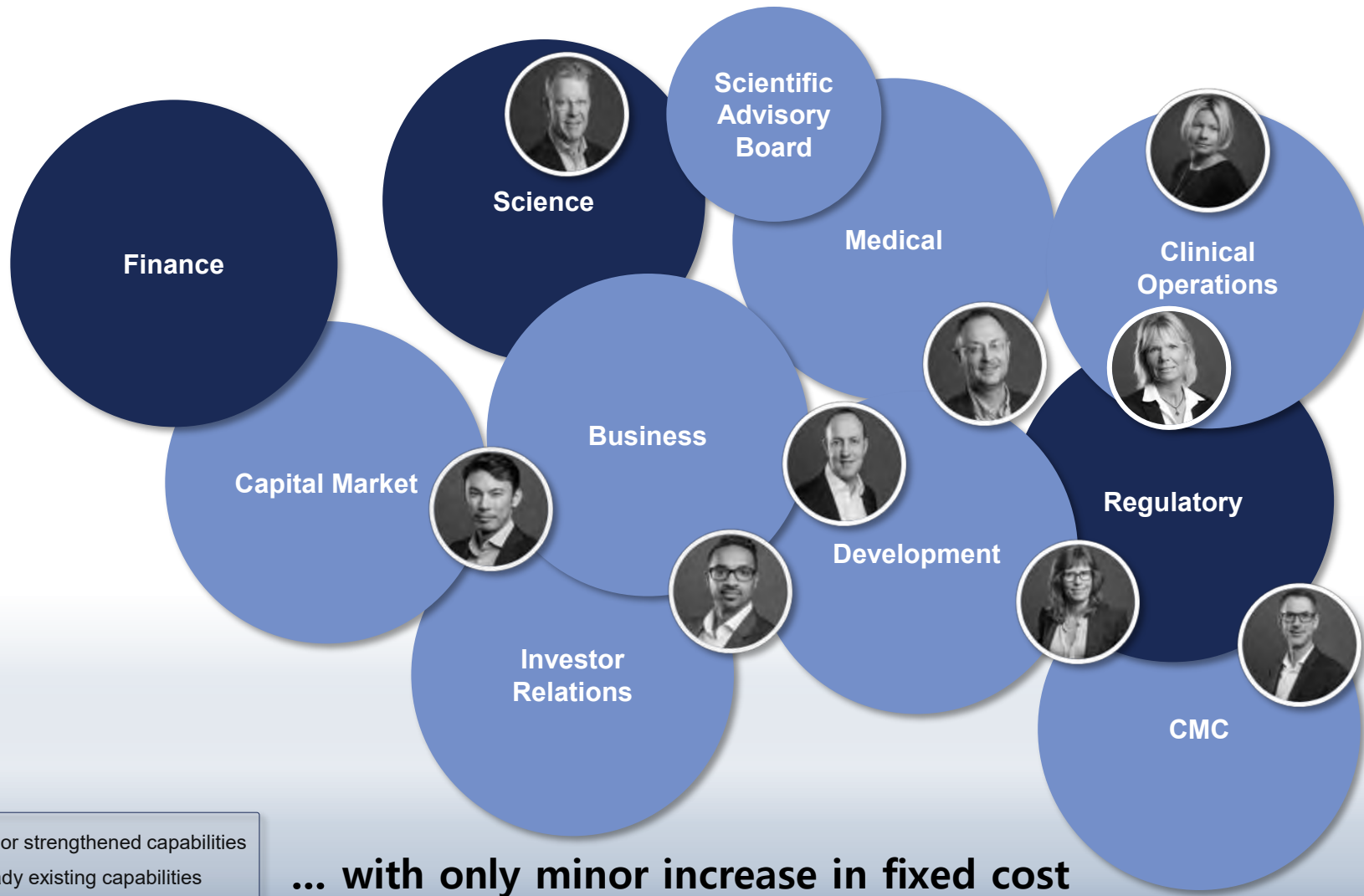
**Market cap<sup>1</sup>:**

**SEK ~940m**

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# Transformation into an integrated drug development company 2017/18 with proven track-record of bringing new products to market...



- New or strengthened capabilities
- Already existing capabilities

# Executive summary - PledOx<sup>®</sup>

Prevents nerve damage caused by chemotherapy treatment



## Phase III

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- ✓ Huge unmet medical need with **No** approved drug for prevention or treatment of Chemotherapy Induced Peripheral Neuropathy
- ✓ Global phase III studies approved in US, EU and JPN with recruitment ongoing - first patient included Nov, 2018
- ✓ License agreement with Solasia to develop and commercialize PledOx<sup>®</sup> in Asia territory
- ✓ Fully financed to top line results H2 2020
- ✓ Opportunity for indication expansion in taxanes

# Executive summary - Aladote<sup>®</sup>

Prevents acute liver injury caused by paracetamol (acetaminophen) poisoning



## Phase II

- ✓ Paracetamol (acetaminophen) poisoning is one of the most common overdose
- ✓ No adequate treatment for high risk patients
- ✓ Successful results from a Phase Ib/IIa study in paracetamol overdosed patients
- ✓ Orphan Drug Designation granted in March 2019 in the US
- ✓ Design of next study finalised - subject to regulatory interactions



# Supported by a robust IP portfolio with composition of matter protection until end-2032



Patent family/  
Patent  
applications /  
granted patents

- **New chemical entity with composition of matter, manufacturing process and broad therapeutic use of calmangafodipir, with US, EU, China, Russia and Japan approved, end-2032**
- Application for a patent term extension of up to 5 years possible at product registration in major markets (e.g. EU, US and JP)
- Several additional “use” patents for PledOx<sup>®</sup> and Aladote<sup>®</sup> such as Cancer treatment methods, 2033, and acute liver failure, 2037.

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**Aladote<sup>®</sup>** registered trademark in EU, US, China and Russia

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**Phase III**

# Colorectal cancer

**When we use oxaliplatin there is  
a medical need to prevent CIPN**

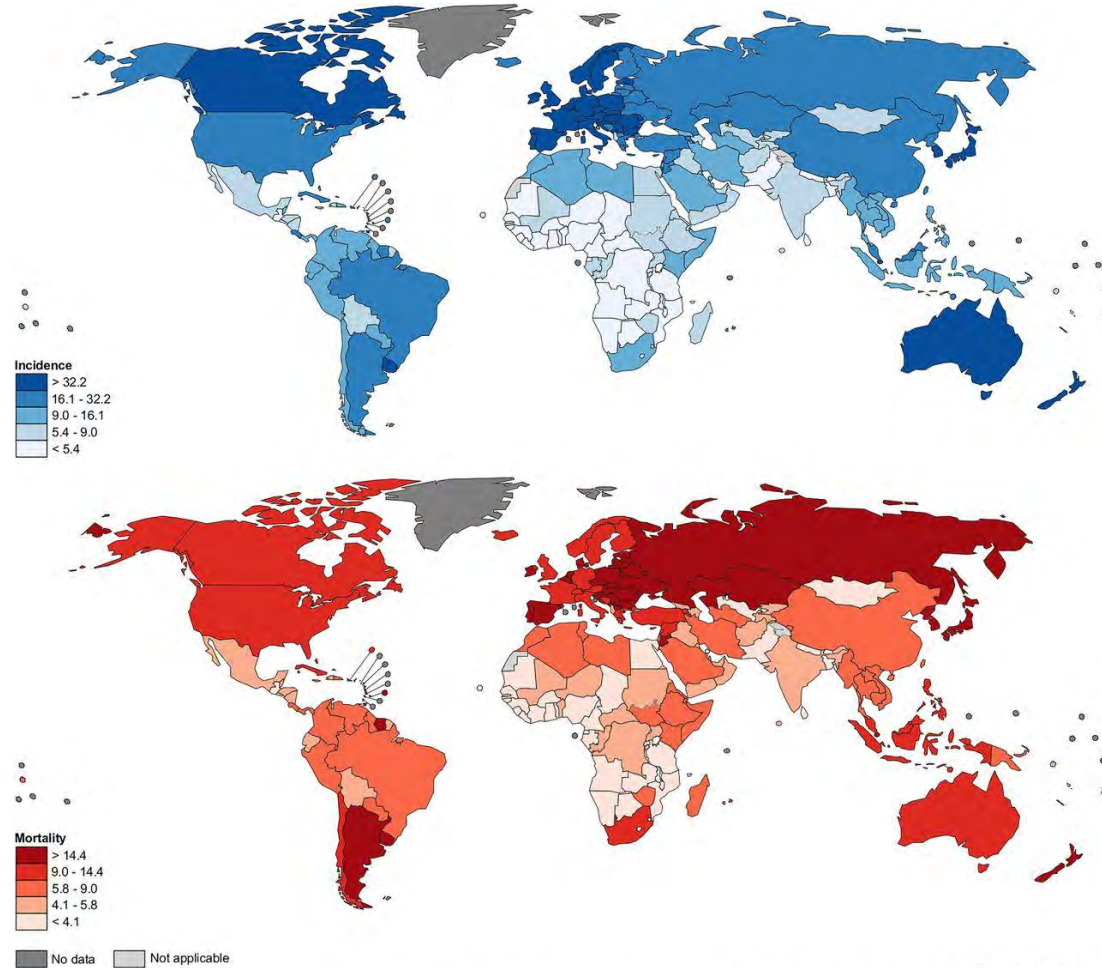
**Per Pfeiffer, MD, PhD**

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# Colorectal cancer - GLOBAL CANCER DATA



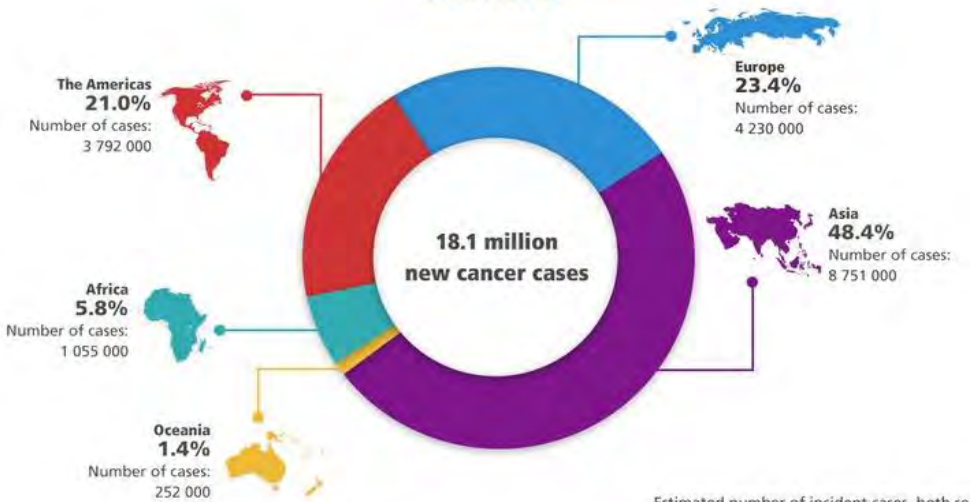
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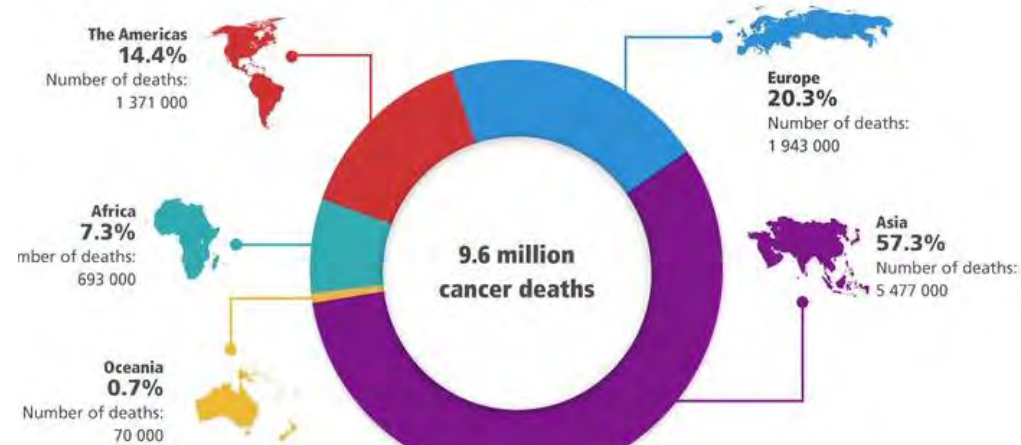


# Colorectal cancer GLOBAL CANCER DATA

## Global cancer incidence



## Global cancer mortality



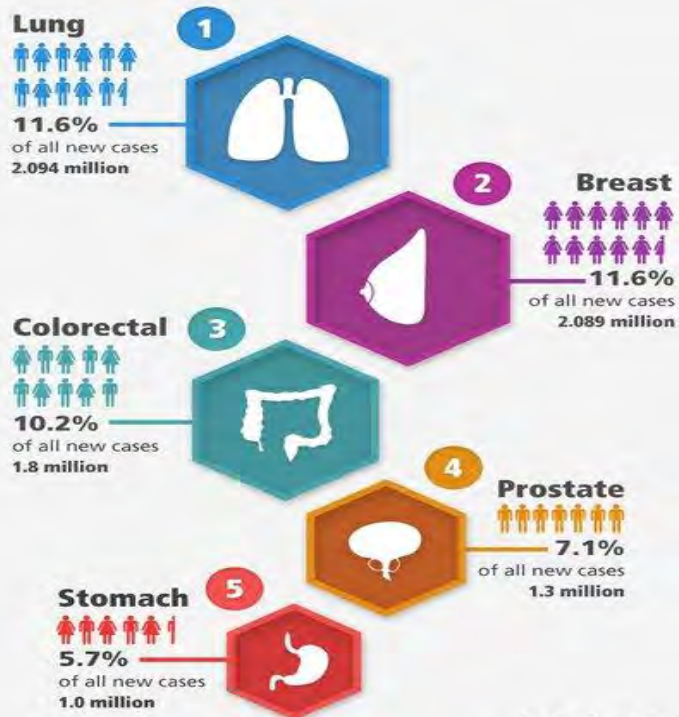


# CANCER TODAY

## The five most commonly diagnosed cancer types

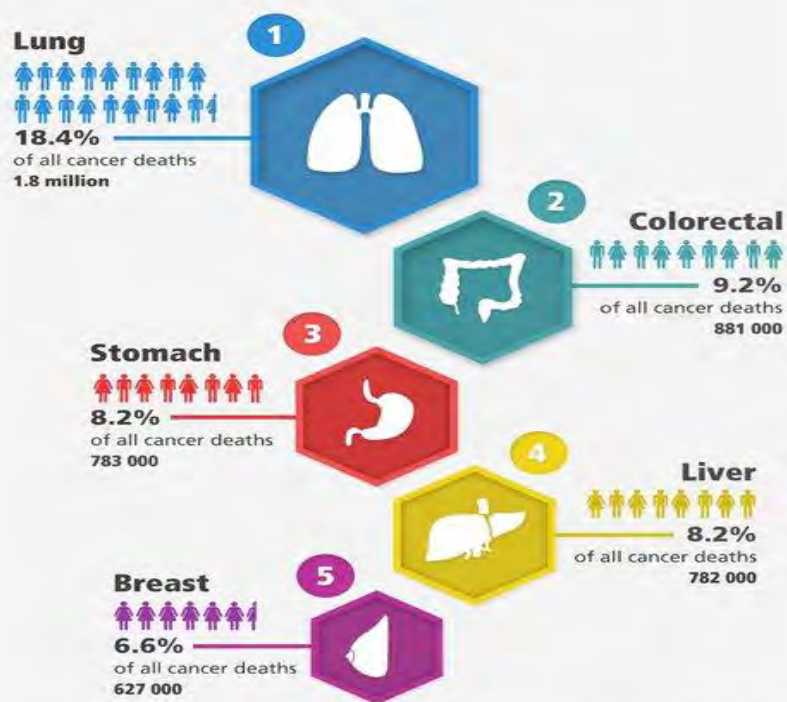
### Percentages of new cancer cases and cancer deaths worldwide in 2018

#### Incidence



For both sexes, all cancers for all ages, worldwide in 2018

#### Mortality



For both sexes, all cancers for all ages, worldwide in 2018

# Colorectal cancer

## Number of cases vs pathological stage - Denmark

	Total	%
Stage 1 +2	2,750	55
Stage 3, lymph node positive	1,500	30
Stage 4, metastatic disease	750	15
Total	~ 5,000	

# Colorectal cancer

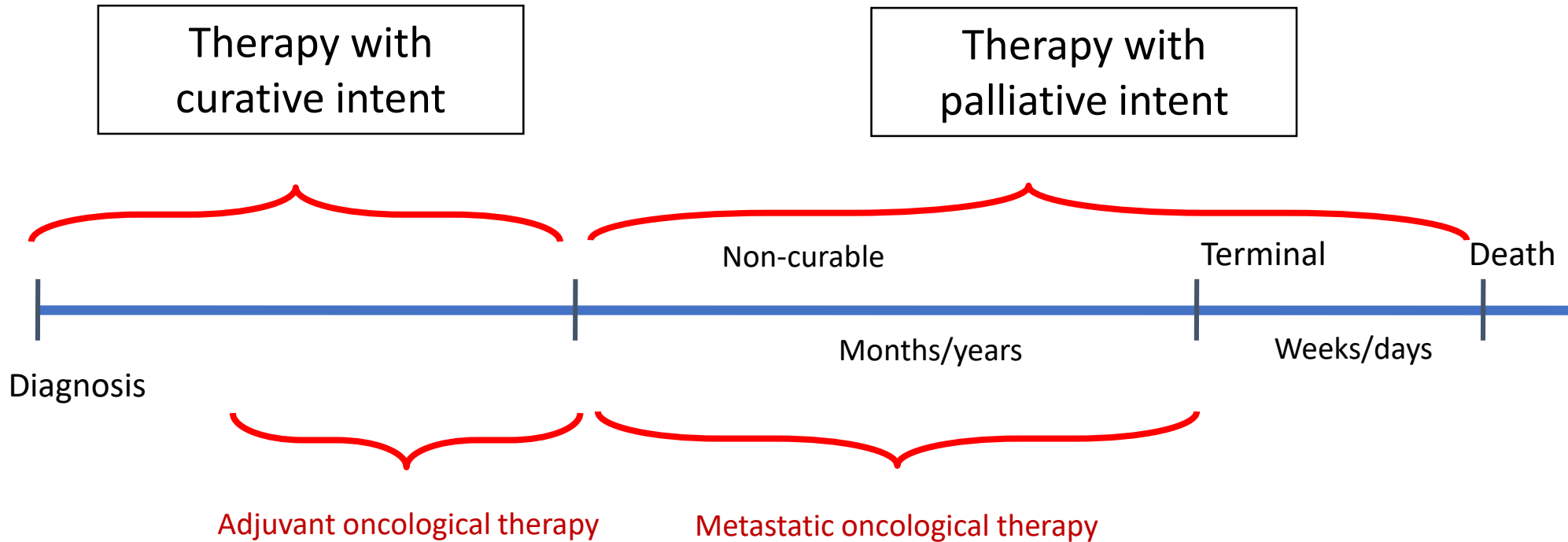
## Number of cases in Denmark

	Total
Denmark, 2012-16	5,000
Denmark, 2032-36	8,200

Increase by 64%

Similar increase  
globally

# Basic oncological concept



# Adjuvant therapy - definition

- Adjuvant therapy = supplementary treatment for (apparently) radically treated patients (often after surgery)
- No signs of residual disease but high risk of recurrence (microscopic residual disease, locally or distant)
- Aim is cure (prolong survival)



# Colorectal cancer

## Stage vs cure

	Total	%	5 year OS (%)
Stage 1	1,250	25	75
Stage 2	1,500	30	65
Stage 3, lymph node positive	1,500	30	50
Stage 4, metastatic disease	750	15	< 10

# Adjuvant treatment in colon cancer stage III

## Lessons learned from randomized trials

### One giant leap for mankind

- 12 months 5-FU (iv) increase 5 year OS

Other minor steps

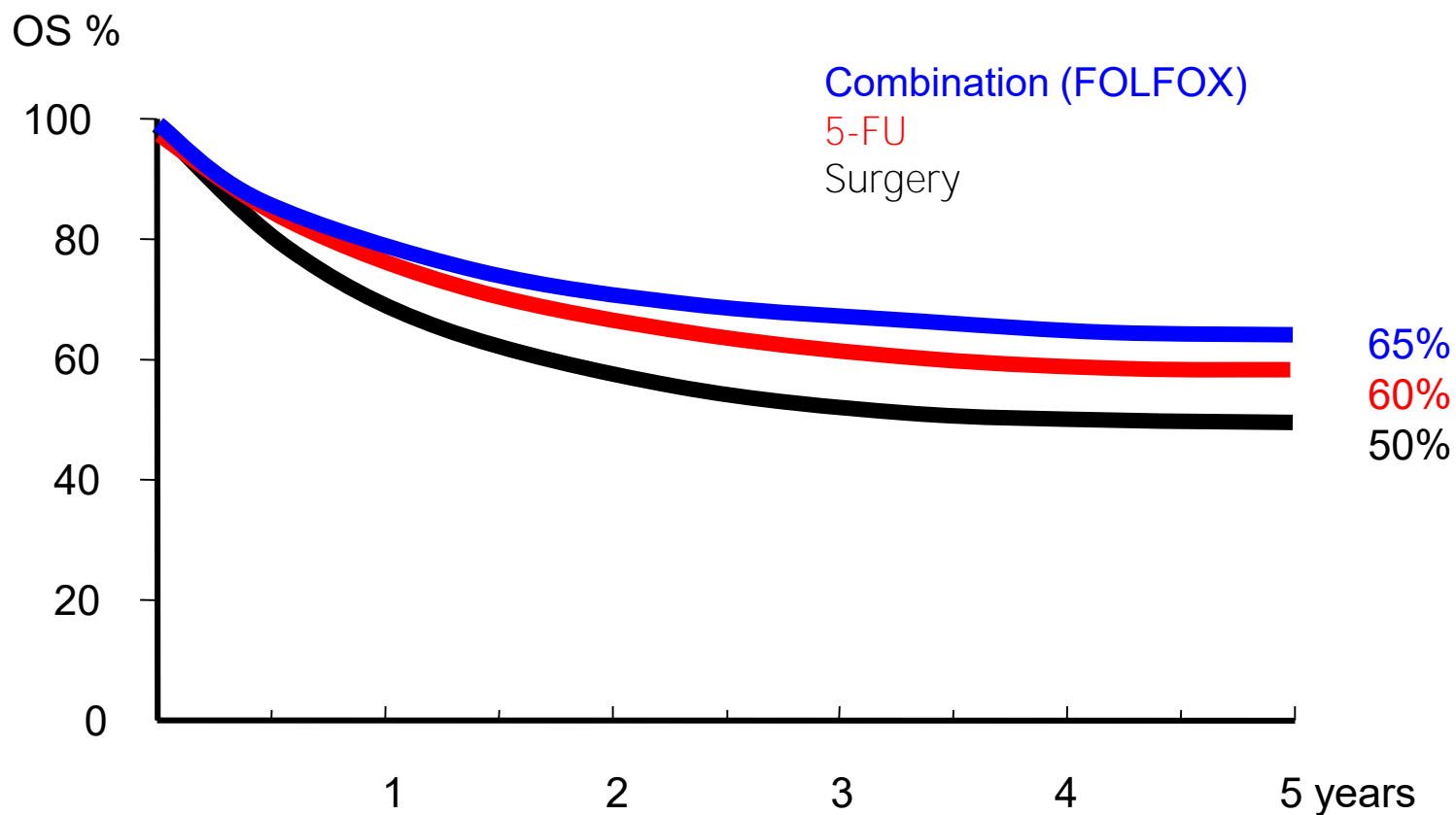
- 6 months = 12 months

### Second large step forward - oxaliplatin

- 5-FU + oxaliplatin (FOLFOX) better than 5-FU

# Efficacy of adjuvant therapy

## Colorectal cancer stage 3 (lymph node metastasis)



## Adjuvant therapy in CRC

- Since 2004, FOLFOX has been standard adjuvant chemotherapy in patients with stage 3 colon cancer (lymph node +).
  - 3 randomized trials showed an improvement in overall survival
- **Accordingly, 6 months of FOLFOX or CapOx became the standard**  
**After IDEA (6 large phase III, 12,000+ patients)**
  - **3 months in low risk stage III (~ 60%)**
  - **6 months in high risk stage III**



### Duration of Adjuvant Chemotherapy for Stage III Colon Cancer

A. Grothey, A.F. Sobrero, A.F. Shields, T. Yoshino, J. Paul, J. Taieb, J. Souglakos, Q. Shi, R. Kerr, R. Labianca, J.A. Meyerhardt, D. Vernerey, T. Yamanaka, I. Boukovinas, J.P. Meyers, L.A. Renfro, D. Niedzwiecki, T. Watanabe,\* V. Torri, M. Saunders, D.J. Sargent,\* T. Andre, and T. Iveson

## IDEA – neurotoxicity (CIPN) after 3 and 6 months

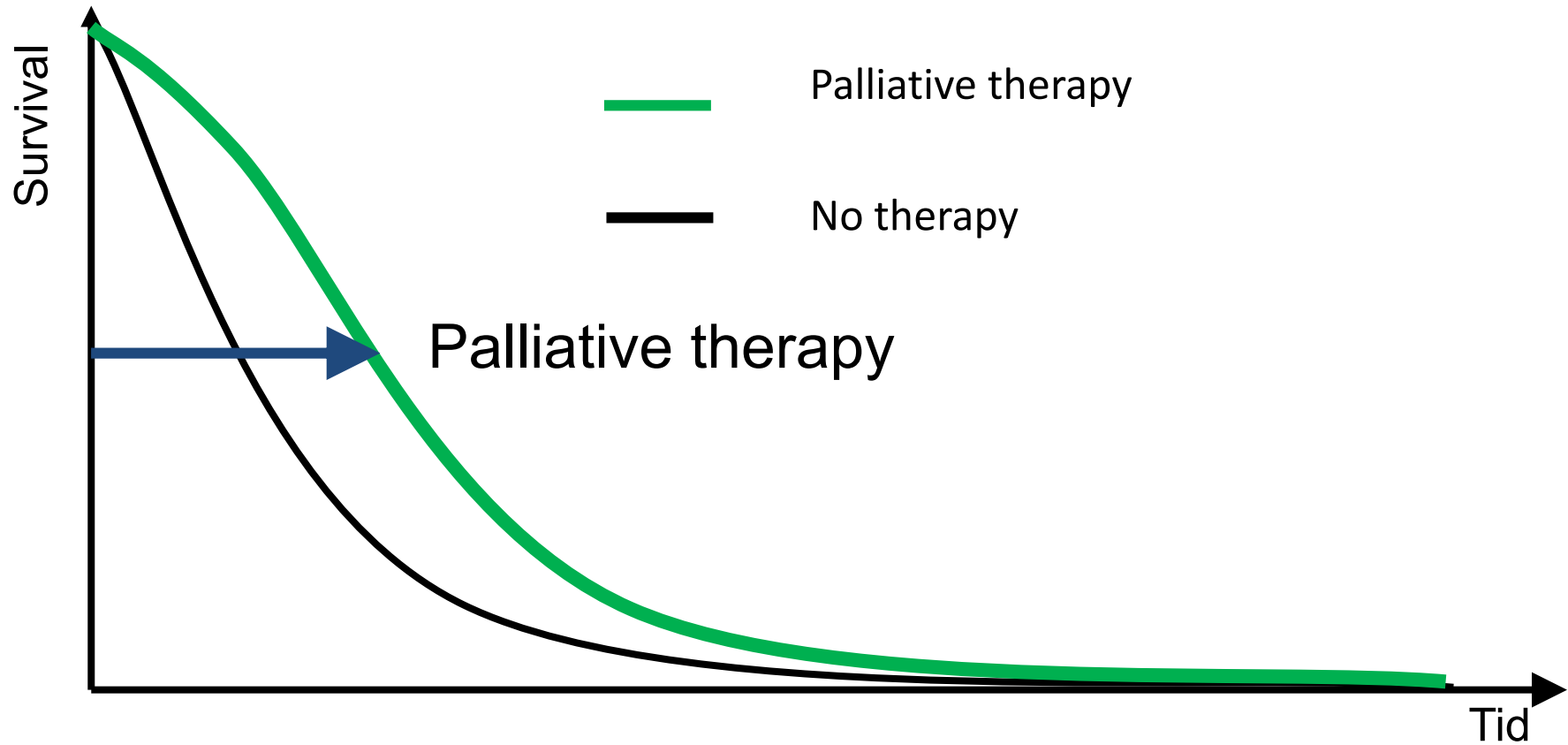
**Table 3. Selected Adverse Events, According to Treatment and Duration of Therapy.\***

Adverse Event	FOLFOX				CAPOX			
	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3 or 4	P Value	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3 or 4	P Value
	<i>number (percent)</i>				<i>number (percent)</i>			
Any adverse event				<0.001				<0.001
3 mo	1008 (30.7)	1039 (31.6)	1236 (37.6)		496 (35.0)	578 (40.8)	342 (24.2)	
6 mo	363 (11.0)	1056 (32.1)	1874 (56.9)		203 (14.6)	674 (48.5)	512 (36.9)	
Peripheral sensory neurotoxicity†				<0.001				<0.001
3 mo	2661 (83.4)	450 (14.1)	80 (2.5)		1211 (85.8)	164 (11.6)	37 (2.6)	
6 mo	1700 (52.2)	1036 (31.8)	519 (15.9)		763 (55.0)	500 (36.0)	124 (8.9)	

	FOLFOX					CapOx				
	G1	G2	G3-4	G1-4	p	G1	G2	G3-4	G1-4	p
3 mo	83	14 17% 3		100	0.001	86	12 15% 3		100	0.001
6 mo	52	32 48% 16		100		55	36 45% 9		100	



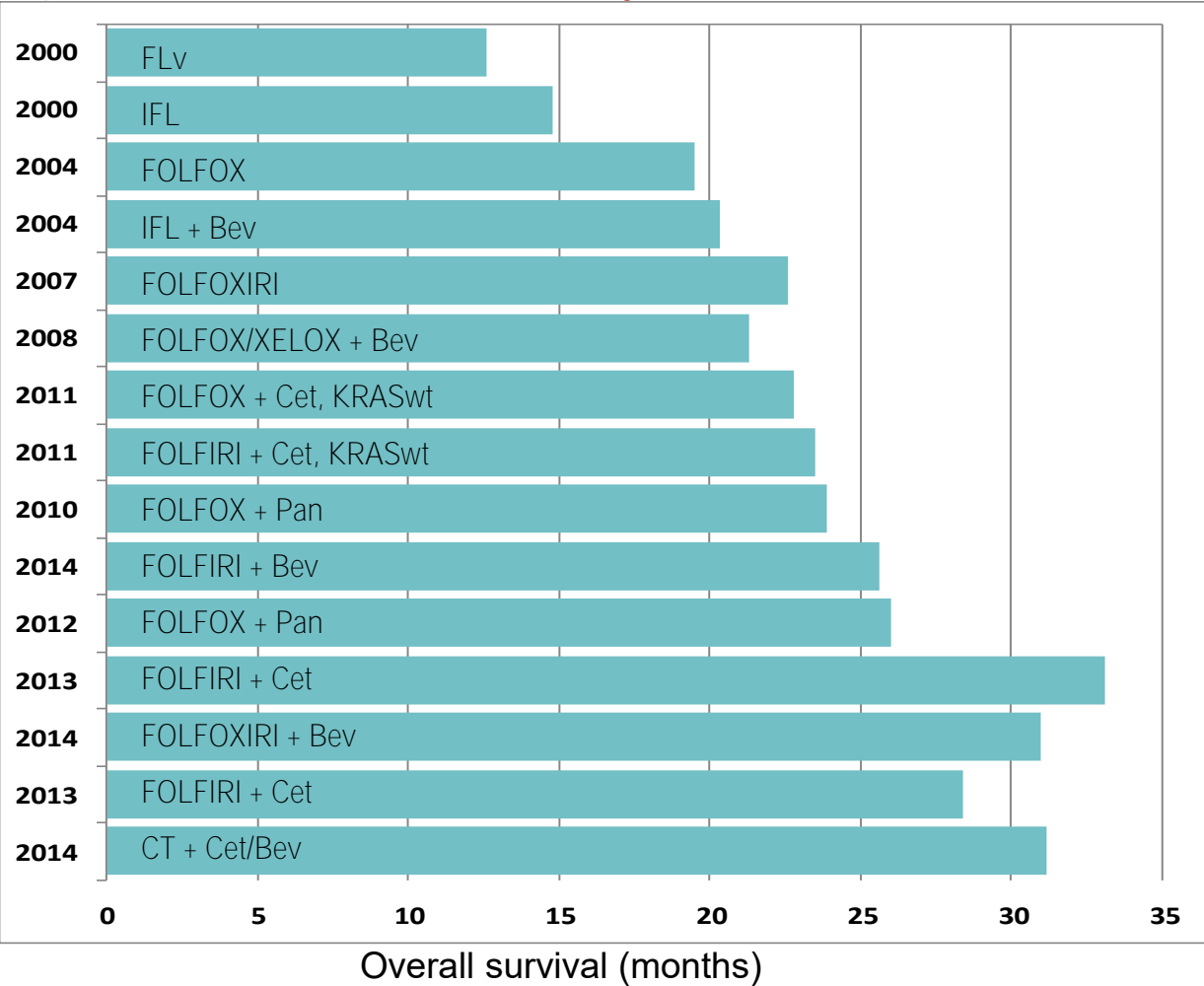
# Palliative therapy



# Small incremental steps and sequential use of many lines of therapy have led to major overall survival improvements in the last 15 years

PS 0	PS 1	PS 2	Age	
41	45	13	61	Saltz
39	46	15	62	Goldberg
50	43	5	61	Hurwitz
58	41	0	60	Falcone
61	37	2	62	Saltz
58	42	0	60	Bokemeyer
39	54	7	62	Van Cutsem
58	38	4	62	Douillard
50	44	6	62	Heinemann
52	47	1	65	Douillard
50	44	6	62	Heinemann
48	50	2	64	Cremolini
90	10	0	60	Van Cutsem
54	43	3	60	Lenz

PS: performance status

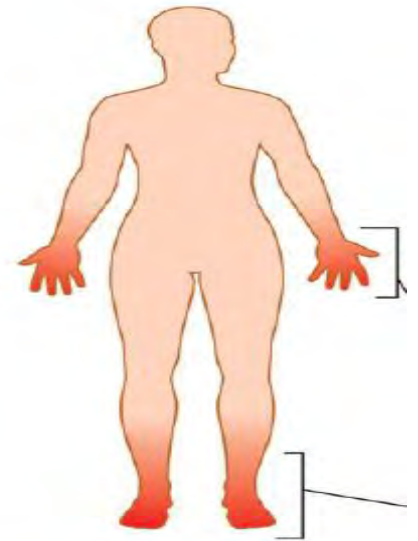


# Systemic Therapy in mCRC

- 2 drugs better than 1
  - At least 50% of CRC patients will receive oxaliplatin-based
  - FOLFOX standard regimens in mCRC
- All available drugs should be used at some time

## Neuropathy

- In general the symptoms of CIPN are sensory typically located in the hands and feet
  - Tingling
  - Numbness
  - Pain
- Motor symptoms may occur
  - Weakness, muscle cramps
- Patients with neuropathy report worse quality of life
- Future studies should focus on prevention of CIPN



## Oxaliplatin-Induced CIPN - Acute

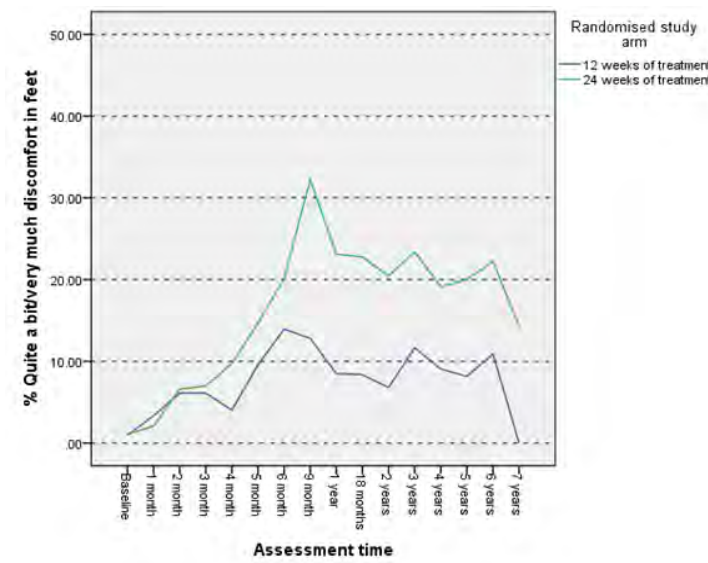
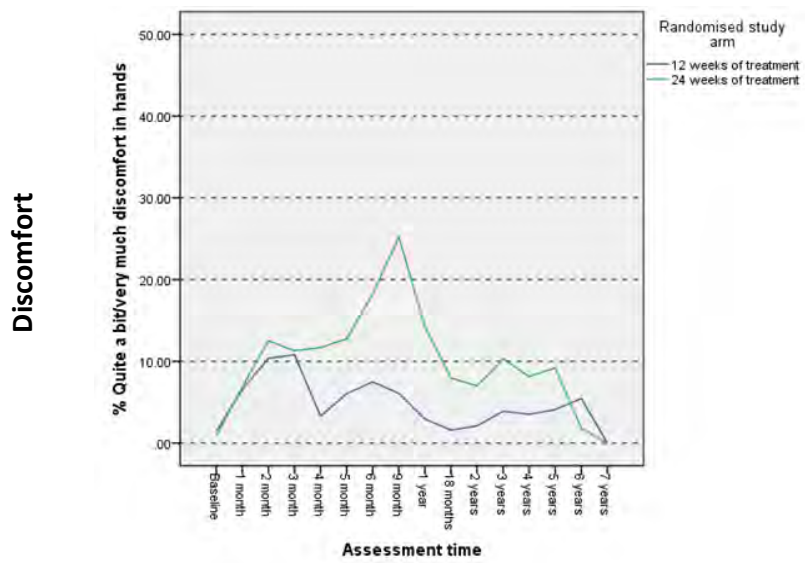
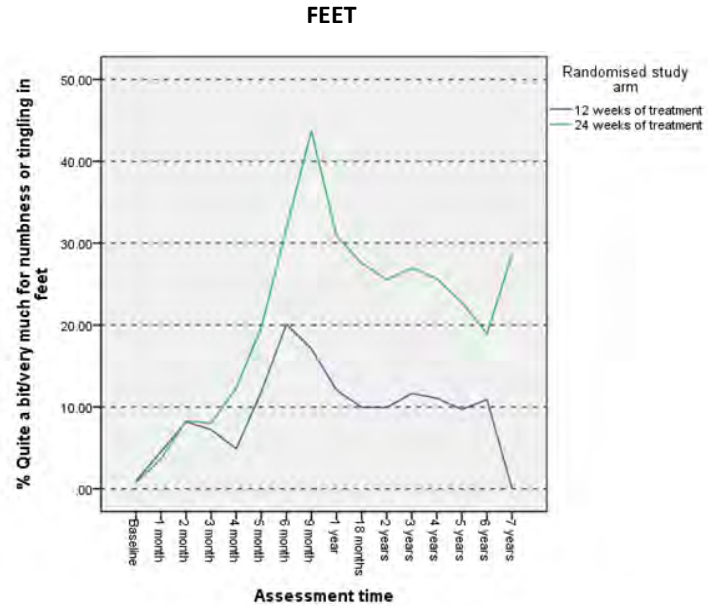
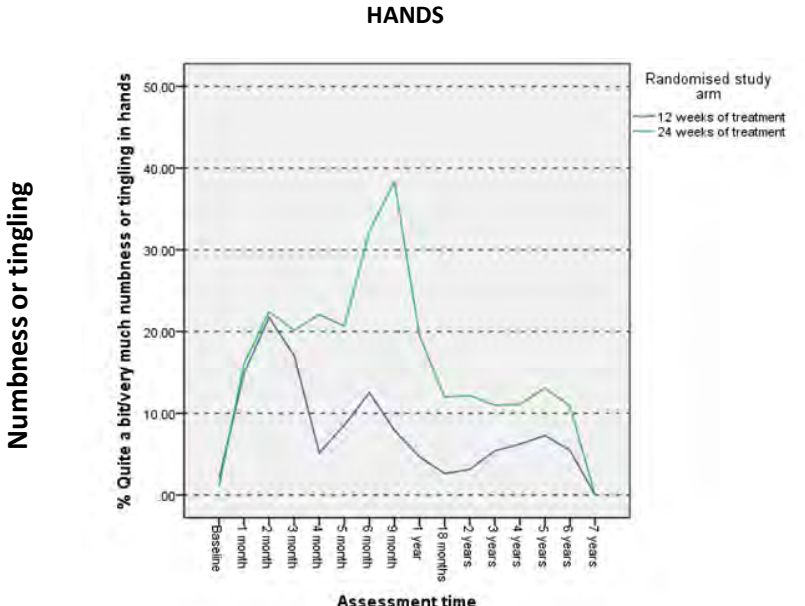
- **Acute** form of CIPN (not seen with other platinumums) characterized by peripheral nerve hyper-excitability triggered by exposure to cold
  - distal limb paraesthesias
    - sensory symptoms in the fingertips and toes
    - stocking and glove distribution
  - paraesthesias in the mouth and throat (laryngo-pharyngo dysesthesias - LPD) during or shortly after the infusion
    - muscle cramps with breathing problems may occur
  - sensed by all patients
  - usually transient and resolves within hours or days



## Oxaliplatin-Induced CIPN - Chronic

- **Chronic** form of CIPN characterized by
  - sensory paresthesias or dysesthesias
  - most often located in the extremities
  - persists between cycles
- The risk of severe neuropathy is dose dependent
  - 10 - 20% at cumulative doses of 750 – 850 mg/m<sup>2</sup>
  - 50% of patients receiving cumulative doses of 1170 mg/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Symptoms may continue to worsen even after treatment has ceased, a process referred to as the “coasting” phenomenon

# Development of neurotoxicity over time - Persist for years



Data from SCOT study - FACT/GOG-Ntx

## Use of oxaliplatin in CRC

- How many patients will receive oxaliplatin?
  - At least 20% will receive adjuvant oxaliplatin
  - At least 30% of patients with mCRC will receive oxaliplatin for 1<sup>st</sup> line therapy
  - 20% of patients with mCRC will receive oxaliplatin as 2<sup>nd</sup> line therapy
- 80% of all patients will receive oxaliplatin

## Conclusions

- CIPN is a major problem in colorectal cancer
  - The use of oxaliplatin will continue for many years, presently no alternative
  - CIPN persists for years and reduces quality of life
  - Medical need to prevent CIPN, so far no effective treatment



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## VIDEO

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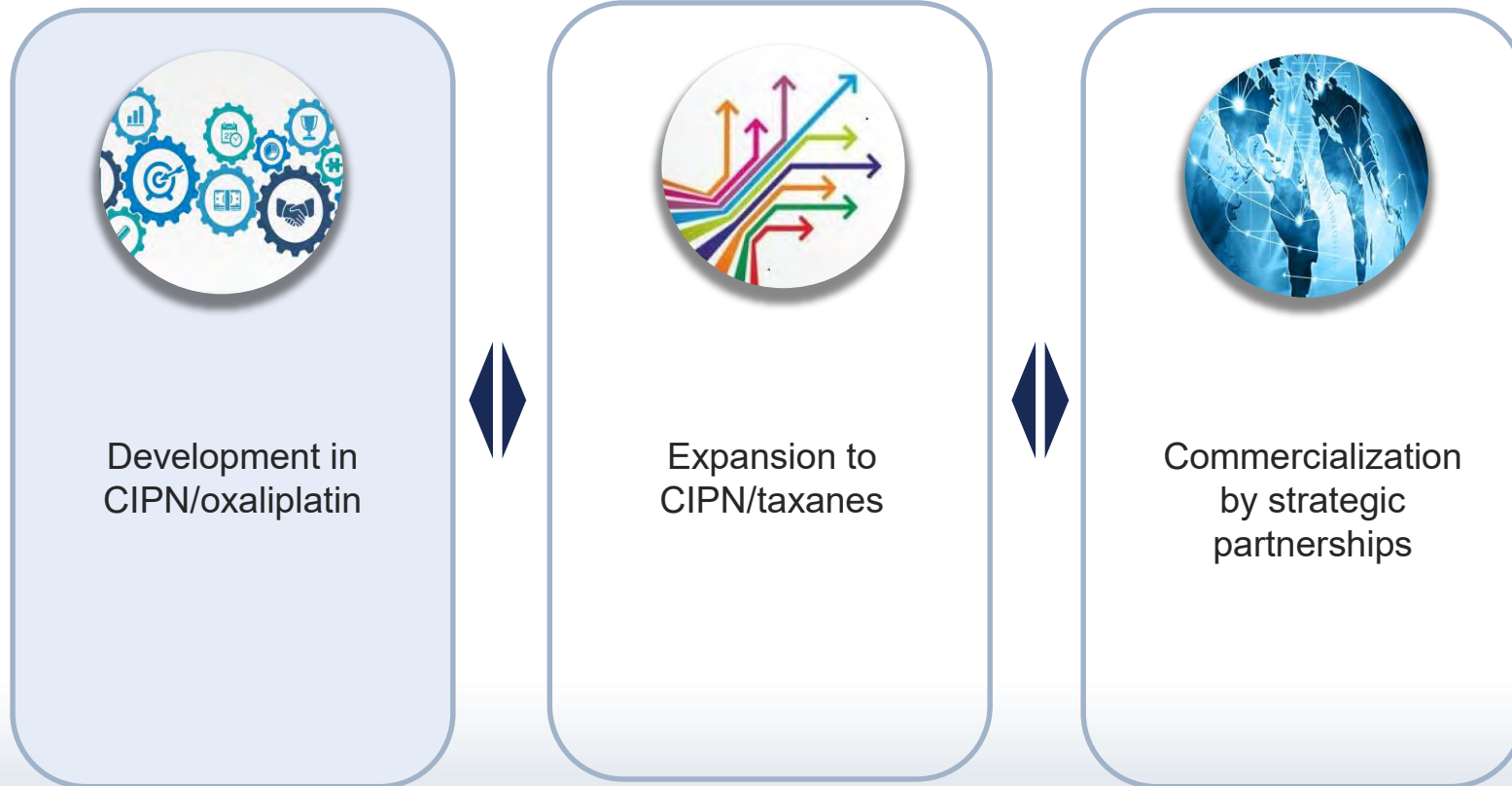
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**Phase III**

# PledOx drives value by...





# Standard treatment of Colorectal Cancer cause CIPN

Numbness and Tingling

Burning pain

Cold sensitivity during oxaliplatin treatment

Problems with sensation

Impacts balance with risk of falling

Challenge to use computer and key board

Difficulty in buttoning buttons

Depression

Anxiety

Severe insomnia

Reduced quality of life

Loss of ability to work



Oxaliplatin is associated with dose limiting and debilitating toxicities



40-60 % of patients get peripheral neuropathy during and up to 3 months after chemotherapy



20-30% of patients with symptoms >7 years post chemotherapy

## No approved drug for prevention or treatment of CIPN



# PledOx<sup>®</sup> Target Product Profile in CIPN/oxaliplatin

- Prevention of CIPN without negative impact on the efficacy of chemotherapy

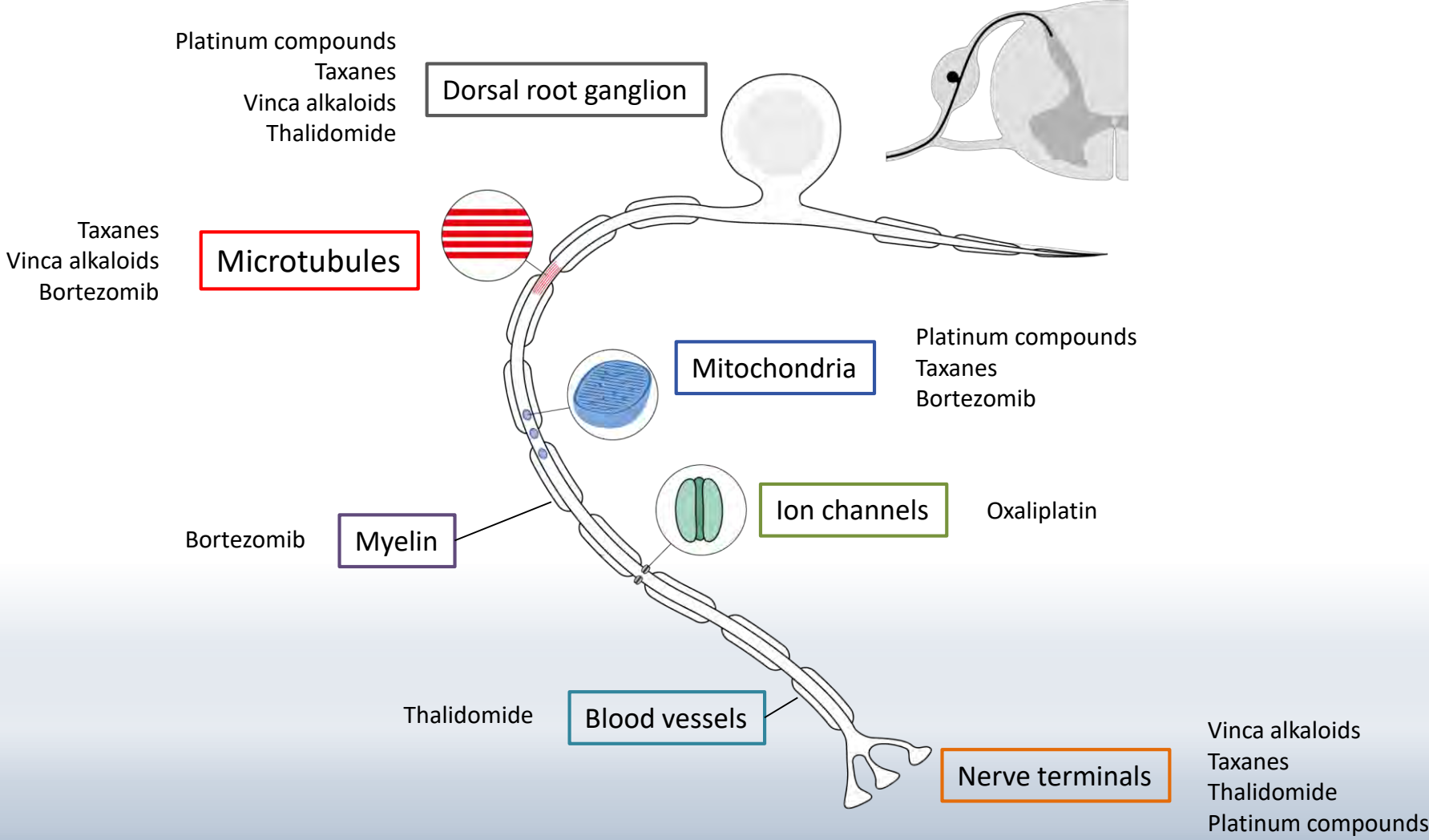


**Indication:** Prevention of oxaliplatin-induced chronic peripheral neuropathy

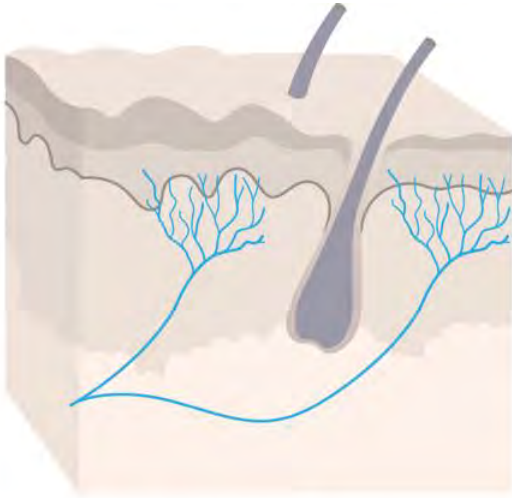
## Patients treated with PledOx<sup>®</sup> report...

Efficacy	Safety & Tolerability
... less numbness, tingling and discomfort compared to placebo	...similar PFS/OS/DFS outcomes as patients treated with placebo
... less cold sensitivity during chemotherapy compared to placebo	... similar adverse event profile as patients treated with placebo
... no functional loss compared to placebo	
... <i>less dose-modifications of oxaliplatin compared to placebo</i>	

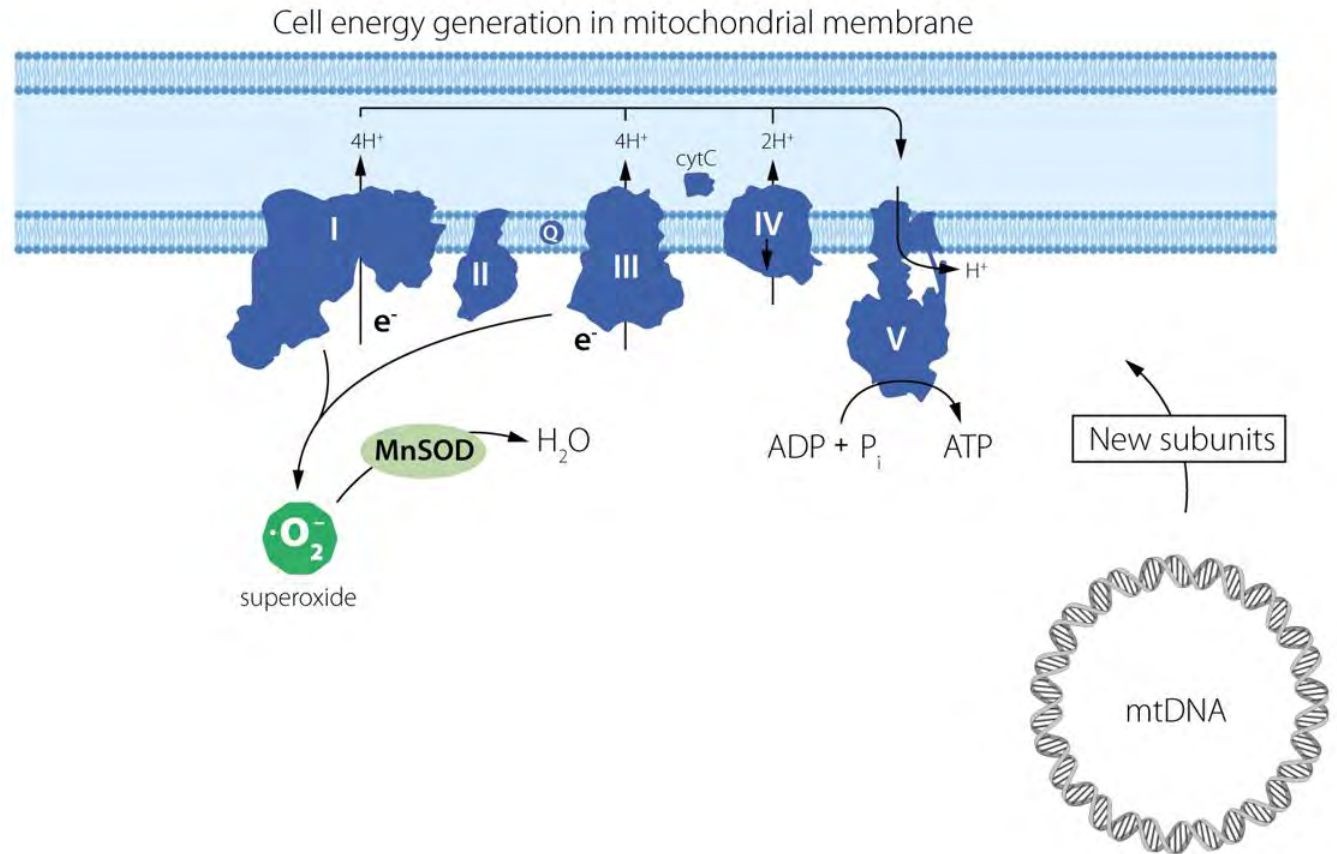
# Mechanisms underlying CIPN are diverse and complex



# In healthy cells, mitochondrial homeostasis is maintained by MnSOD



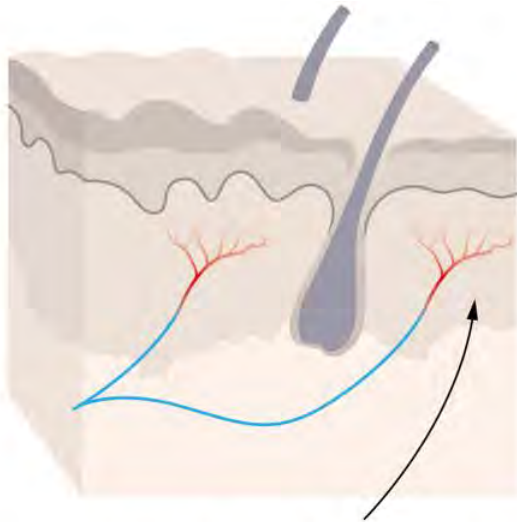
Functional sensory peripheral nerve



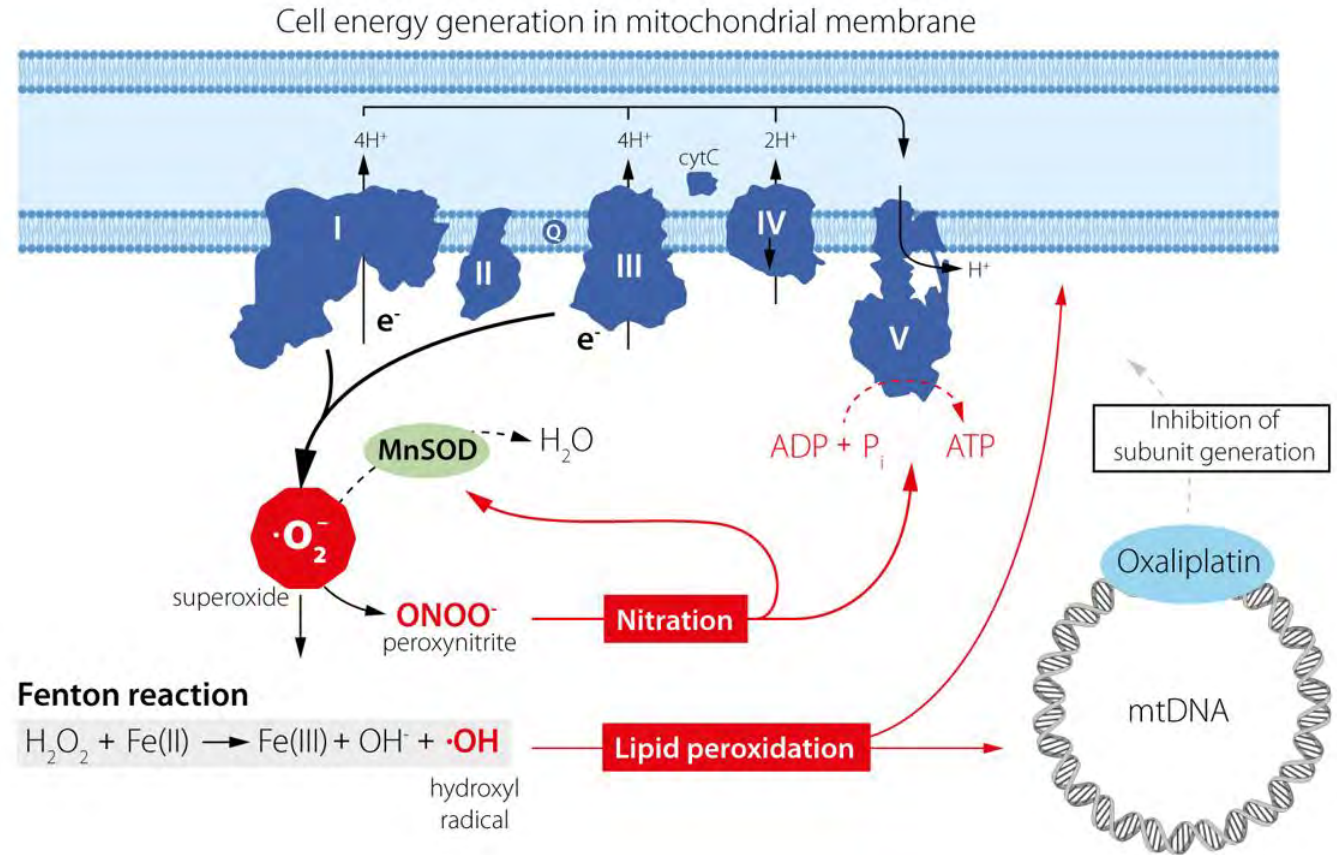
- Superoxide is generated as a by-product of energy production in the mitochondria

- MnSOD is an enzyme catalysing the degradation of superoxide

# Chemotherapy leads to mitochondrial dysfunction and CIPN



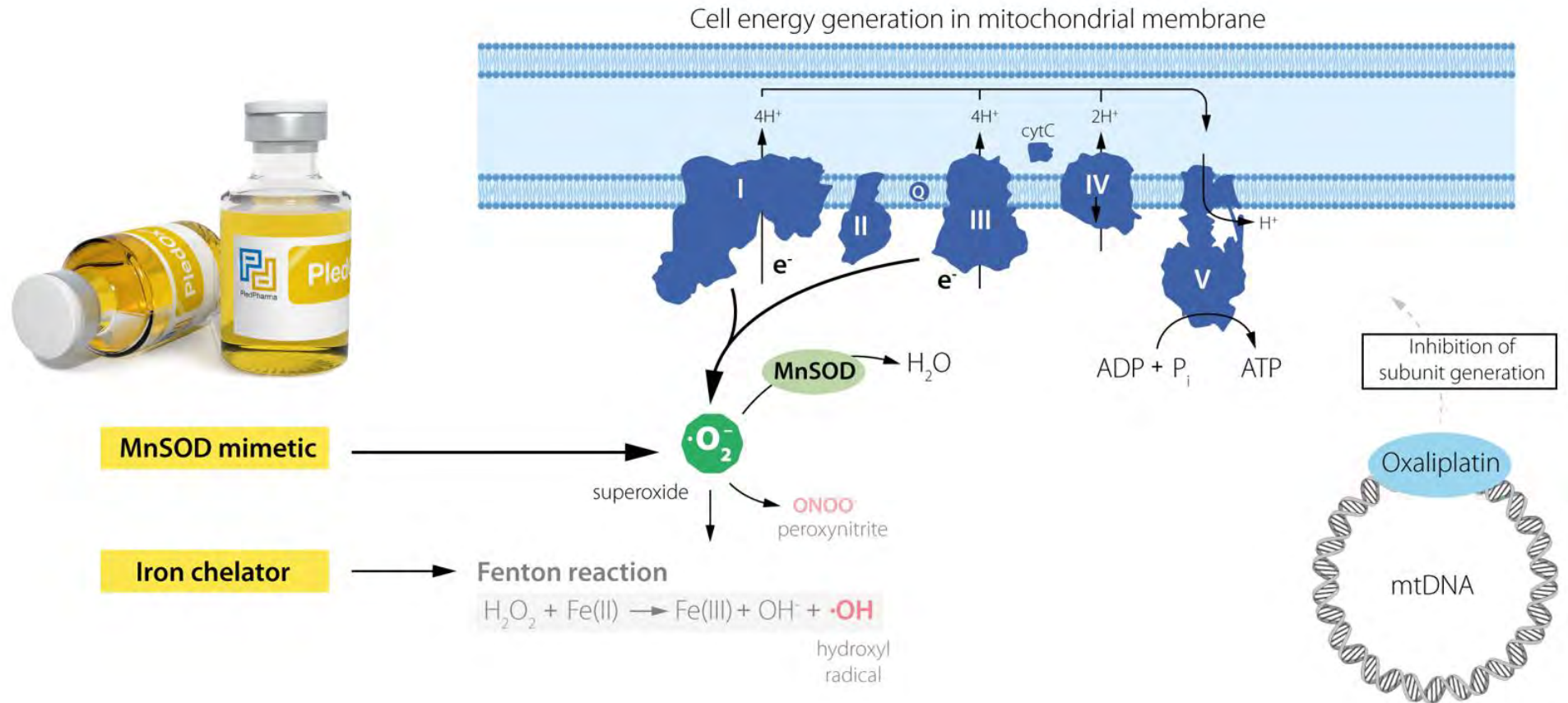
Nerve ending degeneration, due to lack of energy generated in mitochondria, leads to chronic CIPN



- Oxaliplatin binds to mtDNA, leading to inefficient energy generation and more superoxide

- More superoxide radicals drive harmful nitration and lipid peroxidation pathways

# PledOx<sup>®</sup> prevents mitochondrial dysfunction



- Being a MnSOD mimetic, PledOx<sup>®</sup> supports superoxide regulation

- PledOx<sup>®</sup> binds free iron, inhibiting the Fenton reaction and thus lipid peroxidation



# Summary of key neuropathy efficacy endpoints in Phase IIb PLIANT study

PLIANT study: 173 patients with metastatic CRC treated with PledOx<sup>®</sup> or placebo together with chemotherapy FOLFOX (oxaliplatin)

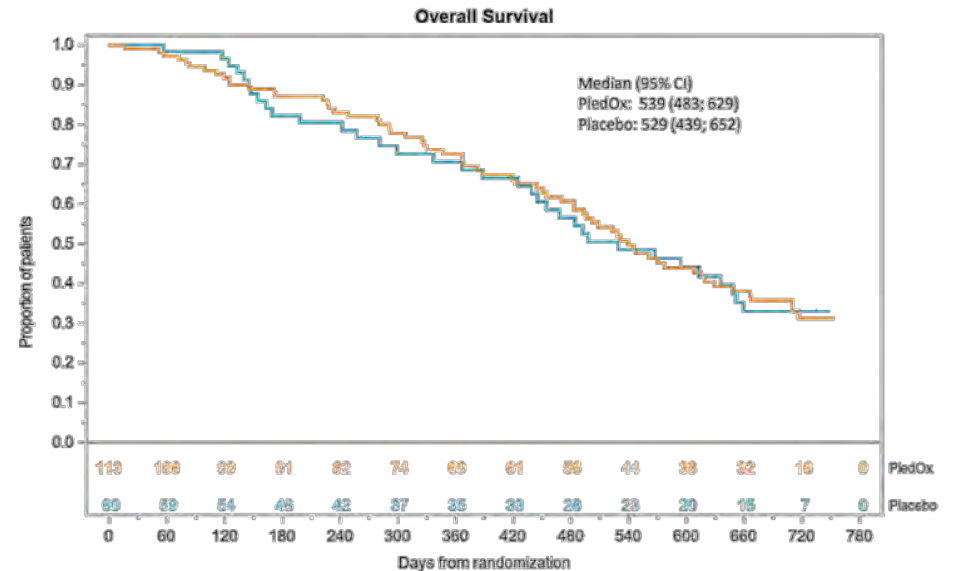
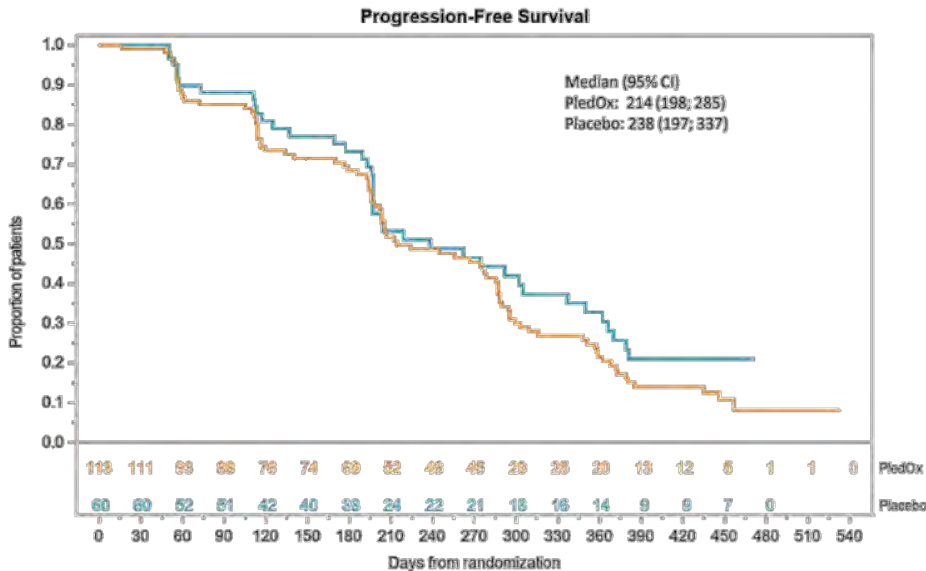
Type of CIPN assessment	Dose vs Placebo (Study Part <sup>†</sup> )	2 µmol/kg (2a+2b)	5 µmol/kg (2b)	2+5+10 µmol/kg (2a+2b)
Physician reported (primary endpoint)	OSSS odds ratio over cycle 1 to 8 <sup>§</sup> (nominal p-value)	0.78 (p=0.31)	0.68 (p=0.25)	0.62 (p=0.16)
Patient reported	Leonard PRO, odds ratio at FU2* (exploratory analysis; nominal p-value)	0.38 (p=0.15)	0.12 (p=0.018)	0.23 (p=0.014)

<sup>†</sup> In the initial part of the study, Part 2a, randomized patient to Placebo, 2 µmol/kg or 10 µmol/kg. After changing the high dose from 10 µmol/kg to 5 µmol/kg, the majority of patients were randomized to Placebo, 2 µmol/kg or 5 µmol/kg in Part 2b.

<sup>§</sup> Investigator reported neuropathy grade 2 or higher vs. placebo

\* Proportion of patients scoring 3 or more on either numbness, tingling or burning pain/discomfort with cold in hands or feet at FU2 (6 months after last dose), which is approximately 10 months after first dose for the majority of patients that reported follow-up 2.

# Progression free survival (PFS) and Overall survival (OS) in Phase IIb PLIANT study

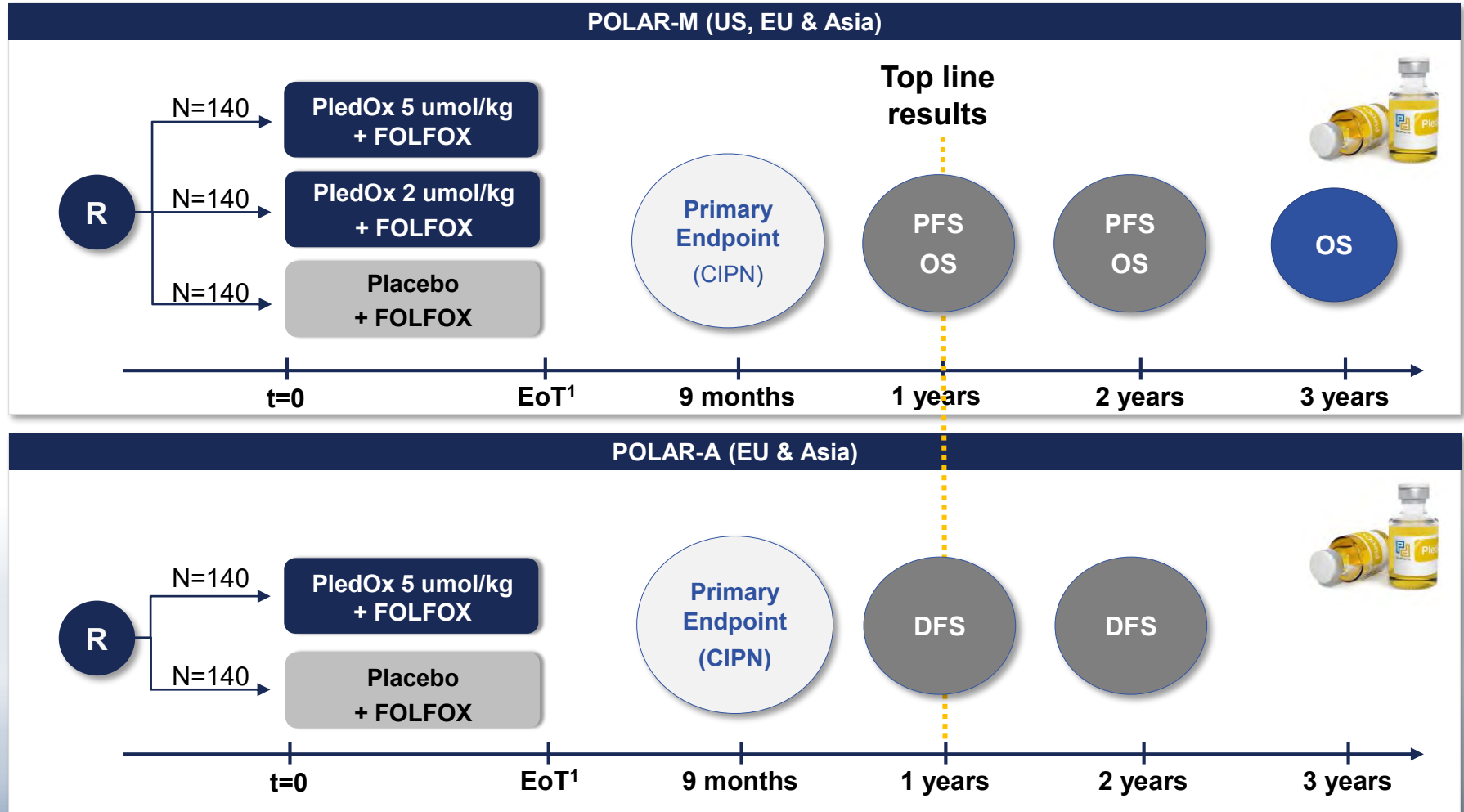


No apparent negative effect on the efficacy of the chemotherapy treatment

# PledOx<sup>®</sup> Global Phase III program – the POLAR studies



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# The Global POLAR program: Calmangafodipir used on top of modified FOLF0X6 (5-FU/FA and oxaliplatin) to prevent chemotherapy induced peripheral neuropathy (CIPN)

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The POLAR program is a phase 3, double-blinded, multicenter, placebo-controlled program of calmangafodipir used on top of modified FOLF0X6 (5-FU/FA and oxaliplatin) to prevent chemotherapy induced peripheral neuropathy (CIPN) A total of 700 patients will be randomized in 110 sites distributed across US, Europe and Asia. The program consists of two studies POLAR M (metastatic) and POLAR A (adjuvant).

### Background:

Oxaliplatin (OXA), is approved in combination with 5-FU/FA (5-fluorouracil/folinic acid; FOLFOX) for metastatic as well as in adjuvant colorectal cancer (CRC) treatment.

CIPN is a common adverse event, after OXA treatment. The incidence of severe CIPN is approximately 15% after a cumulative dose of 780 to 850 mg/m<sup>2</sup> and 50% after a cumulative dose of 1170 mg/m<sup>2</sup> and peaks after 6 months of OXA at 9 months after first dose of OXA, see Fig 1 (Iveson et al. 2018).

OXA induced neuropathy, results in greatly reduced nitrated manganese superoxide dismutase (MnSOD) activity. Treatment with a superoxide dismutase mimetic, such as calmangafodipir (CAL), prevents and reverses oxaliplatin-induced neuropathies. This has been demonstrated in the randomized PLJANT study (Glimelius et al. Acta Oncol 2017).

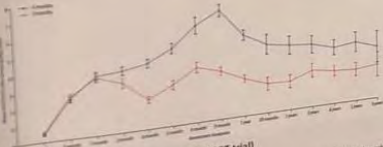
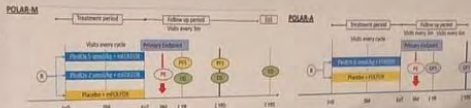


Fig. 1. FACT-GOG Ntx4 questionnaire [SCOT trial]

Peripheral neuropathy, as reported via a patient questionnaire FACT/GOG Ntx4 (numbers, ranging and disorders in hands and feet), was significantly worse in the 6-month group and persisted for at least 5 years. Peak neuropathy occurred at 9 months in the 6-month group and at 6 months in the 3-month group. FACT/GOG Ntx4 data were available from 2871 patients.

References: Iveson et al. Support Oncol 2018; 15: 562-78, Glimelius et al. Acta Oncol 2017; 15: 1-12



### Main inclusion criteria

- Metastatic colorectal cancer (mCRC)
- Planned first-line modified FOLF0X6 (mFOLF0X6) chemotherapy for at least 3 months

### Therapy

Patients will be randomized in a 1:1 ratio:  
Arm A: calmangafodipir (2 µmol/kg) + mFOLF0X6 chemotherapy, n=140  
Arm B: placebo + mFOLF0X6 chemotherapy, n=140

Arm A: calmangafodipir (5 µmol/kg) + mFOLF0X6 chemotherapy, n=140  
Arm B: placebo + mFOLF0X6 chemotherapy, n=140

- Primary objective is to compare calmangafodipir vs placebo with respect to the proportion of patients with moderate or severe chronic CIPN
- Primary endpoint: Patient reported symptoms as proportion of patients (with moderate or severe chronic CIPN) scoring 3 or 4 in at least 1 of the first 4 items of the FACT/GOG-Ntx-13 (i.e., FACT/GOG-Ntx-4), targeting numbness, tingling or discomfort in hands and/or feet, assessed 9 months after the last dose of chemotherapy
- Secondary endpoints: Progression Free Survival and Overall Survival in the POLAR M study, while Disease Free Survival is one safety endpoint assessed in the POLAR A study
- Results are expected during second half 2020



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Design of POLAR program presented at Gastrointestinal Cancer Symposium (ASCO GI), San Fransisco, Jan, 2019

# POLAR program – a global program across three regions



# The basis for evaluation of CIPN in the POLAR program



Primary Endpoint	Description
FACT/GOG-NTx-4	4-question PRO instrument addressing key CIPN symptoms of numbness, tingling and discomfort in hands and feet

Secondary & Exploratory Endpoints	Description
FACT/GOG-NTx-13	13-question PRO instrument addressing CIPN broadly
Graduated tuning fork	Objective measure of CIPN
Grooved PEG board	Functional measure of CIPN
Cold sensitivity questionnaire	4-question PRO instrument addressing acute CIPN symptoms during chemotherapy
Numeric rating scale of pain	3-question PRO instrument of pain
EQ-5D-5L	General Quality-of-Life PRO instrument

# Primary endpoint based on FACT/GOG-Ntx-4 is clinically relevant and interpretable

## FACT/GOG-Ntx (4 item)

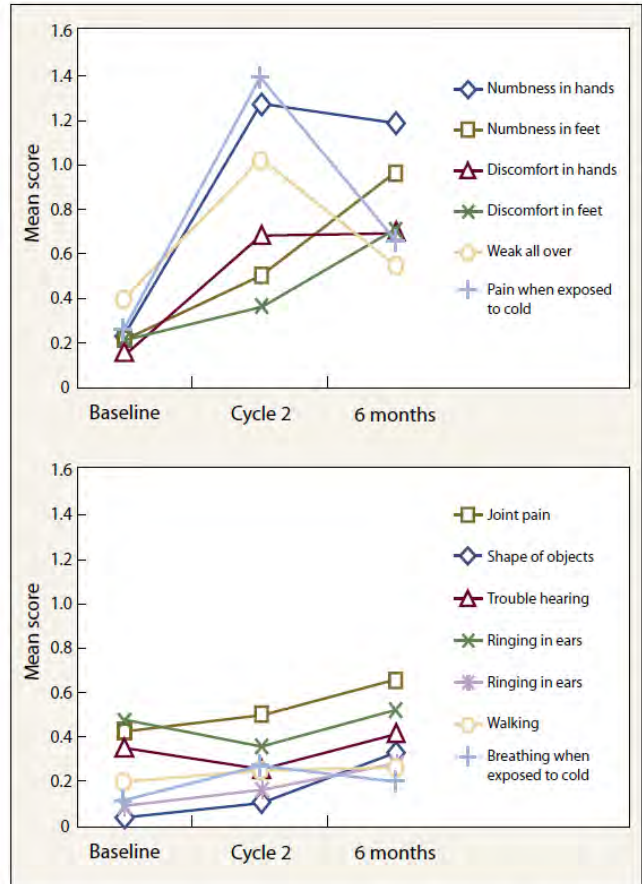
Below is a list of statements that other people with your illness have said are important. Please circle or mark one number per line to indicate your response as it applies to the past 7 days.

		Not at all	A little bit	Some-what	Quite a bit	Very much
NTX <sub>1</sub>	I have numbness or tingling in my hands.....	0	1	2	3	4
NTX <sub>2</sub>	I have numbness or tingling in my feet.....	0	1	2	3	4
NTX <sub>3</sub>	I feel discomfort in my hands.....	0	1	2	3	4
NTX <sub>4</sub>	I feel discomfort in my feet.....	0	1	2	3	4

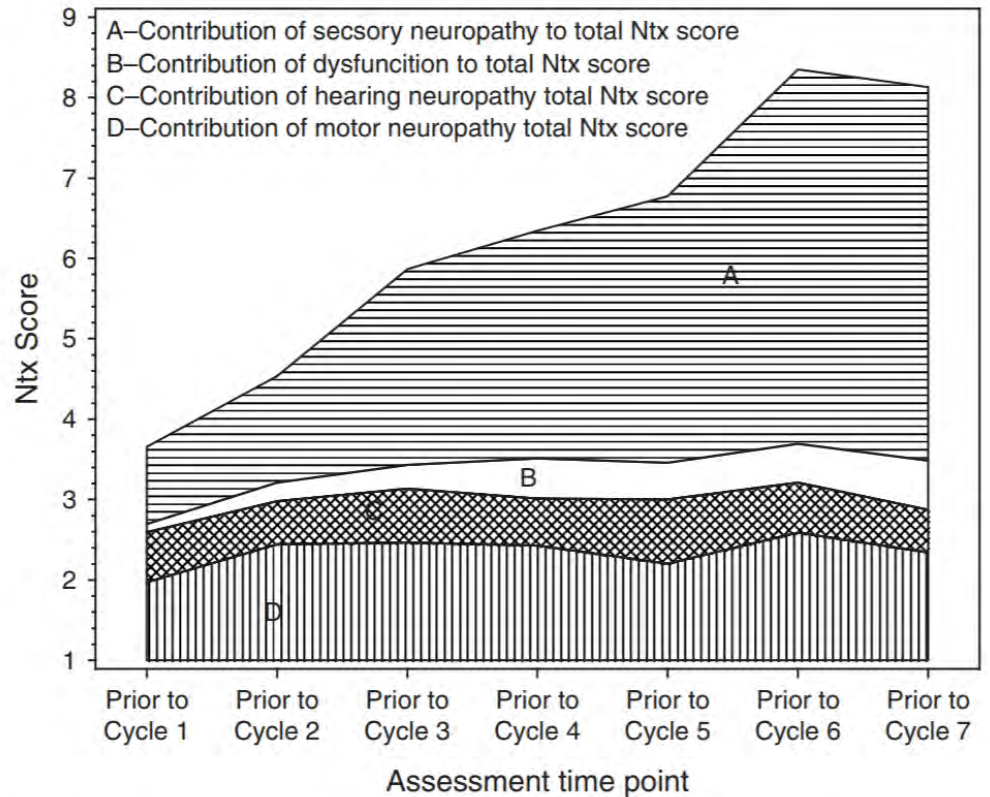
Primary endpoint targeting a percentage of patients with 3 or 4 in any of the NTx-4 questions is clinically interpretable. Broad consensus on clinical relevance of the two response options 3 and 4.



# FACT/GOG-NTx-4 captures the majority of relevant chronic CIPN symptoms



**Figure 1** Response Patterns to Neurotoxicity Scale Items

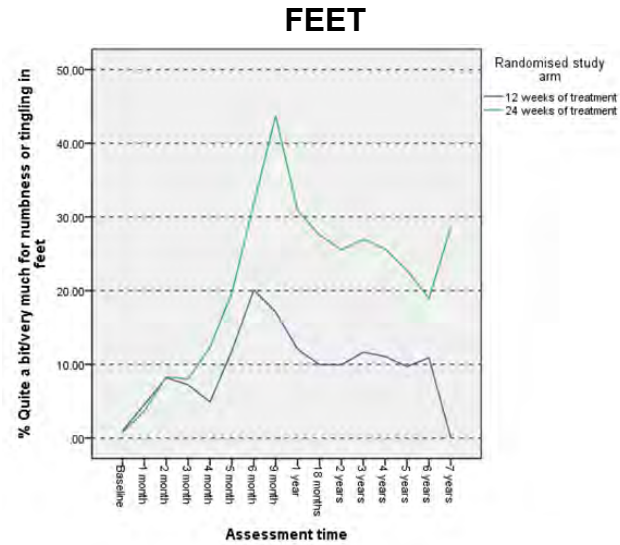
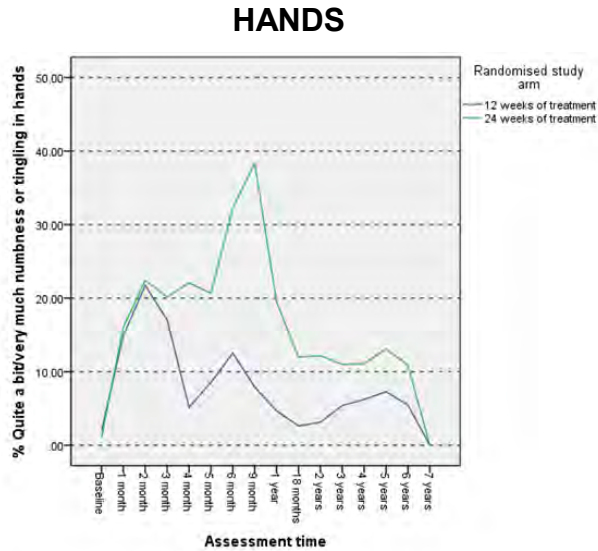


**Figure 3.** Responsiveness of Ntx scores to TAP cycles received.

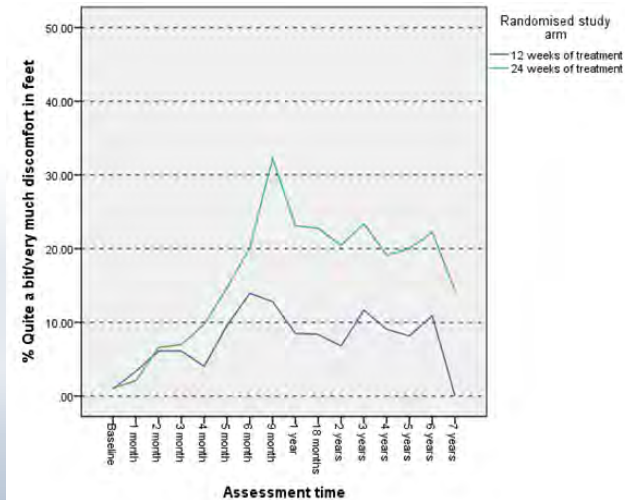
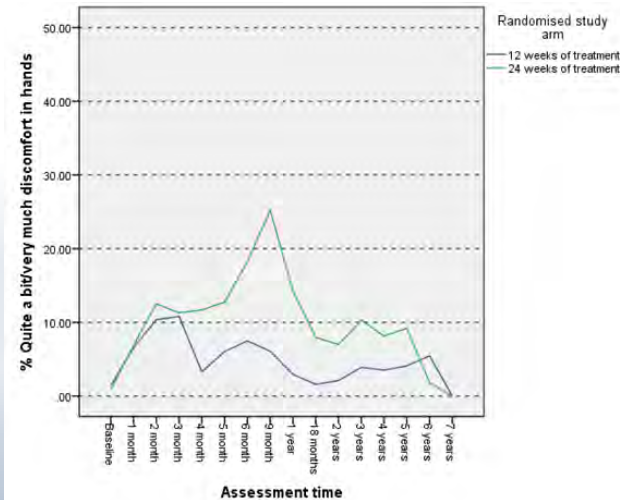
Note: "A" in Figure refers to the questions in Ntx-4

# Results in SCOT study confirm the sensitivity of FACT/GOG-Ntx-4 in CRC patients treated with oxaliplatin

Numbness or tingling



Discomfort



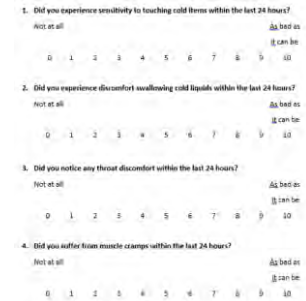
# Other endpoints build a robust characterization of efficacy



Graduated tuning fork  
(objective measure of chronic CIPN)



Grooved PEG board  
(functional measure of chronic CIPN)



1. Did you experience sensitivity to touching cold items within the last 24 hours?  
Not at all  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  As bad as it can be

2. Did you experience discomfort swallowing cold liquids within the last 24 hours?  
Not at all  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  As bad as it can be

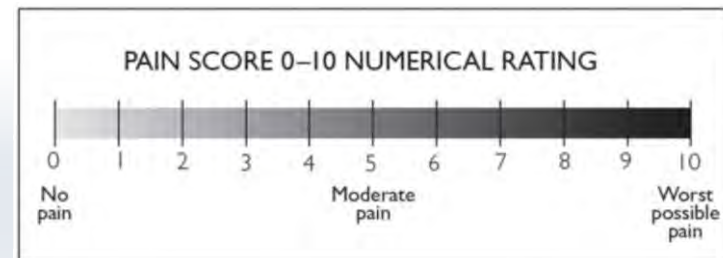
3. Did you notice any throat discomfort within the last 24 hours?  
Not at all  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  As bad as it can be

4. Did you suffer from muscle cramps within the last 24 hours?  
Not at all  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  As bad as it can be

Cold sensitivity questionnaire  
(measure of acute CIPN symptoms during chemotherapy)

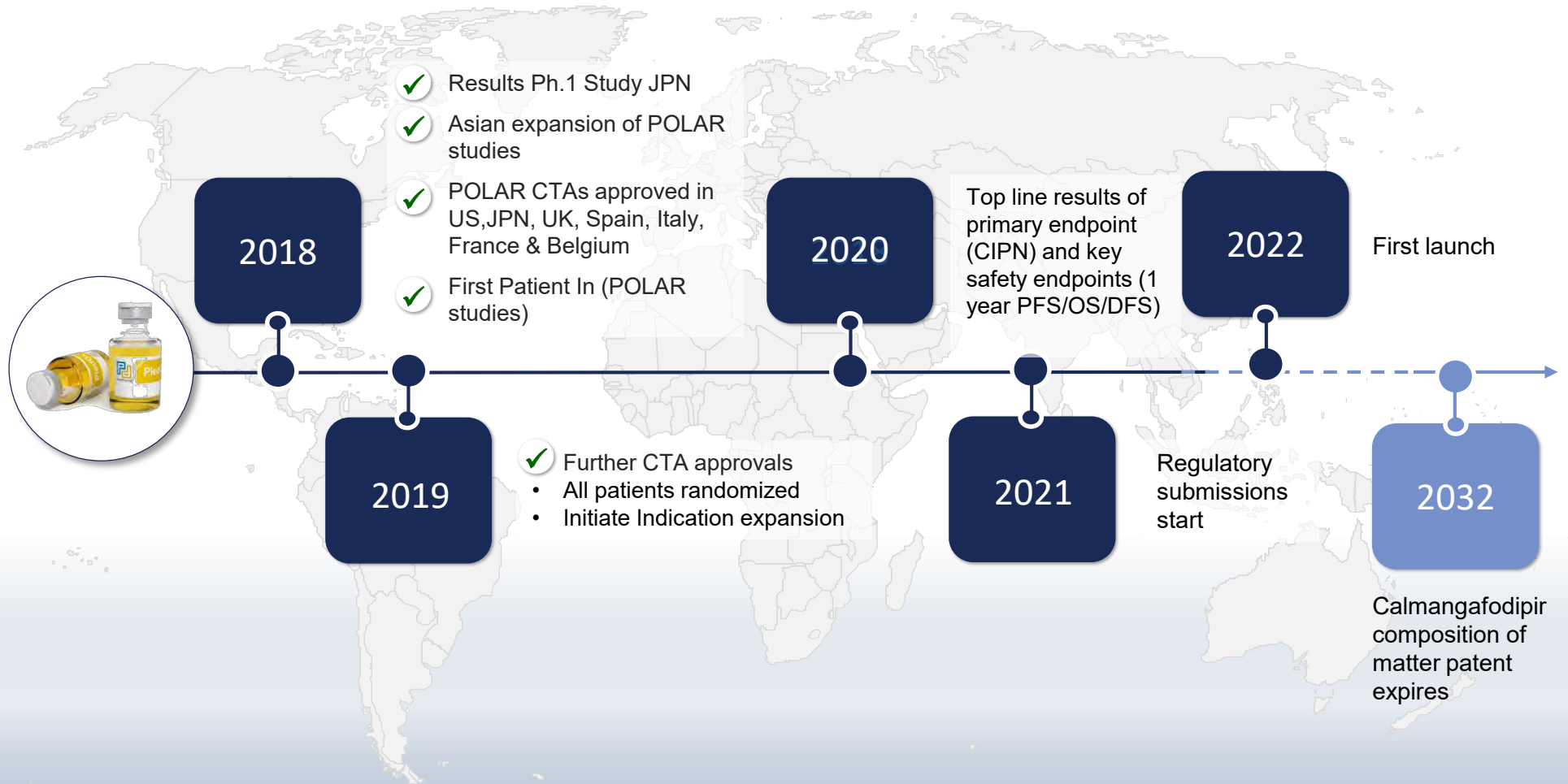


EQ-5D-5L  
Quality of Life questionnaire



Numeric rating scale of Pain

# PledOx<sup>®</sup> – development timeline





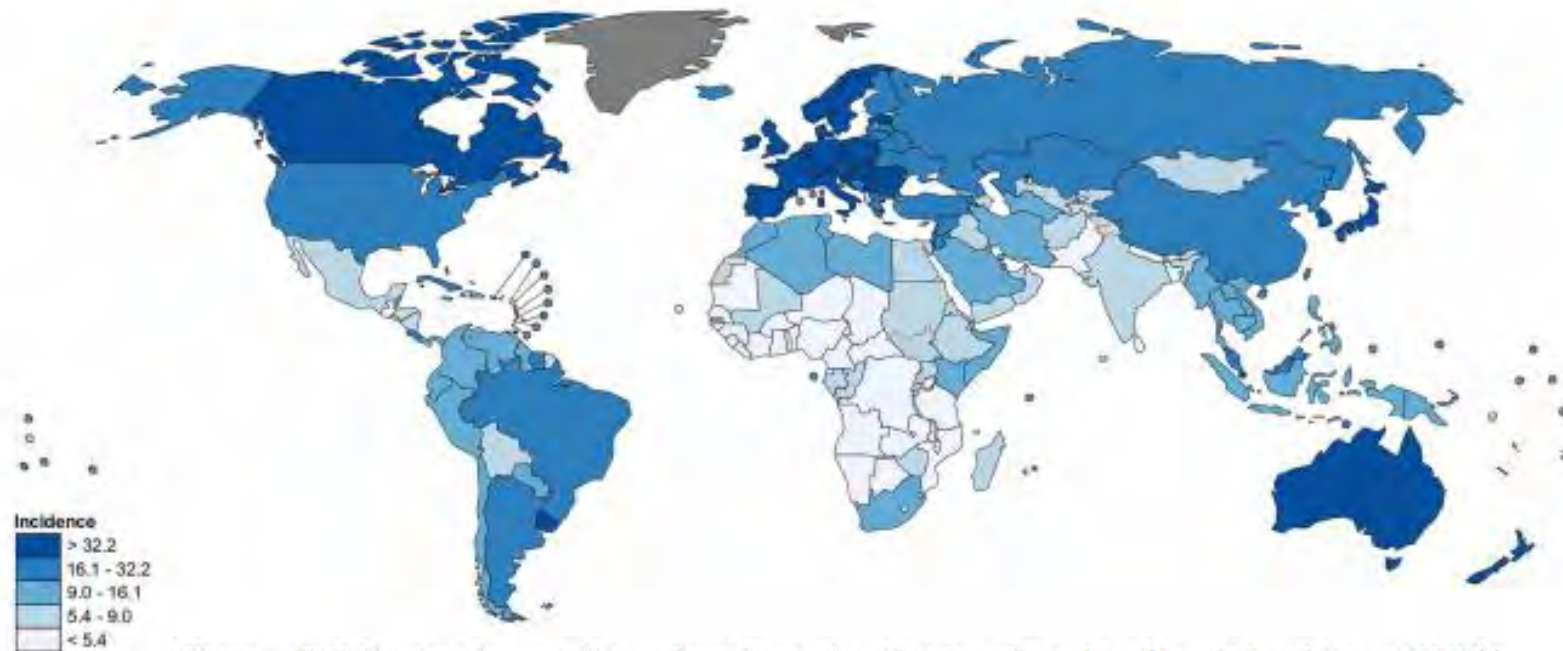
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**Phase III**

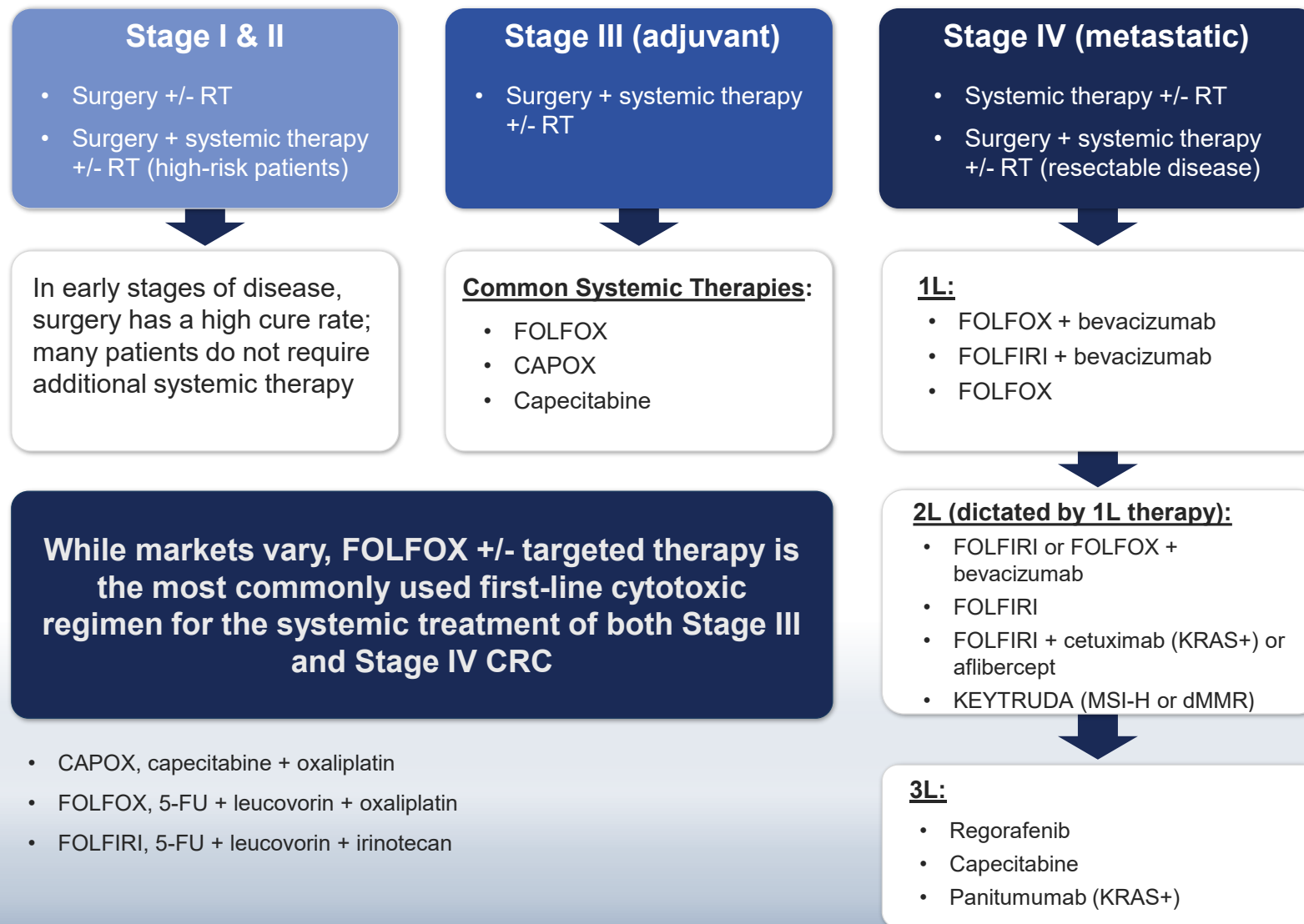
## Epidemiology - Colorectal cancer (CRC) is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer



**Figure 1** Worldwide colorectal cancer incidence and mortality rates (age adjusted according to the world standard population, per 100 000) in males in 2012 (GLOBOCAN 2012<sup>1</sup>).

“...and its burden is expected to increase by 60% by 2030”

# Colorectal Cancer – Common treatment approaches

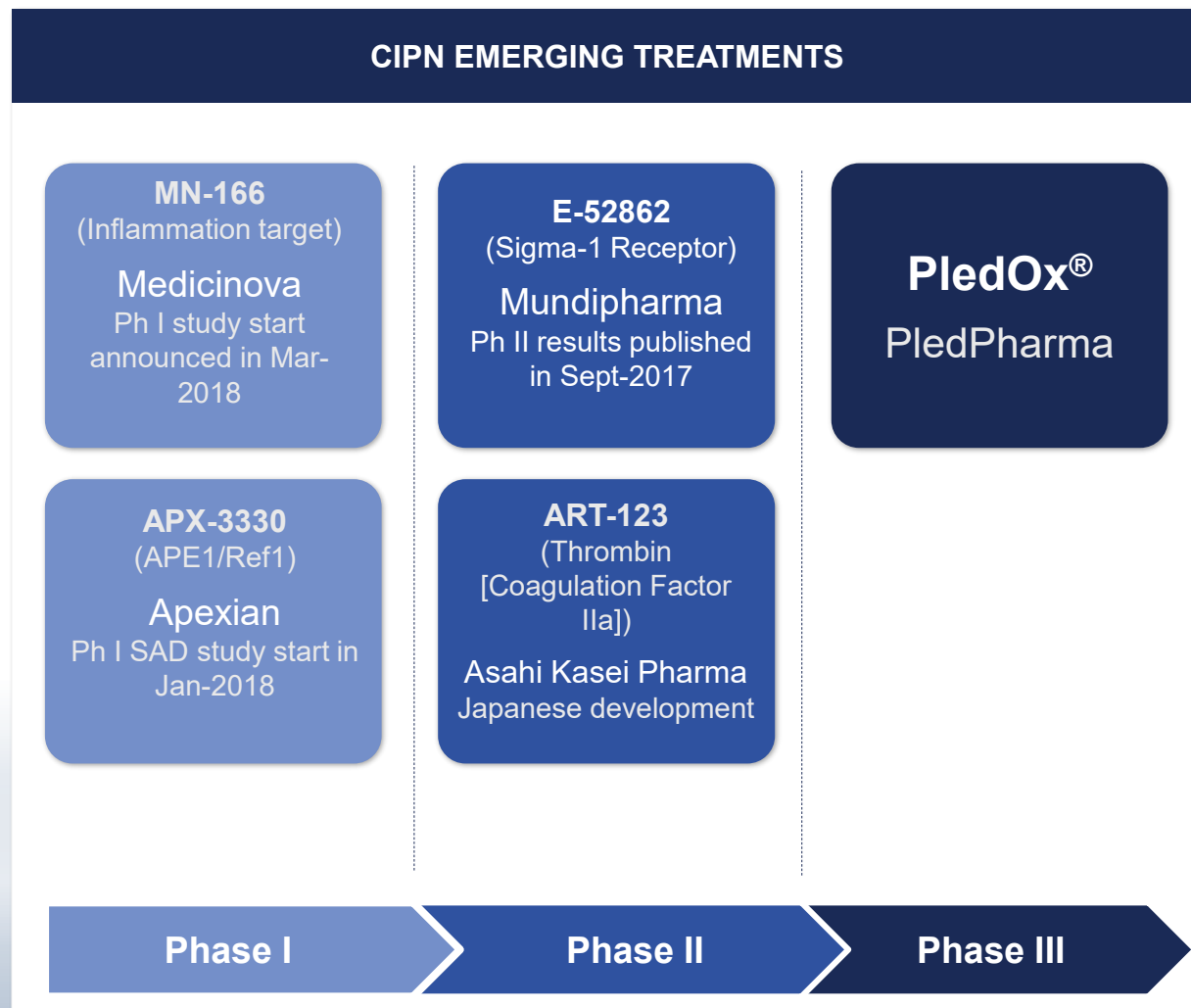


# CRC Stage IV (and III) Phase 3 Clinical development landscape

1L mCRC	<p><b>KEYTRUDA [pembrolizumab]</b> (PD-1; Merck)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Active, Not Recruiting</u>: 1L dMMR or MSI-H mCRC; n=308 (May 2018)</li> <li>• <u>Primary completion</u>: August 2019</li> <li>• <u>Treatment</u>: Keytruda vs. Investigator Choice SOC (SOC regimens may include [FOLFOX or FOLFIRI] +/- targeted tx)</li> </ul> <p><b>KEYTRUDA granted FDA accelerated approval for 2L mCRC in 2017</b></p>	<p><b>TECENTRIQ [atezolizumab]</b> (PD-L1; Roche)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Recruiting</u>: 1L dMMR or MSI-H mCRC</li> <li>• <u>Primary completion</u>: April 2022</li> <li>• <u>Treatment</u>: Tecentriq vs. Tecentriq + FOLFOX + Avastin vs. FOLFOX + Avastin</li> </ul> <p><b>Trial sponsored by National Cancer Institute</b></p>	
	<p><b>Masitinib</b> (MEK; AB Science)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Terminated</u>: 2L mCRC</li> <li>• Terminated due to Sponsor portfolio prioritization</li> <li>• <u>Treatment</u>: Masitinib + FOLFIRI vs. FOLFIRI</li> </ul>	<p><b>Encorafenib +/- Binimetinib</b> (Raf Kinase +/- MEK; Array)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Active, Not Recruiting</u>: 2L or 3L BRAF V600E+ mCRC</li> <li>• <u>Primary completion</u>: July 2019</li> <li>• <u>Treatment</u>: Encorafenib + Erbitux +/- binimetinib vs. Investigator's Choice SOC (SOC may be [FOLFOX + Erbitux] or [Erbitux + irinotecan])</li> </ul>	<p><b>Napabucasin</b> (STAT3; Boston Biomedical)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Recruiting</u>: 2L mCRC</li> <li>• <u>Primary completion</u>: June 2020</li> <li>• <u>Treatment</u>: Napabucasin + FOLFIRI +/- Avastin vs. FOLFIRI +/- Avastin</li> </ul>
3L mCRC	<p><b>TECENTRIQ (atezolizumab) +/- COTELLIC (cobimetinib)</b> (PD-L1 +/- MEK; Roche)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Completed</u>: 3L mCRC</li> <li>• <u>Primary completion</u>: March 2018. Study completion in Dec 2018, with results March 2019</li> <li>• <u>Treatment</u>: Tecentriq +/- Cotellic vs. Stivarga</li> </ul>	<p><b>Other</b></p> <p><b>Adjuvant</b></p> <p><b>TECENTRIQ (atezolizumab)</b> (PD-L1; Roche)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Recruiting</u>: Adjuvant Stage III dMMR CRC</li> <li>• <u>Primary completion</u>: December 2020</li> <li>• <u>Treatment</u>: Tecentriq + FOLFOX vs. FOLFOX</li> </ul> <p><b>Trial sponsored by National Cancer Institute</b></p>	<p><b>Maintenance</b></p> <p><b>Lefitolimod</b> (TLR9; Mologen AG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Active, Not Recruiting</u>: Maintenance mCRC</li> <li>• <u>Primary completion</u>: March 2019</li> <li>• <u>Treatment</u>: Lefitolimod vs. Investigator's Choice SOC Maintenance Tx</li> </ul>

# Chemotherapy Induced Peripheral Neuropathy - Competitive landscape

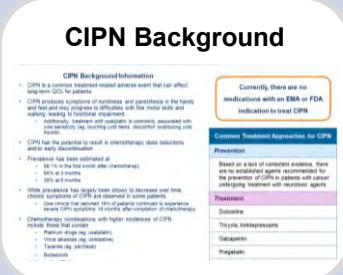
COMMON TREATMENT APPROACHES FOR CIPN
<b>Prevention</b>
<b>No approved drug for prevention or treatment of Chemotherapy Induced Peripheral Neuropathy</b>
<b>Treatment of Symptoms</b>
Duloxetine (Cymbalta®)
Tricyclic Antidepressants
Gabapentin
Pregabalin (Lyrica®)




# PledOx<sup>®</sup> – Market Research, Pricing & Reimbursement

CIPN market research with US and EU Oncologists and Payers to gain insight into Unmet needs in the management of CIPN, validate Target Product Profile and Pricing & Reimbursement

### CIPN Background




### TPP & IDI Guide Development




**Efficacy vs Safety Options and Key Questions for Insight**

### Testing



**12 Physicians and 12 Payers**

### Team Expertise



## Market Research Overview:

1:1, blinded, in-depth interviews

Physicians and Payers were recruited as follows:



6 Physicians, 6 Payers



2 Physicians, 2 Payers



2 Physicians, 2 Payers



2 Physicians, 2 Payers

## Physician Requirements:

- Medical Oncologists or GI specialists involved in the management of metastatic colorectal cancer (CRC)

## Payer Requirements:

- Working knowledge of oncology, specifically CRC
- Participated in 2 formulary reviews in last 12 months

# Physician Insight – confirms the unmet medical need and verifies TPP

- All Oncologists interviewed stated CIPN has a major impact on the appropriate treatment of patients with various forms of cancer
  - Of the various chemotherapeutic regimens available, oxaliplatin was identified as one of the major culprits for development of CIPN
  - All respondents stated that CIPN symptoms, decreasing the number of cycles, treatment discontinuation, and/or changing to a less efficacious regimen
- Oncologists interviewed felt the incidence was higher than that stated in clinical publications



*'Oxaliplatin CIPN incidence is higher than seen in publications. In many cases it arises after chemotherapy, especially in the adjuvant setting where patients can have unpleasant neuropathy for the rest of their lives. Overall, 50% of patients have long-term problems with CIPN'*



*'For 15-20% of patients with chronic problems, their new baseline will be where they are at 12 months – I don't see much change in symptoms between 12 and 18 months'*



*'For oxaliplatin in adjuvant therapy, we dose reduce in 70–80% of patients and have to stop treatment in about 10%'*



*'For a lot of patients there is a small decrease in the symptoms over time, but for the majority there is not recuperation is irreversible. It impacts QOL and patients may have trouble writing or walking'*



# Payer Insight & combined EMA Scientific & Payer Advice

## - clarifies data collection in Phase 3 to build robust pricing arguments

- With PledOx being first-in-class
  - Important to provide information of disease burden, unmet need, and costs of not treating or inadequately treating CIPN



*'You're pushing an unopen door with CIPN in that Oncs are aware of its existence and how troublesome it can be, but nothing has been assessed in this space previously'*

Pricing assumption based on base-case target product profile<sup>1</sup>

1,000 USD/cycle



**NICE** National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

**Statens legemiddelverk**

- Collection of data in POLAR studies extended to capture key variables associated with CIPN costs: hospital visits, medicines, medical procedures and events
- Draft cost-effectiveness model developed to be updated with POLAR efficacy study data and included in Payer dossier



# CIPN associated with high health care costs in the US

## *Research Article*

### **Healthcare Costs and Workloss Burden of Patients with Chemotherapy-Associated Peripheral Neuropathy in Breast, Ovarian, Head and Neck, and Nonsmall Cell Lung Cancer**

Crystal T. Pike,<sup>1</sup> Howard G. Birnbaum,<sup>1</sup> Catherine E. Muehlenbein,<sup>2</sup>  
Gerhardt M. Pohl,<sup>2</sup> and Ronald B. Natale<sup>3</sup>

- Privately insured administrative claims database study (Ingenix Employer db, 4.7 million people)
- Patients with qualifying tumors, and claims for chemotherapy and services indicative of CIPN
- Patients <65 years of age
- Cases were matched 1:1 to controls with no CIPN-related claims based on demographics, diabetes history and propensity for having a diagnosis of PN during the study period

Increased health care costs for  
CIPN patient:

**17,344 USD**

during first year after chemotherapy

On average, each CIPN case had 12  
more outpatient visits than controls, and  
spent more days in the hospital

# PledOx<sup>®</sup> – Commercial potential in CRC patients

**~700k**

Drug treated CRC patients in US, EU5 & JPN/year

**~225k**

Number of oxaliplatin treated patients in US, EU5 & JPN/ /year

**~1.5m**

Number of oxaliplatin cycles in US, EU5 & JPN /year

Pricing assumption

**1,000**  
USD/cycle

COGS assumption

Low single digit percent

**+60%**

in CRC incidence by 2030

# PledOx<sup>®</sup> Summary and Opportunities in CIPN with oxaliplatin



**PREVENTS NERVE DAMAGE CAUSED BY OXALIPLATIN TREATMENT**

## DEVELOPMENT STATUS

- Phase II data provide reason to believe in Phase III
- Global Phase III POLAR studies approved in US, EU and Japan and first patient included – November, 2018
- Asian expansion of Phase III supported by Japanese PMDA. First patient in January 2019
- Milestone payment of 600 MJPY (c.49 MSEK) was triggered due to the inclusion of the first patient in Japan to the global Phase III program for PledOx<sup>®</sup>
- Top-line results in POLAR-studies expected 2020 with regulatory submissions starting in 2021

## BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

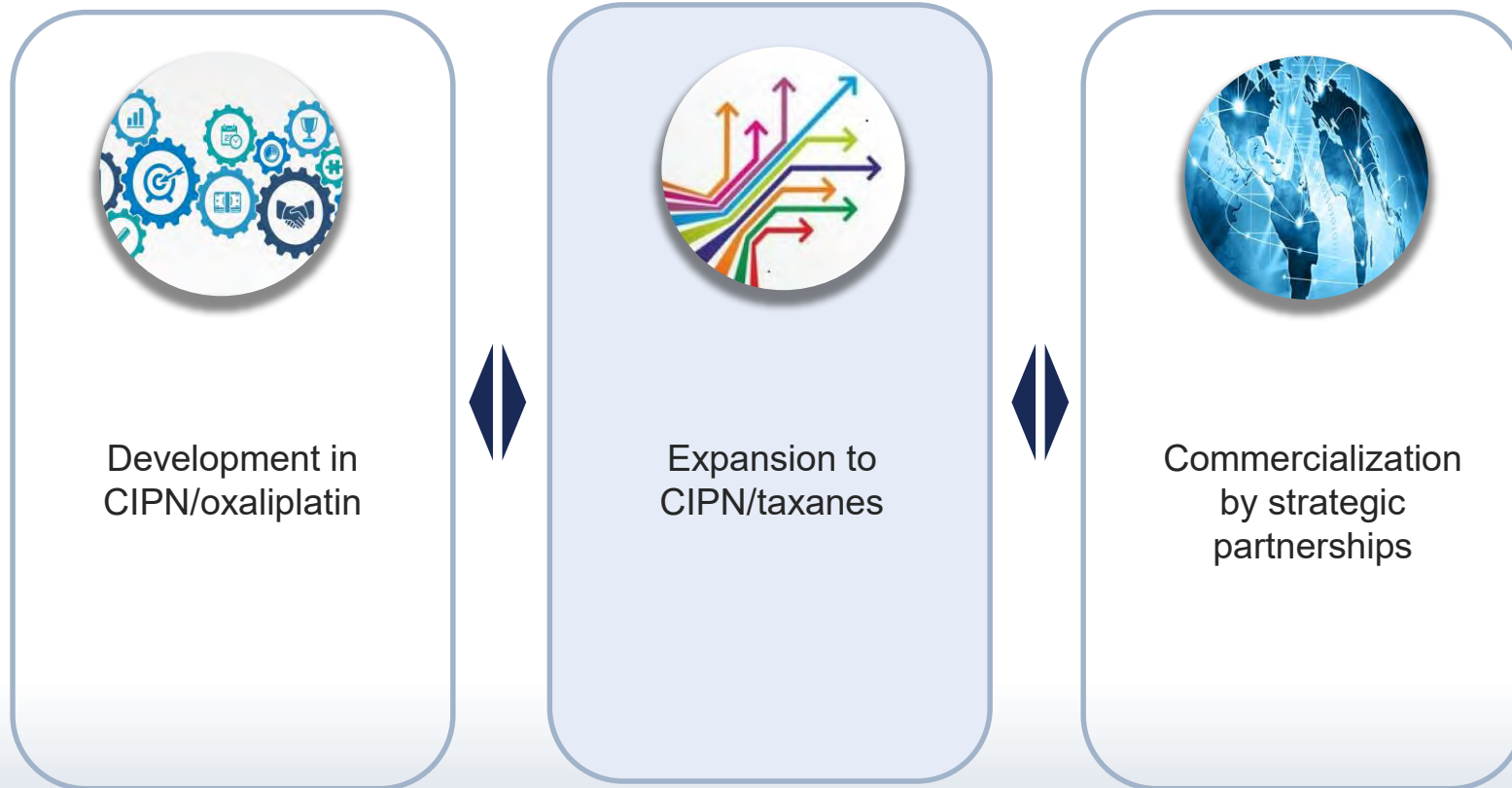
- CRC 3rd most diagnosed cancer
- ~1.5M cycles of oxaliplatin yearly (US, EU5, JPN)
- 60% growth in CRC incidence by 2030
- High incidence of CIPN (40-60%) in CRC patients.
- 20-30% of patients with symptoms >7 years later
- No available prevention or treatment of CIPN
- Limited competition
- Pricing and Reimbursement Research suggests a base-case pricing of 1,000 USD/cycle

## 2. PledOx<sup>®</sup> in Chemotherapy Induced Peripheral Neuropathy (CIPN)

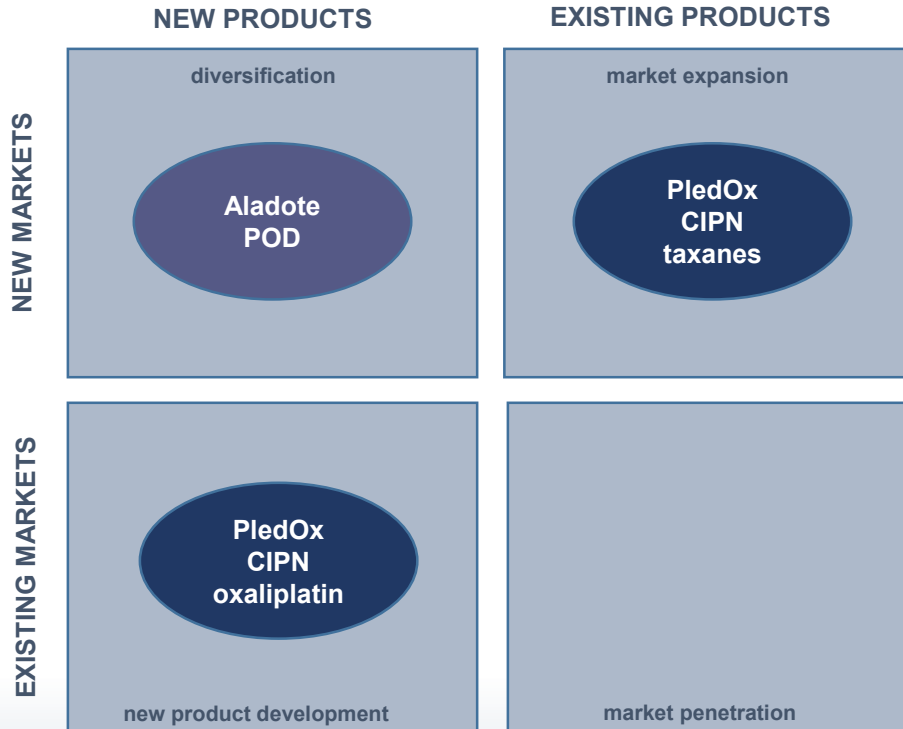
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# PledOx drives value by...



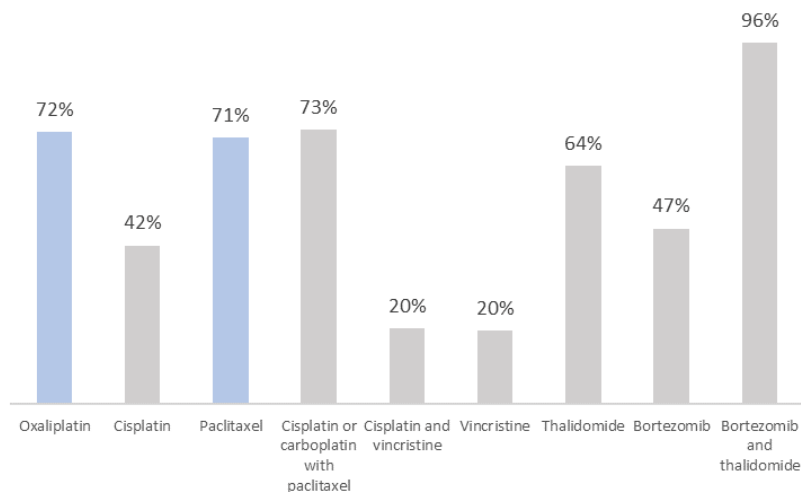
# CIPN/taxanes a strategic opportunity for PledOx<sup>®</sup>



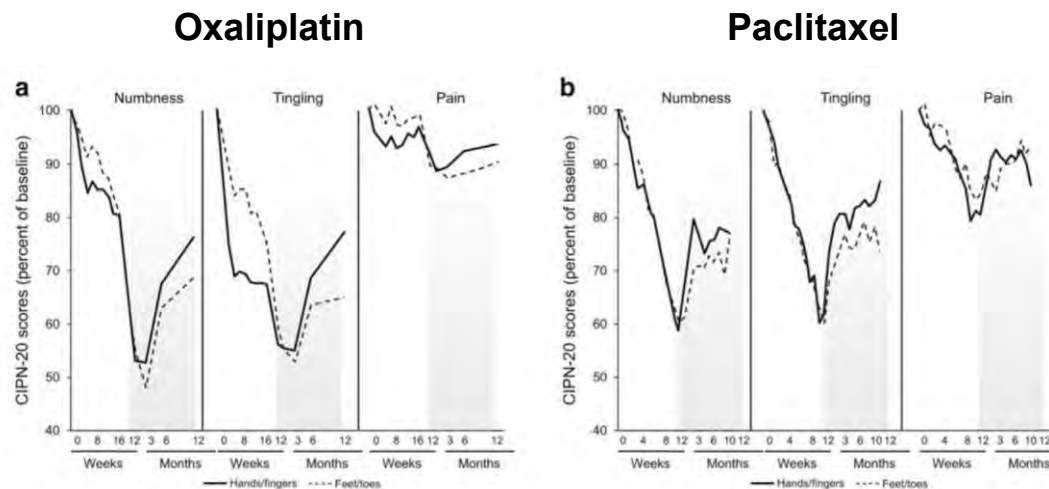
- Good strategic fit in PledPharma portfolio
- Most attractive commercial opportunity with huge unmet medical need
- Safety database generated in POLAR program of value in CIPN/taxanes
- Positive data from POLAR program further increases likelihood of success
- Learnings from regulatory & clinical experience in CIPN/oxaliplatin can be leveraged to CIPN/taxanes

Ansoff's matrix of PledPharma portfolio with PledOx in CIPN/oxaliplatin as frontrunner to Aladote & PledOx LCM

# Unmet medical need for CIPN with taxanes is similar to that for oxaliplatin



- Similar percentage of patients experience CIPN with oxaliplatin and paclitaxel<sup>(1)</sup>

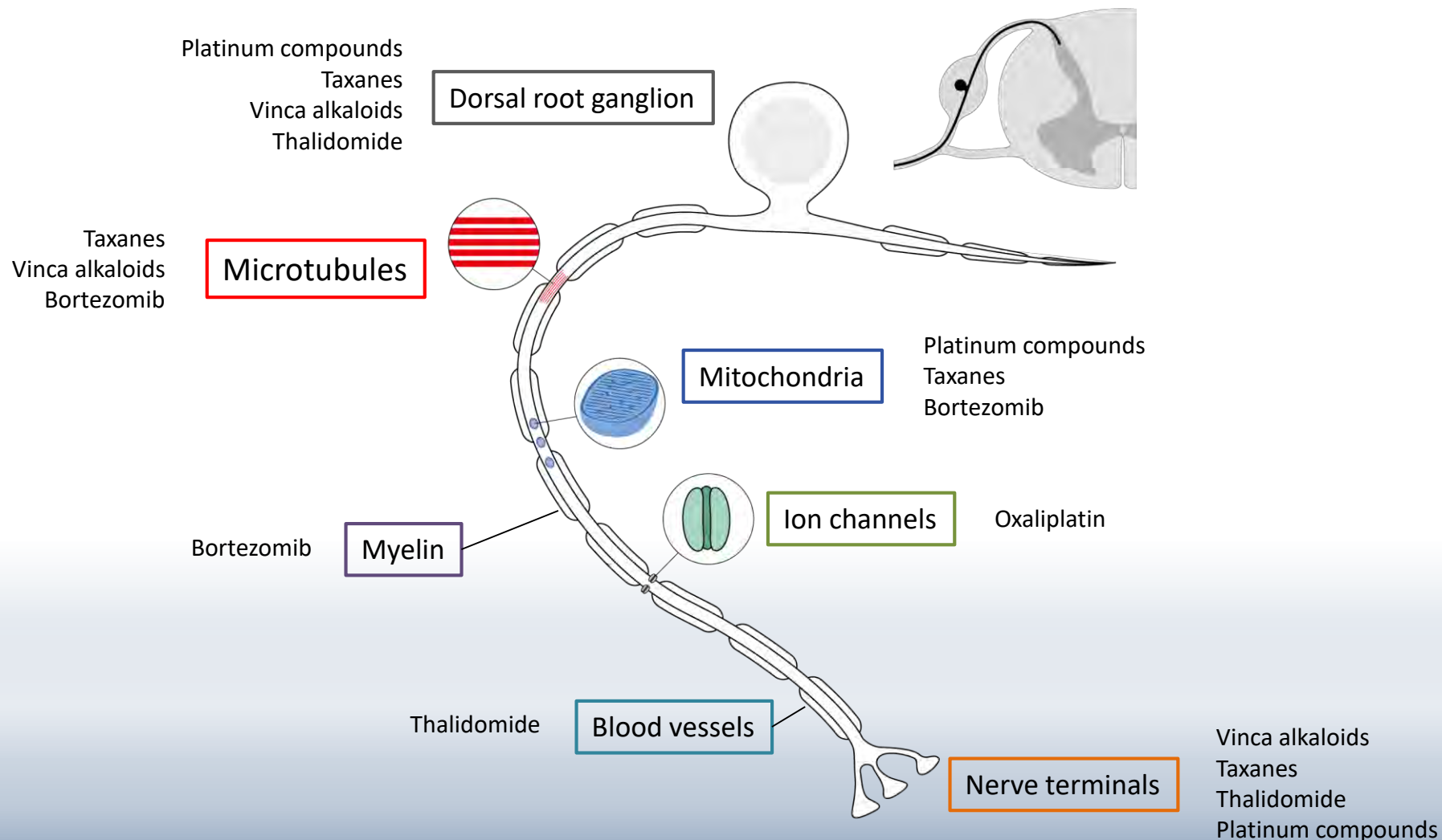


- Similar type of chronic CIPN symptoms are experienced, i.e numbness, tingling in hands and feet<sup>(2)</sup>
- Coasting pronounced with oxaliplatin, not with paclitaxel<sup>(2)</sup>
- Acute symptoms with paclitaxel include aching pain, for oxaliplatin cold sensitivity<sup>(2)</sup>

(1) Seretny et.al (2014) Incidence, prevalence, and predictors of chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy: A systematic review and meta-analysis

(2) Pachman et.al (2017) Comparison of oxaliplatin and paclitaxel-induced neuropathy

# Mitochondrial dysfunction a contributing factor to CIPN by taxanes give reasons to believe in PledOx<sup>®</sup>

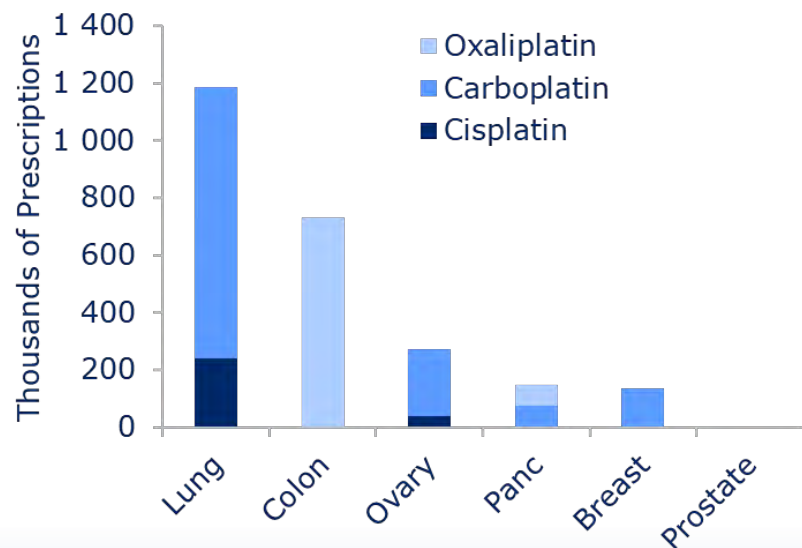




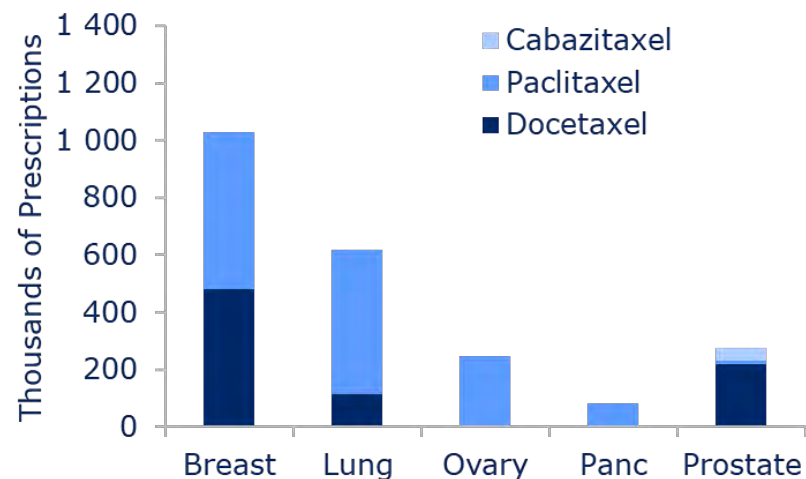
# Attractive commercial opportunity in CIPN/taxanes

## Market size

Use of platinum-based chemotherapy by tumor type



Use of taxane-based chemotherapy by tumor type



## Competitive landscape

No competitor clinical trials registered on [clinicaltrials.gov](http://clinicaltrials.gov)

## Next steps in development path for CIPN/taxanes

Pre-clinical studies  
(2019)

In collaboration with Prof Cavaletti, Univ Milano-Biocca

- 1) Preliminary dose-ranging study with PledOx<sup>®</sup>
- 2) Efficacy of PledOx<sup>®</sup> will be evaluated vs placebo on top of paclitaxel (taxane) alone or in combination with carboplatin

Regulatory  
interactions  
(2019-2020)

Clarify development path, including

- a) Requirements for clinical efficacy & safety data for sNDA/MAA – how to leverage POLAR study data?
- b) Design of clinical study incl endpoints, sample size etc
- c) Dose selection in CIPN/taxanes

# PledOx drives value by...





# PledPharma

Capital Markets Day  
26<sup>th</sup> March, 2019



# Agenda



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3. Aladote<sup>®</sup> in Paracetamol Overdose (POD)

- a. Unmet medical need
- b. Aladote<sup>®</sup> proof of principle study results
- c. Development of Aladote to prevent acute liver injury caused by POD
- d. Commercial opportunity in POD

4. Corporate Strategy

- a. Direction and opportunities to enhance value
- b. Business development
- c. Finance and up listing

5. Summary & Closing remarks

## VIDEO

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**Phase II**



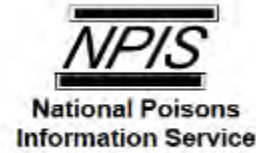
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**Phase II**





# Paracetamol overdose:

- epidemiology and management
- results from Aladote POP study

Dr James Dear  
University of Edinburgh





**Paracetamol is the world's  
most used drug**

# Hospital Episode Statistics 2017/18

Reason for admission	Emergency admissions (England)
<b>Paracetamol overdose</b>	<b>41,898</b>
Fracture of neck of femur	47,334
Pulmonary embolism	29,541
Appendicitis	44,149
Acute pancreatitis	42,672

# Epidemiology in UK every year:

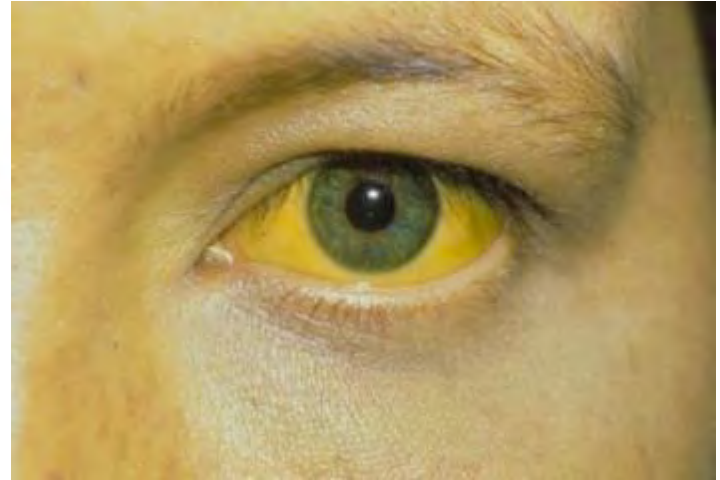
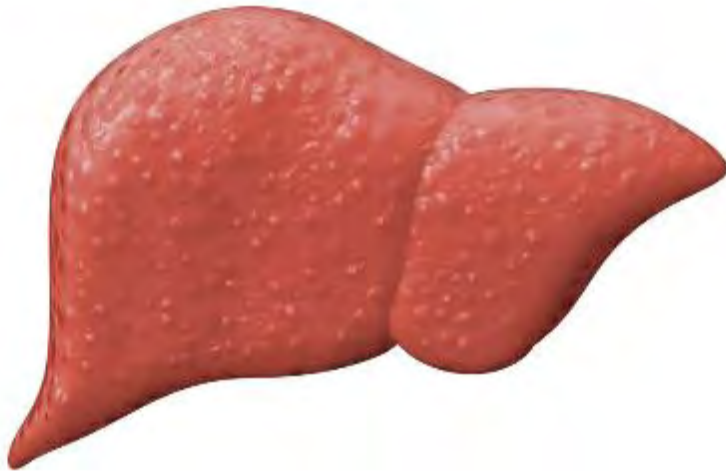
- 100,000 hospital attendances per year
- 50,000 emergency admission for treatment
- **At least 12,500 lack an effective treatment (25%)**
- 112,000 hospital bed days occupied
- 350 people registered for liver transplant
- 225 deaths

# POD Healthcare costs in US:

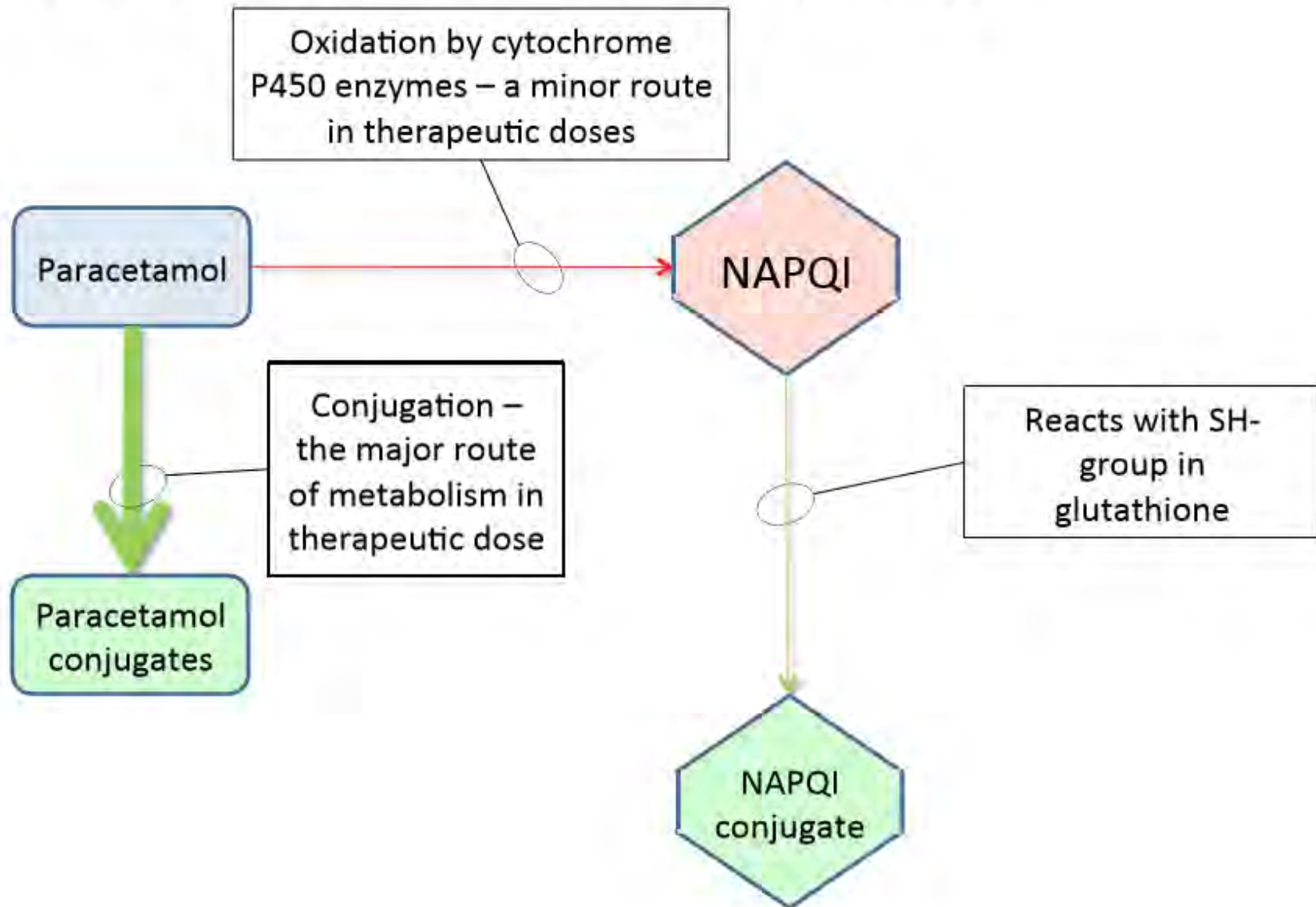
- Healthcare costs were **\$1bn** in 2010
- Average inpatient length of stay was 3.1 Days
- Liver Transplant Costs between \$125k - \$473k



**Problem is liver damage**

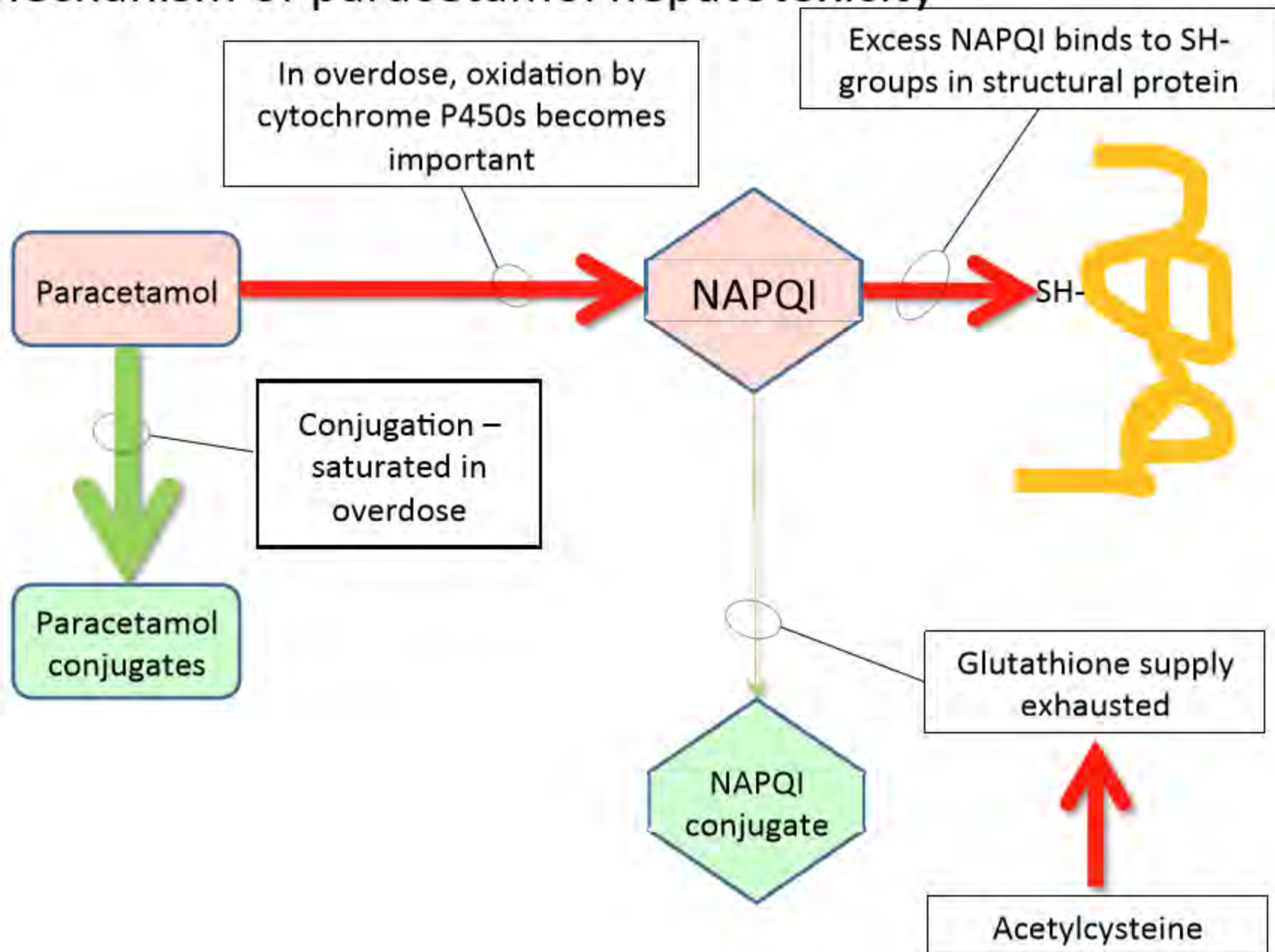


# Mechanism of paracetamol hepatotoxicity





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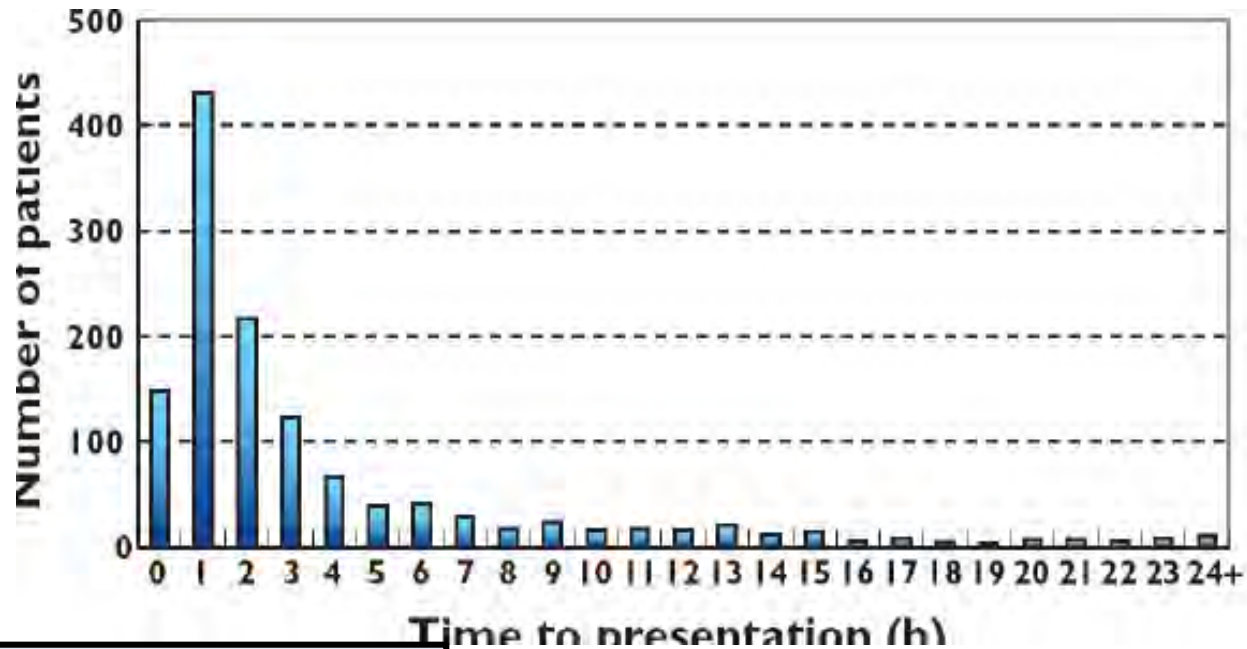
**PARACETAMOL QUESTION 1:**

**Who gets treatment after overdose?**



**Hugo Dear**

# Risk assessment

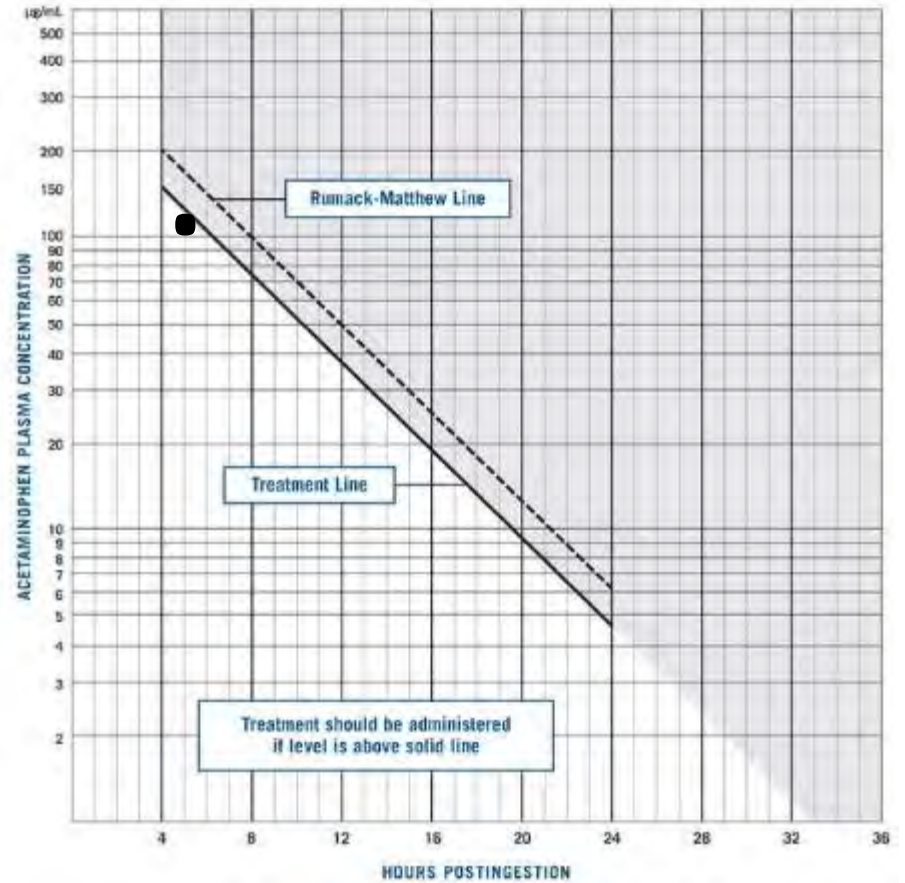
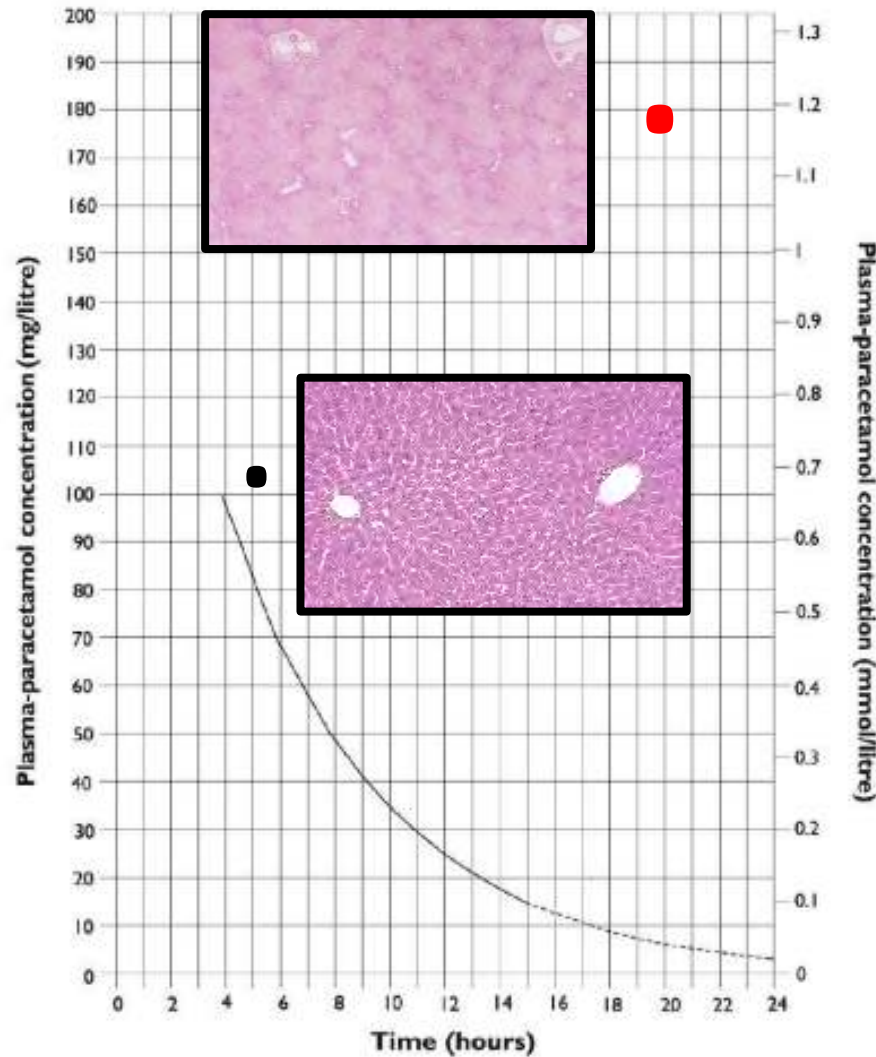


*BJCP* 2009 68 260 - 268

- Majority of patients present soon after OD before liver injury can be diagnosed using current tests such as ALT
- Therefore, use surrogate marker
- **Blood paracetamol concentration**

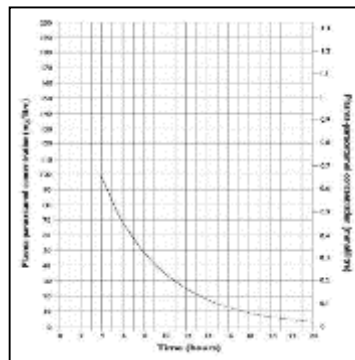
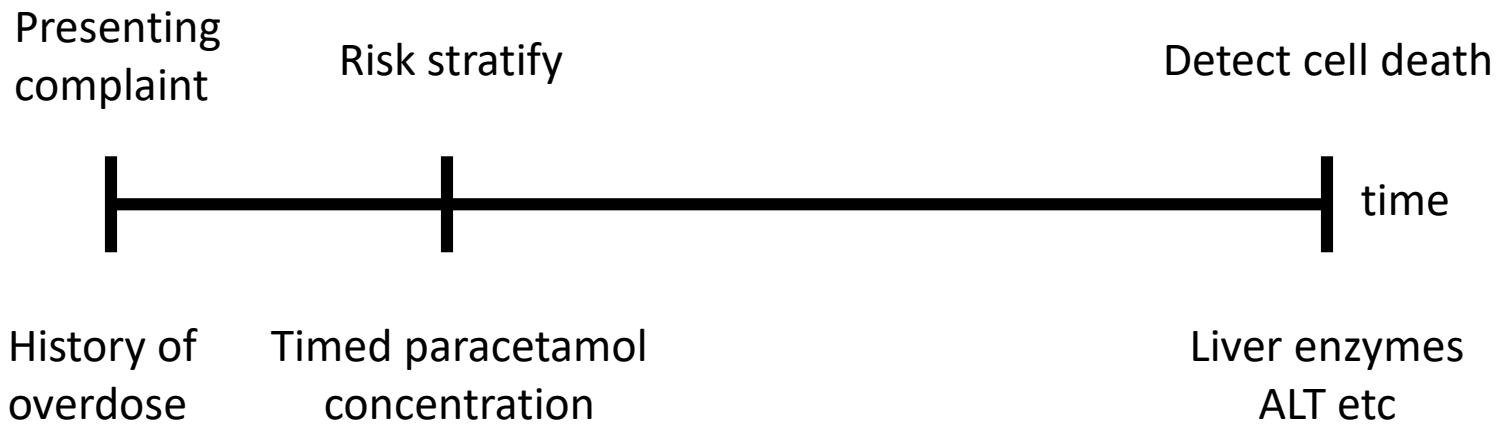
# Risk assessment – paracetamol concentration

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# Early, diagnostic markers ... Paracetamol OD ...

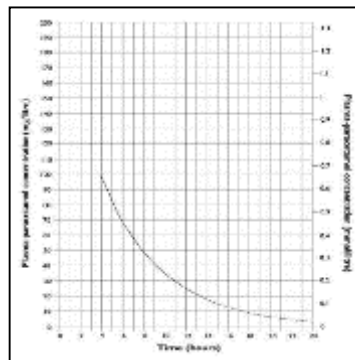
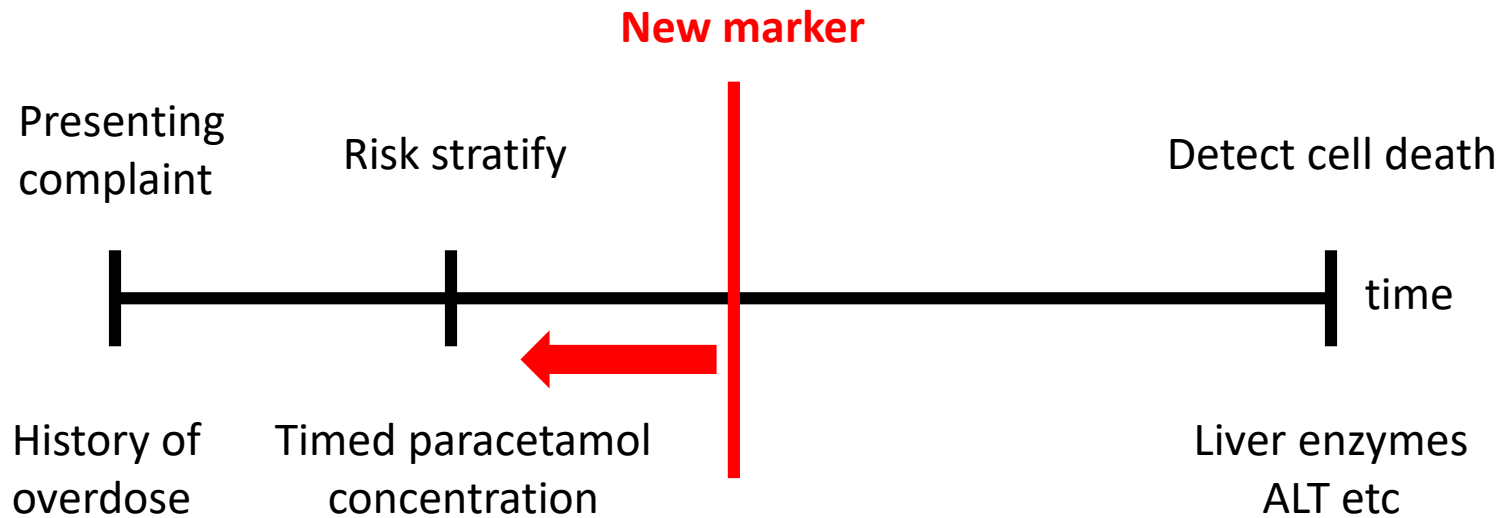
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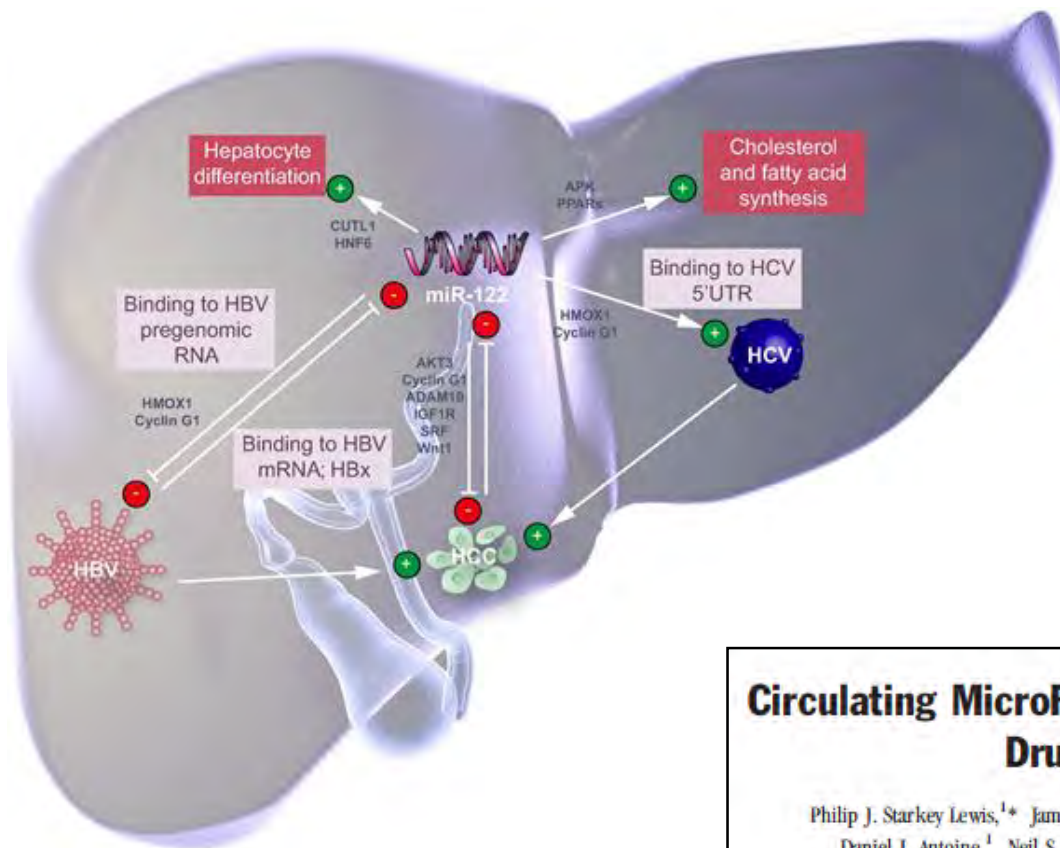
# Early, diagnostic markers ...

## Paracetamol OD ...



# Biomarker

## microRNA-122 (miR-122)



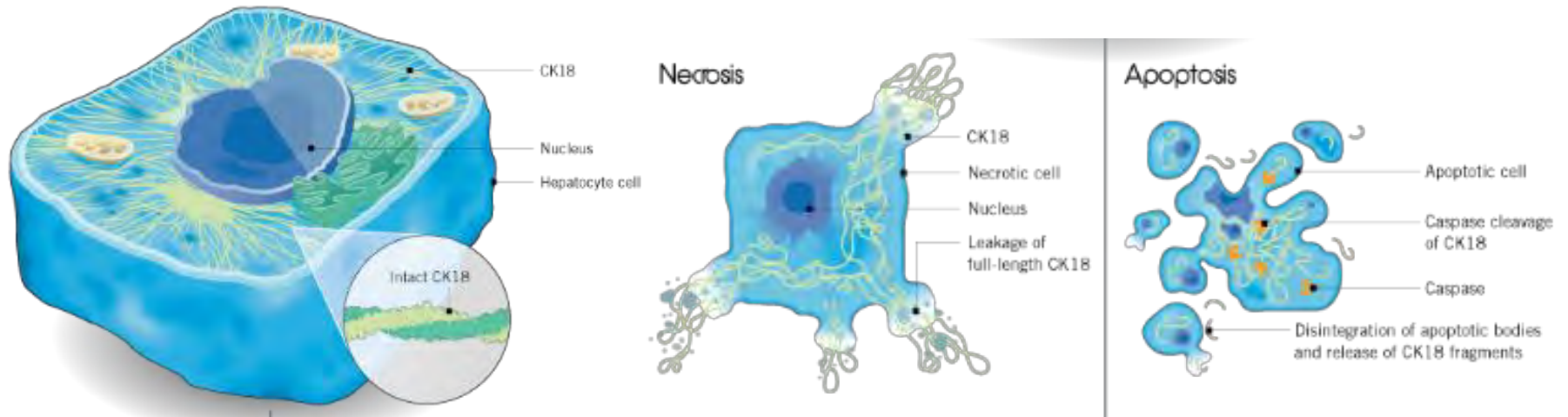
### Circulating MicroRNAs as Potential Markers of Human Drug-Induced Liver Injury

Philip J. Starkey Lewis,<sup>1\*</sup> James Dear,<sup>2\*</sup> Vivien Platt,<sup>1</sup> Kenneth J. Simpson,<sup>3</sup> Darren G.N. Craig,<sup>3</sup>  
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**Hepatology 2011: no of citations 364**



# Mechanism of Cell Death - Biomarkers



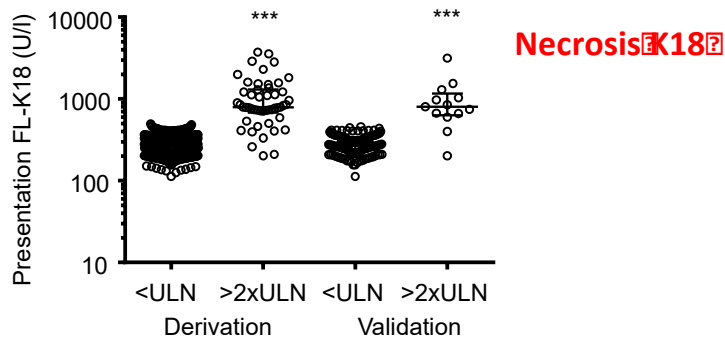
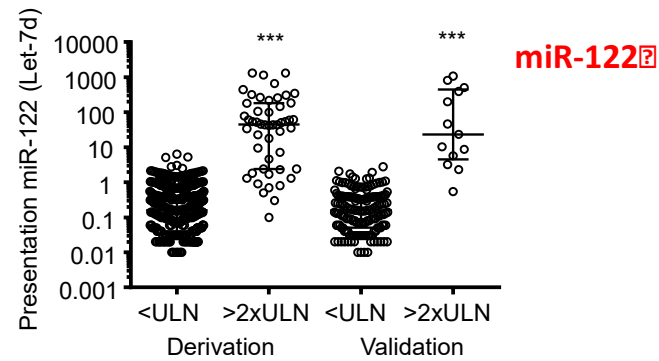
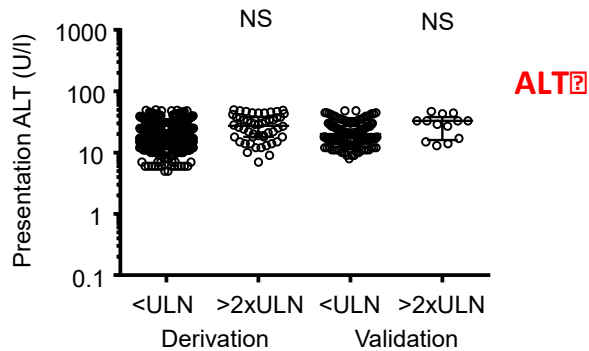
**Molecular forms of HMGB1 and keratin-18  
as mechanistic biomarkers for mode of cell death and prognosis  
during clinical acetaminophen hepatotoxicity**

Daniel J. Antoine<sup>1,\*</sup>, Rosalind E. Jenkins<sup>1</sup>, James W. Dear<sup>2</sup>, Dominic P. Williams<sup>1</sup>,  
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***J Hepatol* 2012: no of citations 223**

Risk stratification after paracetamol overdose using mechanistic biomarkers: results from two prospective cohort studies

James M. Bell, Anne E. Clarke, Sanjiv K. Das, A. Lee Johnson, Wolfgang Kew, Ian M. Stewart, Andrew M. Wood, Andrew D. Cook, Sarah E. L. Thomas, Andrew J. Valleron, Mark P. Peck, Susan R. Bell, Robert F. Storey, Carlo J. Franco



**NORMAL ALT** **MAPP N=875**  
**ON PRESENTATION** **BIOPAR N=176**

**miR-122 and K18 are higher in patients who develop ALI**

Study	ROC-AUC (95%CI)	P value	Sens at 95% Spec (95%CI)
<b>miR-122</b>			
MAPP	<b>0.96 (0.93-0.99)</b>	<0.0001	0.84 (0.71-0.92)
BIOPAR	<b>0.97 (0.94-1.00)</b>	<0.0001	0.92 (0.63-0.99)
<b>K18</b>			
MAPP	<b>0.94 (0.89-0.99)</b>	<0.0001	0.88 (0.76-0.95)
BIOPAR	<b>0.93 (0.81-1.00)</b>	<0.0001	0.85 (0.55-0.98)

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25 year old male

Single overdose of 35g paracetamol at 02:30

(timing supported by Facebook message)

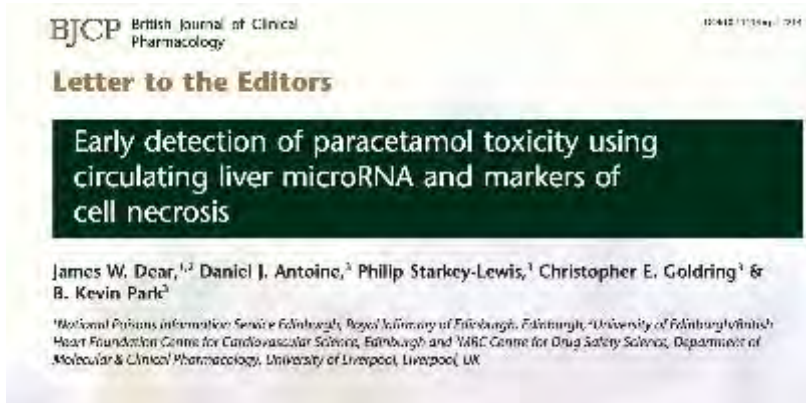
Assessed 4.5h after OD

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Normal biochemical evidence of liver injury

Assessed by senior doctor and not treated

Discharged after psychiatry review



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ALT (U/L) (ULN 50)	34	
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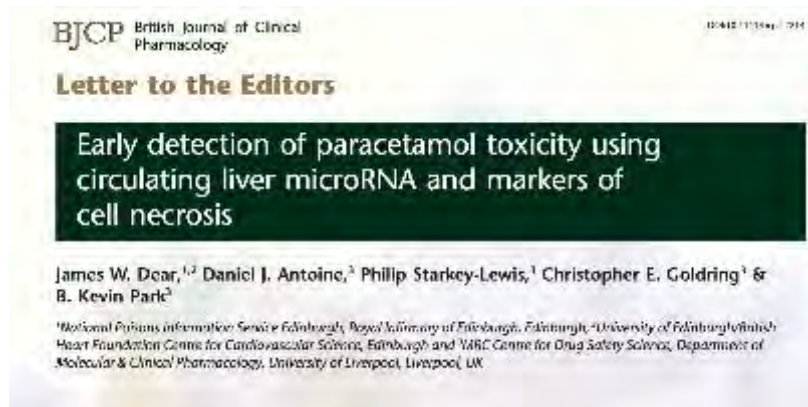
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Tender abdomen



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LIFE THREATENING HEPATOTOXICITY  
MISSED BY CURRENT TESTS**

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ALT (U/L) (ULN 50)	34	11314
INR	1.0	2.1
miR-122 (/ let-7d) (ULN 5.2*)	<b>261</b>	<b>(x50)</b>
K18 (U/L) (ULN 480*)	<b>4018</b>	<b>(x8)</b>

\*95% prediction interval – no liver injury after overdose n=82 *Hepatology* 2013

# Qualification as tool in drug development

## Regulatory endorsement for miR-122 and K18 as a DILI biomarker



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE  
 Food and Drug Administration  
 Center for Drug Evaluation and Research  
 10903 New Hampshire Avenue  
 Silver Spring, MD 20993

Date: July 25, 2016

ATTN: Safer and Faster Evidence-based Translation (SAFE-T) Consortium  
 Fanny Galy, Finlis  
 Gerd Kallak-Ublick, Novartis  
 Angelika Hoeningler, Novartis

Subject: Letter of Support for Drug-Induced Liver Injury (DILI) Biomarker(s)

Dear Safe-T Consortium,

We are issuing this Letter of Support to the SAFE-T Consortium to encourage the further development and exploratory use of:

- Cytokeratin 18 (CK-18)
- Total and hyperacetylated high mobility group protein B1 (HMGB1)
- Osteopontin
- Microphage colony-stimulating factor 1 receptor (CSF1R)

alone or in combination as reliable monitoring biomarkers to assess the risk of progression of drug-induced liver injury (DILI) in patients in whom an initial DILI diagnosis has been established based on elevations of the standard biomarkers alanine aminotransferase (ALT) alone or in combination with total bilirubin (TBL) as a clinical safety assessment in clinical trials in a drug development context.

Due to the rarity and severity of idiosyncratic DILI, this adverse drug reaction remains an important cause of drug development late stage failures and post-marketing withdrawals. Current standard biochemical detection and assessment of DILI includes measuring serum enzyme activities of ALT, aspartate aminotransferase (AST), alkaline phosphatase (ALP), and gamma glutamyl transferase (GGT) as markers of hepatocellular or cholestatic injury. In addition, TBL concentrations, serum albumin and prothrombin time are used as functional measures of liver activity. Some of these standard biomarker measures have been used in combination via Hy's Law<sup>1</sup> to identify liver dysfunction and patients with DILI. However, the sensitivity and specificity of Hy's Law are challenged by commonly observed mild elevations of bilirubin and inadequate early detection of injury. For a Hy's Law assessment to be positive, a significant amount of liver damage has already occurred. In contrast, changes in aminotransferase activities, particularly ALT, without bilirubin elevations are more sensitive, but not sufficiently specific for drug-related liver injury due

<sup>1</sup> Reference numbers for all entries listed in this letter are provided in the appendix to ensure clarity and allow for easy access to future studies.  
<sup>2</sup> Defined biochemically as elevation of ALT > 3x upper limit of normal range with concomitant elevation of serum total bilirubin > 2x upper limit of normal range.

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Letter of support for drug-induced liver injury (DILI) biomarker

Summary

The Drug-induced Liver Injury (DILI) work package 2 (WP2) of the SAFE-T consortium specifically aimed to address the current lack of sensitive and specific clinical tests to diagnose, predict and monitor drug-induced injury to the liver, which is a major hurdle in drug development.

The objectives of DILI WP2 were to qualify one or a set of new biomarkers with respect to:

- an early or earlier diagnosis of DILI as compared to current diagnostic rules
- the ability to predict DILI outcome, with particular emphasis on severe DILI/acute liver failure
- the prognosis and monitoring of progression and regression of DILI
- the differentiation between patients who incur true drug-induced liver injury from those who recover from the initial injury despite ongoing drug treatment (adoctors)

Originally, the overall strategy for biomarker selection was ambitious with regard to the initial selection, further evaluation, and final confirmation within a variety of clinical trials.

However, given time constraints and the limited number of patients available by the end of 2014, the DILI WP2 decided to investigate 10 new biomarkers selected largely from the first stage gate analysis in one subsequent analysis using all available datasets and to no longer separate an exploratory from a confirmatory phase. True confirmatory data which could support a Qualification Opinion are therefore currently not available. All models submitted may be considered exploratory in nature.

Scientific discussion

During the development, the applicant have conducted or evaluated (1) protocols that recruited patients diagnosed with DILI and (2) protocols that recruited patients without a diagnosis of DILI but who were on treatment with potentially hepatotoxic drugs and were prospectively monitored for several months. For all studies, cases with suspected DILI were ascertained by clinical judgement of the investigators and subsequently by the evaluation of an adjudication committee. All cases meeting the trial enrollment criteria were adjudicated, the great majority of those fulfilled the consensus criteria for

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## **PARACETAMOL QUESTION 2:**

**How should patients be treated?**



*Pediatrics*. 1978 Nov;62(5 Pt 2 Suppl):898-903.

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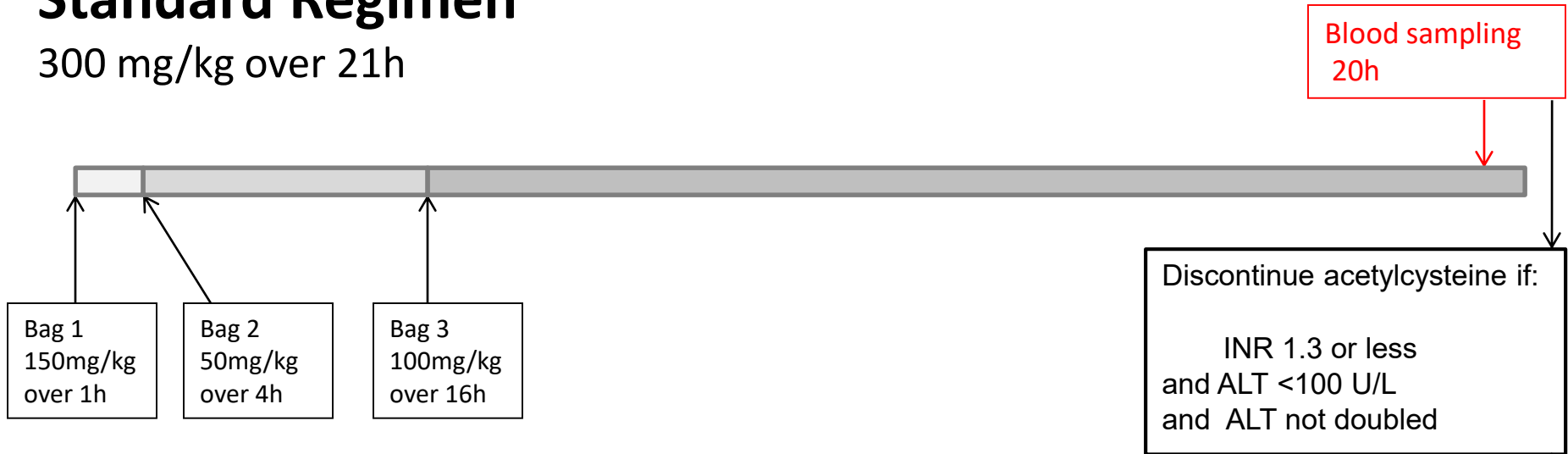
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## **Adverse reactions associated with acetylcysteine**

E.A. SANDILANDS and D.N. BATEMAN

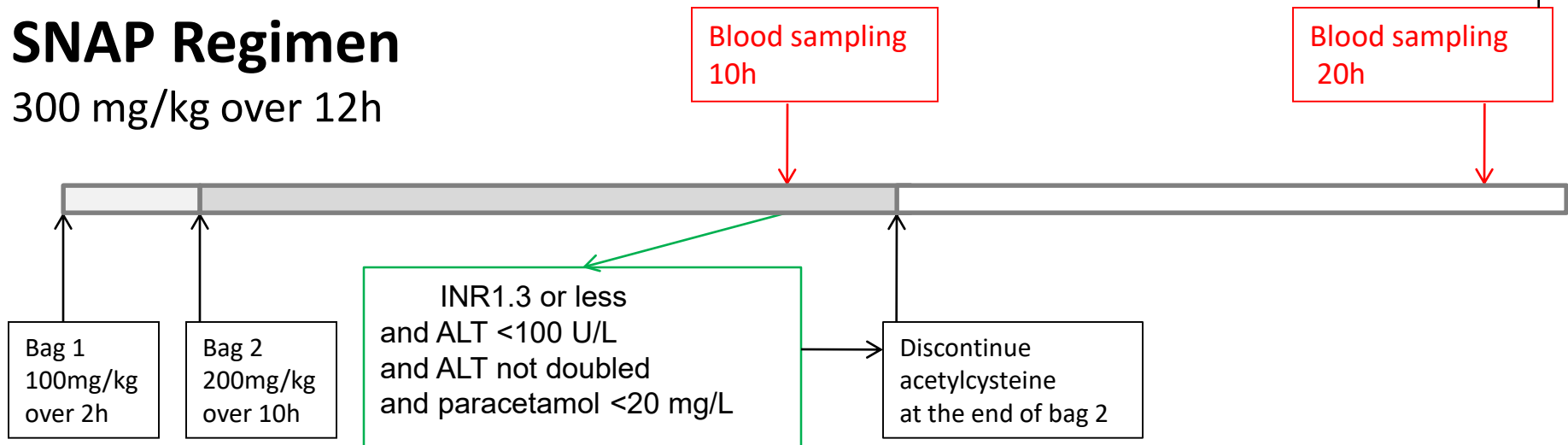
# Standard Regimen

300 mg/kg over 21h



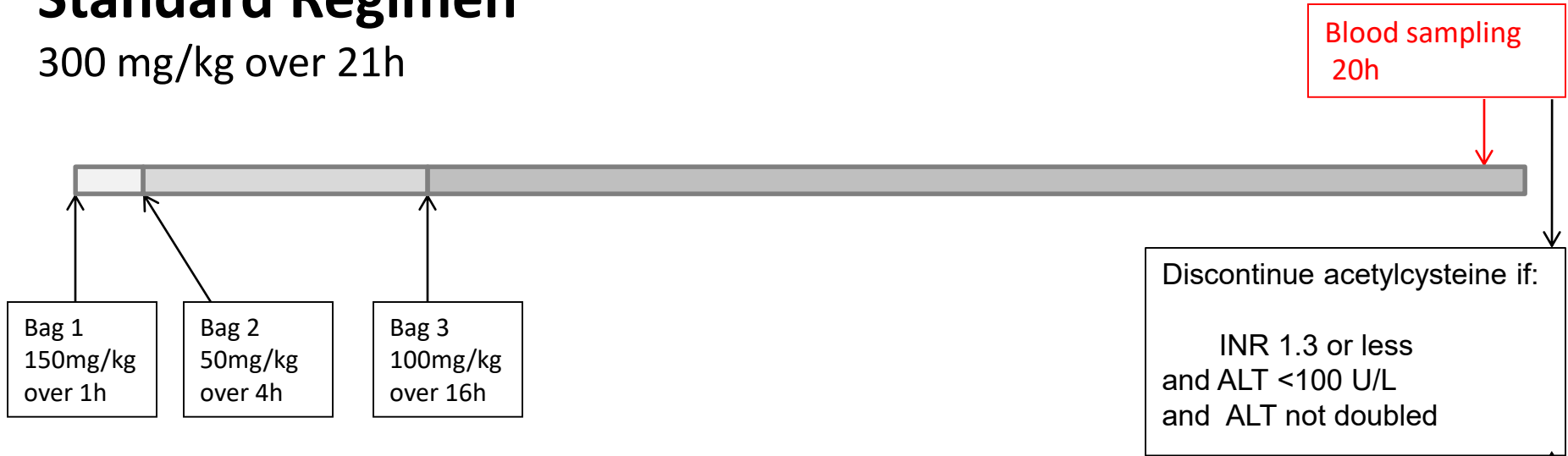
# SNAP Regimen

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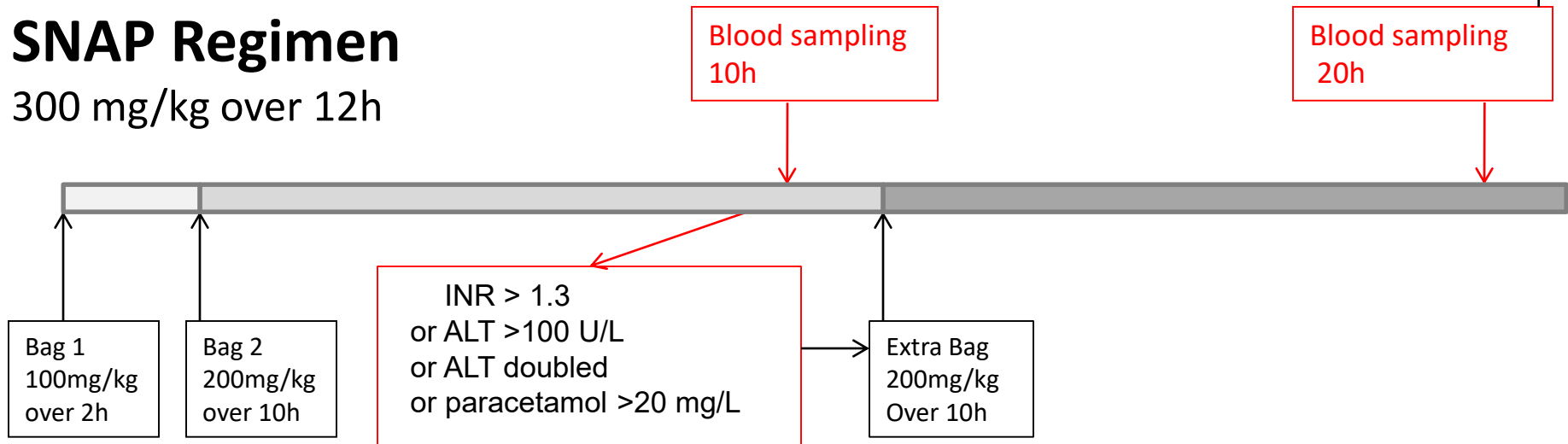
# Standard Regimen

300 mg/kg over 21h



# SNAP Regimen

300 mg/kg over 12h



# Real clinical case

Mr AB

25 year old man

Suffers from depression

Took 70 paracetamol tablets

(35g – **500mg/kg** body weight) **around 20 hours ago**

Wants to die but happy to stay in hospital and receive treatment

**Agrees to take part in a clinical study** (MAPP2 Study)

Blood results: ALT **3340** U/L (ULN 50 U/L)

INR 1.9

Started on acetylcysteine at dose

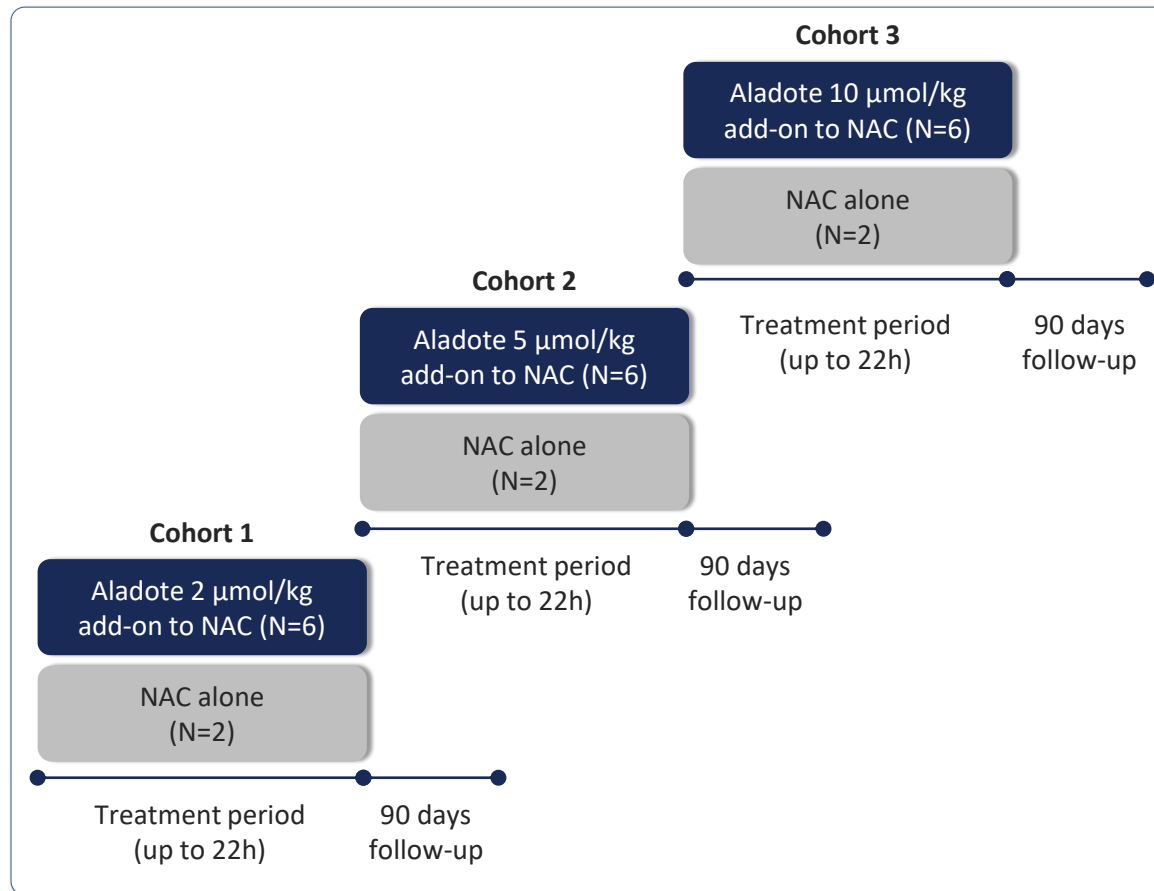
based on body weight even though **minimal effectiveness**

**THERE IS NO TREATMENT FOR MR AB  
EXCEPT LIVER TRANSPLANTATION**

Results from first clinical study with  
Aladote



# Design of Aladote clinical study



## Design

- Single ascending dose study in 3 dosing cohorts of 8 patients (N=24) as add-on to NAC regime

## Patients

- Admitted to hospital within 24h of paracetamol overdose requiring NAC treatment

## Treatment

- Aladote/Placebo administered 2 hrs after NAC loading dose

## Endpoints

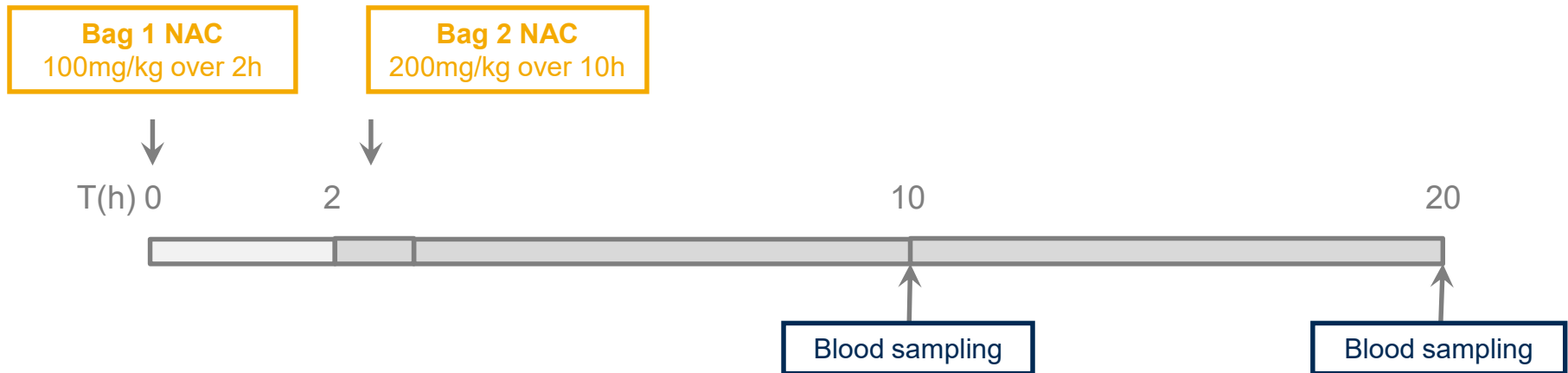
- Safety and tolerability  
Biomarkers<sup>1</sup> of liver status

**Explored safety and efficacy of NAC and Aladote (calmangafodipir)**

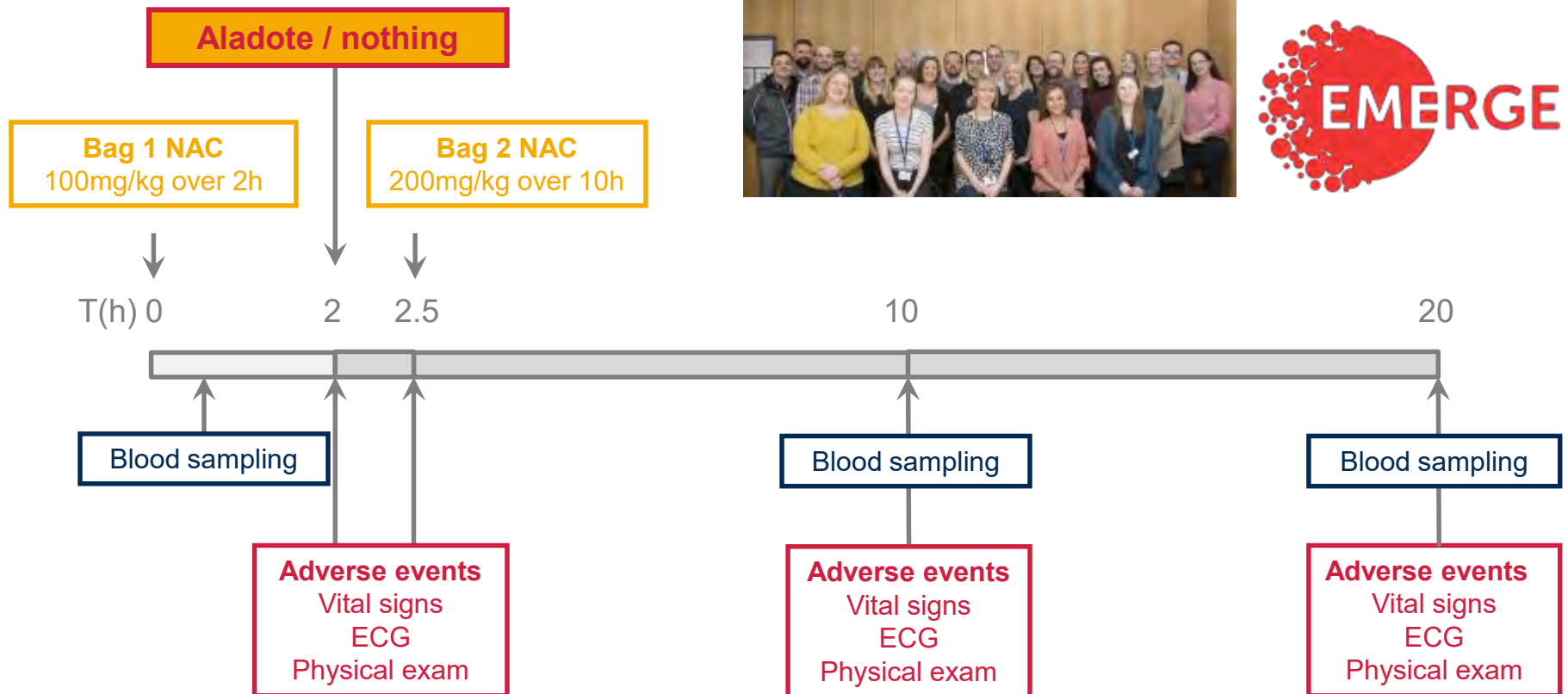
## Inclusion Criteria:

1. Any patient with capacity admitted to hospital within 24 hrs either a single acute POD or more than one dose of paracetamol (staggered) and deemed to require treatment with NAC.
2. Provision of written informed consent
3. Males and females of at least 16 years of age

# Aladote (Calmangafodipir) for Overdose of Paracetamol (POP) (NCT03177395)



# Aladote (Calmangafodipir) for Overdose of Paracetamol (POP) (NCT03177395)



# Primary outcome

Event	NAC alone	NAC + 2 µmol/kg Aladote	NAC + 5 µmol/kg Aladote	NAC + 10 µmol/kg Aladote
Any adverse event	6 (100%)	6 (100%)	6 (100%)	6 (100%)
Any serious adverse event	2 (33%)	4 (67%)	2 (33%)	3 (50%)
Serious adverse event starting within 7 days	1 (17%)	1 (17%)	1 (17%)	2 (33%)

**No AE or SAE probably or definitely related to Aladote**

Met the primary endpoint of safety and tolerability in the combination of Aladote<sup>®</sup> and NAC



# Real clinical case

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Suffers from depression

Took 70 paracetamol tablets

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**Aladote represents a new  
treatment for patients like Mr AB**

Blood results: ALT **3340** U/L (ULN 50 U/L)

INR 1.9

Started on acetylcysteine at dose

based on body weight even though **minimal effectiveness**

## **KEY POINTS**

- **Paracetamol overdose is very common**
- **Current treatment is not effective in at least a quarter of patients (12,500/year in UK)**
- **We can deliver clinical trials in this clinical space galvanised by new biomarkers**
- **Aladote is safe and may reduce liver injury when added to standard of care**



### 3. Aladote<sup>®</sup> in Paracetamol Overdose (POD)

- a. Unmet medical need
- b. Aladote<sup>®</sup> proof of principle study results
- c. Development of Aladote to prevent acute liver injury caused by POD
- d. Commercial opportunity in POD



**Phase II**

# Paracetamol (acetaminophen) poisoning ... no adequate treatment for high risk patients

19bn units of paracetamol packages sold every year in the US.

Minimum toxic dose of paracetamol in adults – only 7.5g

~50 % of overdoses are unintentional

Could lead to acute liver failure, liver transplant or death



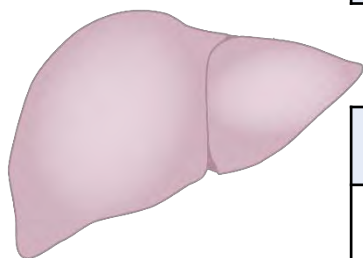
89,000 cases of paracetamol overdose in US per year

105,000 cases of paracetamol overdose in UK per year

No adequate treatment for high risk patients

# Aladote Target Product Profile in high-risk paracetamol overdose patients

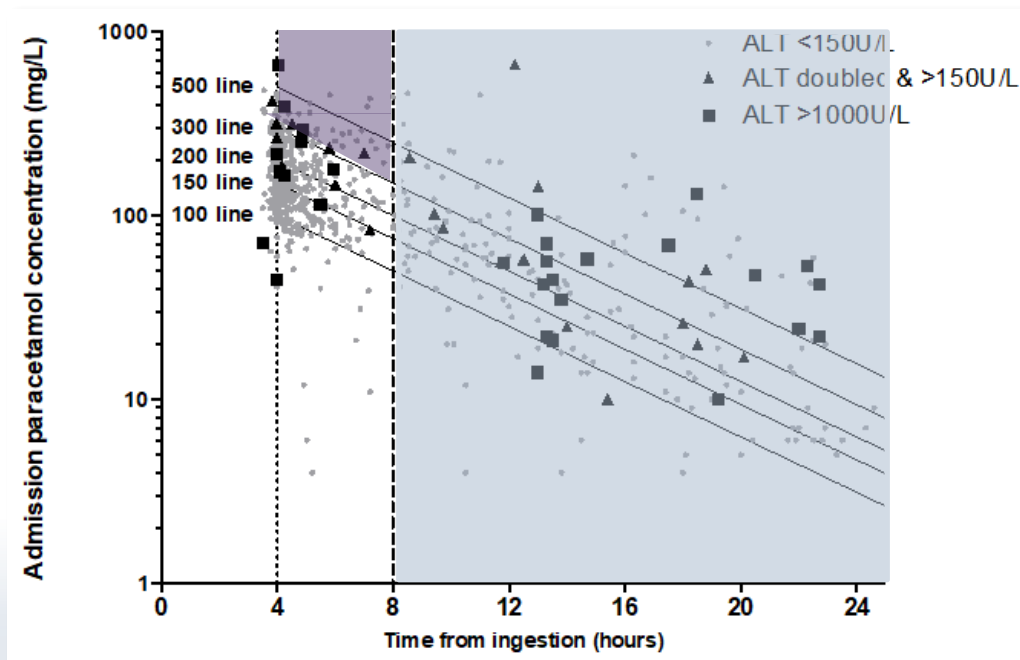
**Indication:** To reduce hepatic injury in high-risk patients



## Patients treated with Aladote (in combination with NAC) has ...

Efficacy	Safety & Tolerability
... lower risk of requiring additional bags of NAC (beyond planned NAC treatment) and associated prolonged hospital stay compared to placebo (in combination with NAC)	... similar adverse event profile as patients treated with placebo (in combination with NAC)
... lower risk of ALT>100 or doubling of ALT compared to placebo (in combination with NAC)	

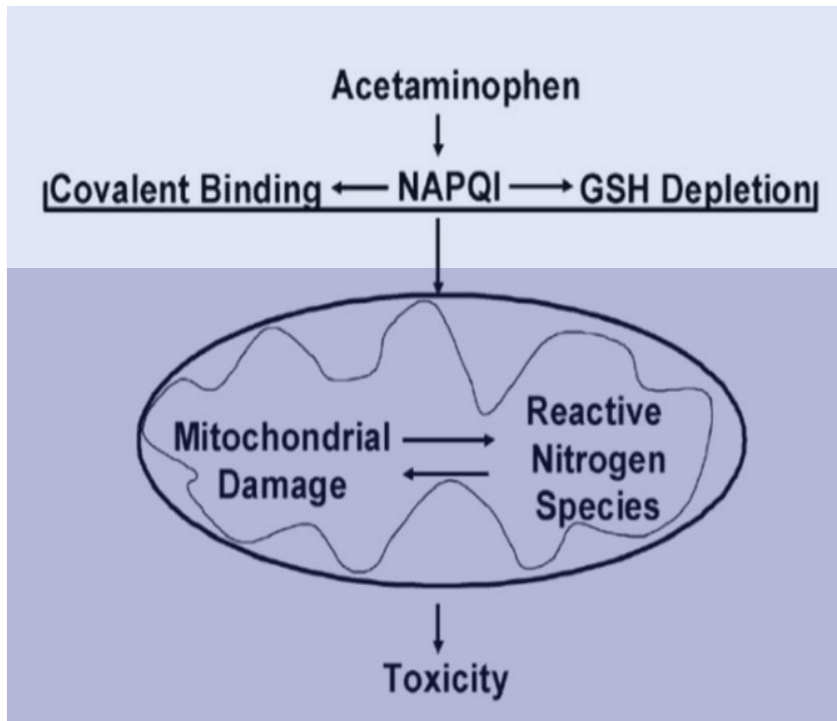
# Early presenters with high paracetamol levels and late presenters are both at high risk of liver damage



Paracetamol level (by nomogram line)	Number of patients	% of pts with ALT>150	% of pts with ALT>1000
0-100	70	7%	4%
101-150	195	7%	4%
151-200	149	9%	5%
201-300	186	12%	6%
301-500	82	18%	10%
>500	45	27%	18%

- Early presenters with high risk
- Late presenters with high risk

# Aladote<sup>®</sup> has potential for reducing APAP-induced acute liver injury in high risk patients



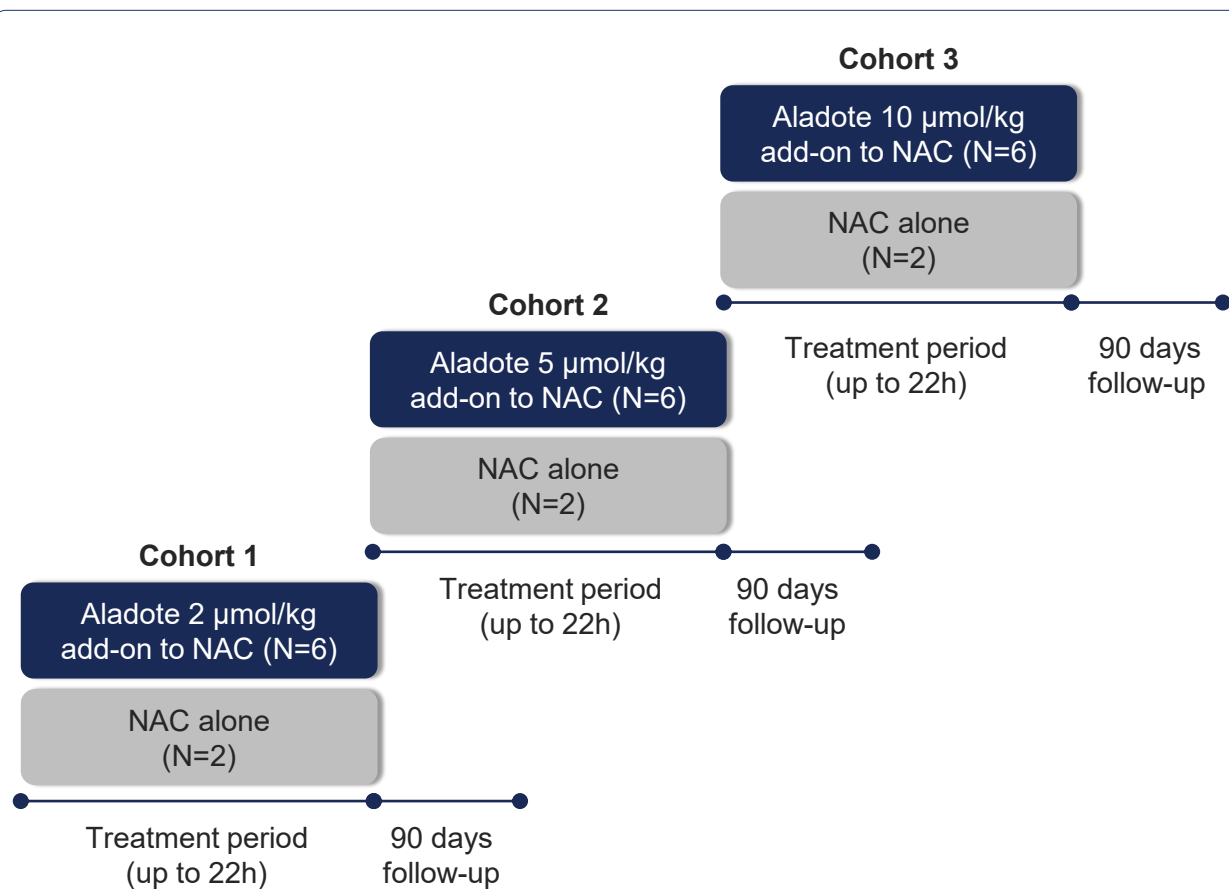
- Metabolic phase
- Oxidative phase

Source: Burke et al. 2010

- APAP overdose leads to formation of the toxic metabolite NAPQI
- In the metabolic phase, this leads to depletion of reduced glutathione (GSH) and binding of NAPQI to liver proteins
  - NAC is effective in this phase by replenishing GSH
  - However, the effectiveness depends on the amount of APAP overdose and timing of NAC
- In parallel, the oxidative phase occurs in the mitochondria, leading to subsequent cell death when GSH is significantly depleted
  - NAC is ineffective in this phase once GSH is significantly depleted
  - Aladote can inhibit oxidative pathways and thereby potentially preventing Acute Liver Injury

# Design and results of Aladote<sup>®</sup> POP study

Randomised Open Label Exploratory, Safety and Tolerability Study with Calmangafodipir in Patients Treated with the 12-hour Regimen of N-Acetylcysteine (NAC) for Paracetamol Overdose



## Phase Ib/IIa Study – Positive results

- In total 24 patients, were recruited to three Aladote<sup>®</sup> doses as add-on to NAC regime versus NAC alone
- Met the primary endpoint of safety and tolerability in the combination of Aladote<sup>®</sup> and NAC
- Results indicate that Aladote<sup>®</sup> may have the potential to reduce liver injury



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# Principal Results of a Randomised Open Label Exploratory, Safety and Tolerability Study with Calmangafodipir in Patients Treated with a 12h Regimen of Acetylcysteine for Paracetamol Overdose (POP Trial)

Abstract no 1216

The POP Trial Investigators – Chief Investigator Dr James Dear - james.dear@ed.ac.uk

University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh Clinical Trials Unit, Emergency Medicine Research Group & NHS Lothian, Scotland & PledPharma AB, Stockholm, Sweden

## Key messages

### Calmangafodipir:

- was safe and tolerated in patients treated with acetylcysteine (NAC) for acetaminophen overdose
- may reduce liver toxicity

## Background

- Acetaminophen (paracetamol) overdose is a common cause of acute liver failure
- Calmangafodipir is a superoxide dismutase mimetic

## Methods

Patients were recruited in the Emergency Department of the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh from 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The inclusion criterion was: adults within 24h of an acetaminophen overdose that required NAC. Within one of 3 sequential dosing cohorts, patients were randomly assigned, with concealed allocation, to NAC+calmangafodipir (n=6) or NAC alone (n=2). The doses of calmangafodipir were 2, 5 or 10µmol/kg, administered IV between NAC bags 1 & 2. The study was unblinded. The primary outcome was the safety and tolerability of calmangafodipir combined with NAC. Pre-defined secondary outcomes included alanine transaminase (ALT), keratin-18 (K18), caspase cleaved K18 (cck18) and microRNA-122 (miR-122) (Figure 1).

## Study Design

(Clinicaltrials.gov NCT03177395)

A phase 1, open label, rising dose, randomised study which explored the safety & tolerability of calmangafodipir with acetylcysteine for acetaminophen overdose

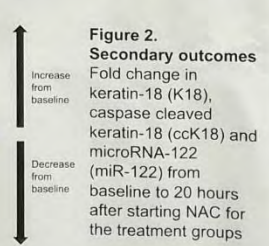
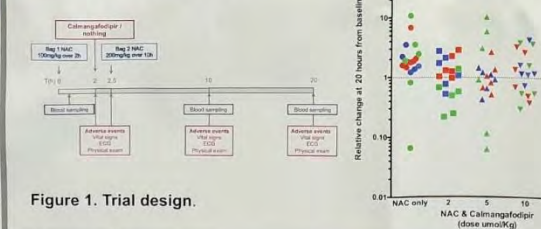
## Results

Characteristic	NAC + calmangafodipir		NAC alone	
	n	%	n	%
Age (years)	30	50	19	50
Female	12	40	7	37
Time from overdose to presentation (hours)	16	27	14	37
Time from presentation to randomisation (hours)	17	28	14	37
Time from randomisation to first NAC bag (hours)	17	28	14	37
Time from randomisation to last NAC bag (hours)	21	35	18	47
Time from randomisation to end of study (hours)	23	38	20	53
Time from randomisation to first blood sample (hours)	17	28	14	37
Time from randomisation to last blood sample (hours)	21	35	18	47
Time from randomisation to last NAC bag (hours)	21	35	18	47
Time from randomisation to end of study (hours)	23	38	20	53

**Table 1.** Patient demographics for 4 treatment groups

Event	NAC + calmangafodipir		NAC alone	
	n	%	n	%
Any adverse event	6	100%	6	100%
Any serious adverse event	2	33%	2	33%
Adverse event possibly related to NAC	0	0%	0	0%
Adverse event possibly related to calmangafodipir	1	17%	1	17%
Adverse event possibly related to NAC + calmangafodipir	2	33%	2	33%
Adverse event possibly related to NAC + calmangafodipir (serious)	2	33%	2	33%
Adverse event possibly related to NAC + calmangafodipir (non-serious)	0	0%	0	0%
Adverse event possibly related to NAC + calmangafodipir (fatal)	0	0%	0	0%
Adverse event possibly related to NAC + calmangafodipir (life-threatening)	0	0%	0	0%

**Table 2.** Primary outcomes Adverse events and serious adverse events



## Results

All 24 participants received their allocated dose of calmangafodipir/NAC (Table 1). All participants experienced at least 1 adverse event (AE). The numbers experiencing at least 1 serious adverse event (SAE) are listed in Table 2. There were no AEs or SAEs probably or definitely related to calmangafodipir.

In the NAC alone group 2/6 patients had an ALT activity >100U/L, a clinically-relevant value used to indicate need for more NAC (secondary outcome pre-defined in trial protocol). No patients in the calmangafodipir treated groups reached this value

- K18 at 20h was:**
- NAC alone, geometric mean 347U/L (SD 3.18)
  - NAC+calmangafodipir (2µmol/kg) 229U/L (1.94)
  - NAC+calmangafodipir (5µmol/kg) 172U/L (1.45)
  - NAC+calmangafodipir (10µmol/kg) 181U/L (1.73)
- K18:** For the relative fold increase from baseline to 20h the ratio of geometric group means for NAC +calmangafodipir to NAC alone was:
- 2µmol/kg, 0.7 (95%CI 0.35 to 1.37)
  - 5µmol/kg, 0.48 (0.28 to 0.83)
  - 10µmol/kg, 0.76 (0.40 to 1.46)
- cck18 and miR-122 had a similar pattern to K18. miR-122 had greater variability (Figure 2).

Trial protocol paper: Trials. 2019 Jan 8;20(1):27  
Sponsor: PledPharma AB

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# Aladote® granted Orphan Drug Designation by the FDA (March 18, 2019)



PledPharma

## PRESSRELEASE

### PledPharma's drug candidate Aladote® granted Orphan Drug Designation

Stockholm, March 18, 2019. PledPharma AB (publ) today announces that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has granted an Orphan Drug Designation (ODD) to the drug candidate Aladote®, in development for reducing liver damage due to paracetamol overdose.

Today's treatment for overdose of paracetamol, N-acetylcysteine (NAC), is most effective if given within eight hours of the overdose. Patients arriving later to the hospital, and for those with a severe overdose, there is a need for more efficacious treatment options.

Aladote® is a first-in-class drug candidate in development to reduce liver damage due to paracetamol overdose.

The scientific rationale as well as clinical results from the completed proof-of-principle study indicate that Aladote® in combination with NAC has the potential to reduce liver damage in the specified patient population. PledPharma intends to conduct regulatory interactions to determine the next step in development of Aladote®.

## ODD benefits

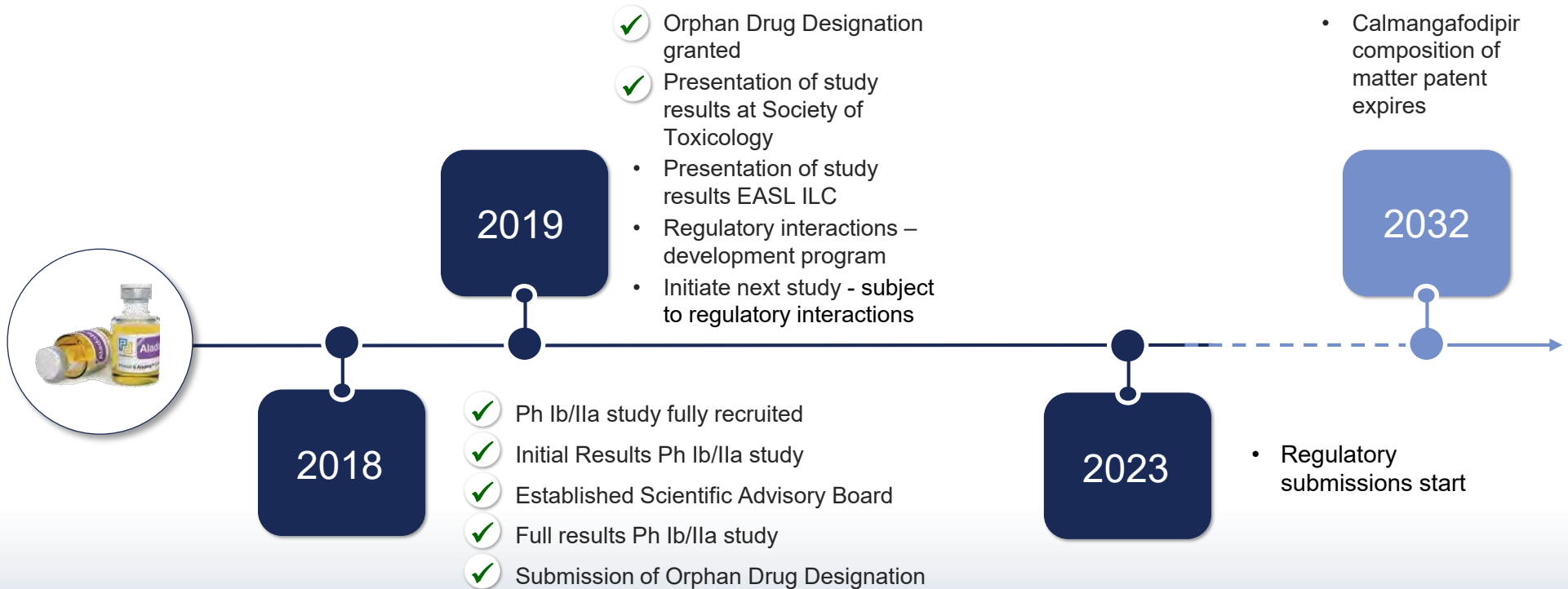
- Lowered development cost – driven by patient safety and efficacy requirements (typically < 300 patients in Phase II / III studies)
- Shortened development time
- Commitment of the regulators to support development
- Early exposure of a drug to regulators
- 7-year Marketing Exclusivity if first approved
- Tax credits (-50%) for qualified clinical trial cost
- Waiver of NDA user fees (– over US\$2 million)

# Tentative study design for next clinical study

## - pending finalization after regulatory interactions

Design item	
<b>Patient population</b>	High risk POD patients (Early >300 nomogram OR Late (>8h) with >20mg/L paracetamol) requiring treatment with NAC
<b>NAC regims</b>	12 hr or 21 hr regims
<b>Initiation of randomized treatments</b>	IV (bolus) as soon as possible after randomization and after starting NAC (but no later than 4 hours after starting NAC)
<b>Treatment arms</b>	3 arms Aladote high-dose; Aladote low-dose; Placebo
<b>Sample size</b>	TBD
<b>Key efficacy endpoints</b>	% change from baseline to end of first NAC regime in K18 Number (%) of patients that need further NAC after 12h/21h ALT >100 IU/L or doubled at end of treatment Experimental biomarkers for liver injury (miR-122 and GLDH) Length of hospital stay
<b>Study countries</b>	EU, US (4-8 sites)

# Aladote® – timeline



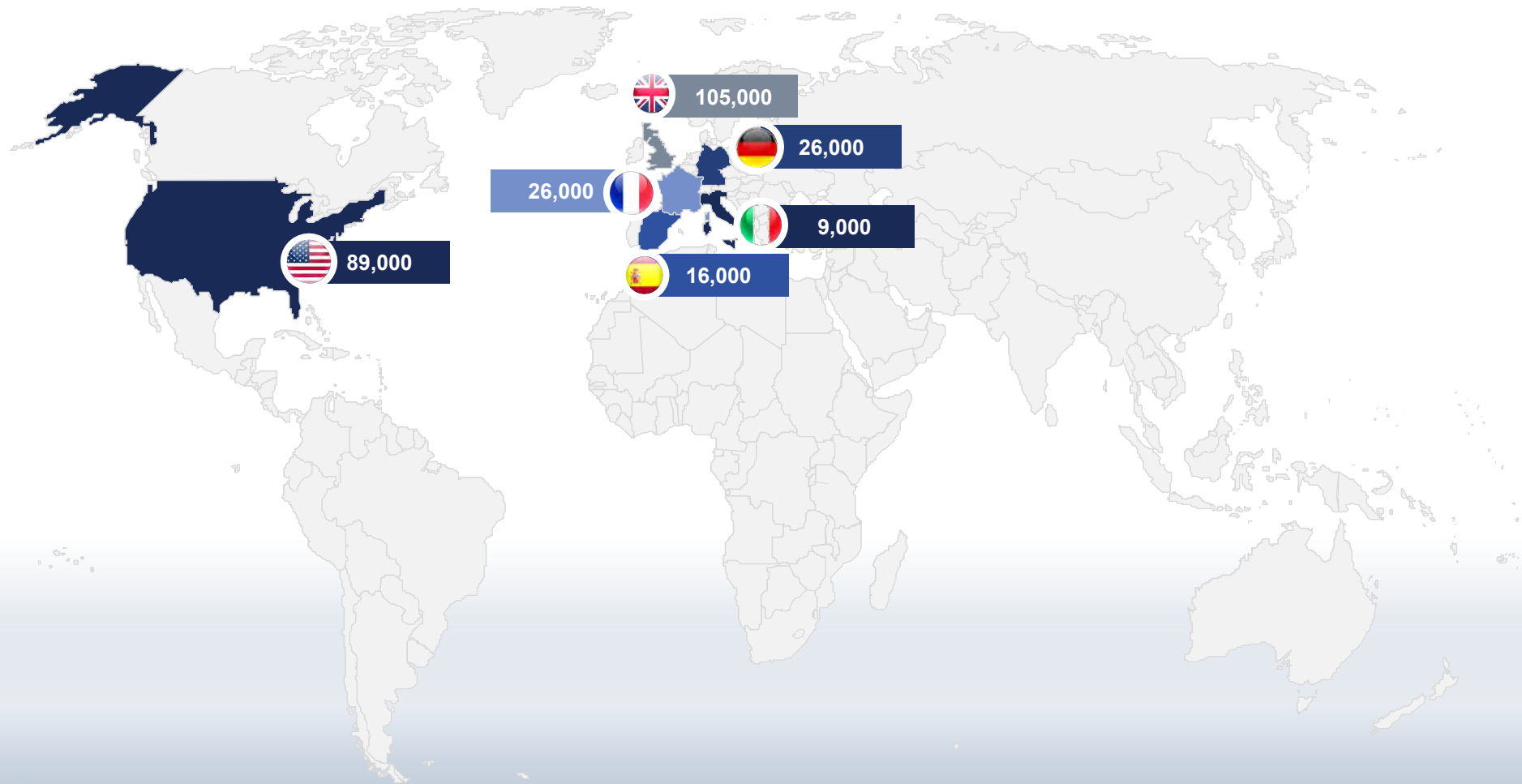
### 3. Aladote® in Paracetamol Overdose (POD)

- a. Unmet medical need
- b. Aladote® proof of principle study results
- c. Development of Aladote to prevent acute liver injury caused by POD
- d. Commercial opportunity in POD



**Phase II**

# POD incidence in EU5 and US – Hospital visits 2018



# Burden on society - POD US Healthcare Costs were \$1bn in 2010

In the US the annual cost in 2010 was estimated at \$1,059 million to treat Patients with POD

The POD Emergency Department and inpatient cost is around \$13K-40K

The average POD inpatient length of stay was 3.1 Days, with a variance of + 4.4 Days for the most severe cases

US liver transplant costs \$125-473K

# No competitor in development

**TREATMENT APPROACHES FOR POD**

**Active Charcoal**

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**N-Acetylcysteine (NAC)**

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**Liver transplant**

**POD EMERGING TREATMENTS**

**Aladote®**  
PledPharma

Phase I → Phase II → Phase III



# Aladote<sup>®</sup> – Initial Market Research, Pricing & Reimbursement

Market research with US and EU Physicians and Payers to gain insight into unmet needs, validate Target Product Profile and Pricing & Reimbursement

## POD Background

**CPN Background Information**

- CPN is a central, regulated medical device that can deliver targeted CTX to patients.
- CPN provides symptoms of hypoxemia and gasping in the lungs and has been used in patients with low oxygen levels and waking breathing in children.
- CPN has the potential to result in overtherapy, dose reduction and/or non-identification.
- CPN has been reviewed at:
  - FDA in 2016
  - EMA in 2016
- CPN provides low oxygen levels in patients and has been used in patients with low oxygen levels in some patients.
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**Current, there are no medications with an EMA or FDA indication to treat CPN.**

**Current Treatments Approved for CPN**

**Prevention:**

Based on a lack of consistent evidence, there are no established agents recommended for the prevention of CPN in patients with cancer undergoing treatment with respiratory agents.

**Treatment:**

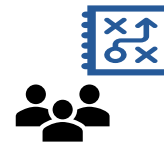
Substance	
Typical Indications	
Outcomes	
Program	

## TPP & IDI Guide Development



Efficacy vs Safety Options and Key Questions for Insight

## Testing



12 Physicians and 12 Payers

## Team Expertise



## 24 qualitative interviews comprised

- 6 US payers, 6 EU3 (2 from each of D, F, UK)
- 6 US physicians, 6 EU3 (2 from each of D, F, UK)

# Physician & Payer Insight

## – confirms the unmet medical need and verifies TPP

- Patients as defined in study design (ie early high level /late presenters) confirmed as being high risk
- Unmet Need Ultimately Prevention Of Liver Failure Requiring Transplant And Death
- Unmet Need Is Unanimously A Reduction In Infusion Time And Therefore Reduced Hospital Stay



*'Overdose - especially acute, is not a matter of priority, but is a matter of an obligation for the hospital'*



*"To have the same efficacy in the patients 8-24 hours as in the patients 1-4 hours - that would be good"*



*'What do we do if we don't give this...it is the only drug available'*



*"Whatever you use the limitation is effectiveness, when you are aware of an overdose too late"*



*'The problem with this type of treatment, is that it is the only one'*



*'If it's an intentional overdose then it's to psychiatric care'*



*'If they have a mental issue we refer them to the psych team. They need a risk assessment'*

# Physician & Payer Insight

## – time in hospital a major driver of value in a cost-benefit analysis



*'Really working in, for us, a primary endpoint of 'time for readiness for discharge'. That would speak volumes about the efficacy of the drug'*



*'As just outlined {21 hours, 3 infusions} it's a bit difficult the administration of the drug and the timeframe'*



*'That is very important to invest in identification of the resource consumption for managing the disease - to have a reference cost of what you do. And not just reduced to the cost of the drug to which you compare, in order to advocate that your drug is maybe costly, but saves consumption of resources. '*



*'The hospital stay is very interesting in terms of having a new treatment that modifies hospital stay - as that is a huge driver obviously'*



*"Even if it was a lower level of care - ITU to a Med surg - would be significant. So if that could be proved that could be factored into overall reflecting a decreasing care cost. It is often difficult to prove - but if there is data there it is a great endpoint. "*



*"If it is possible to reduce the hospitalisation for the patients (e.g. 5 days to 2 days), the sickness funds will save money - so the pharmaceutical company can ask for more price"*



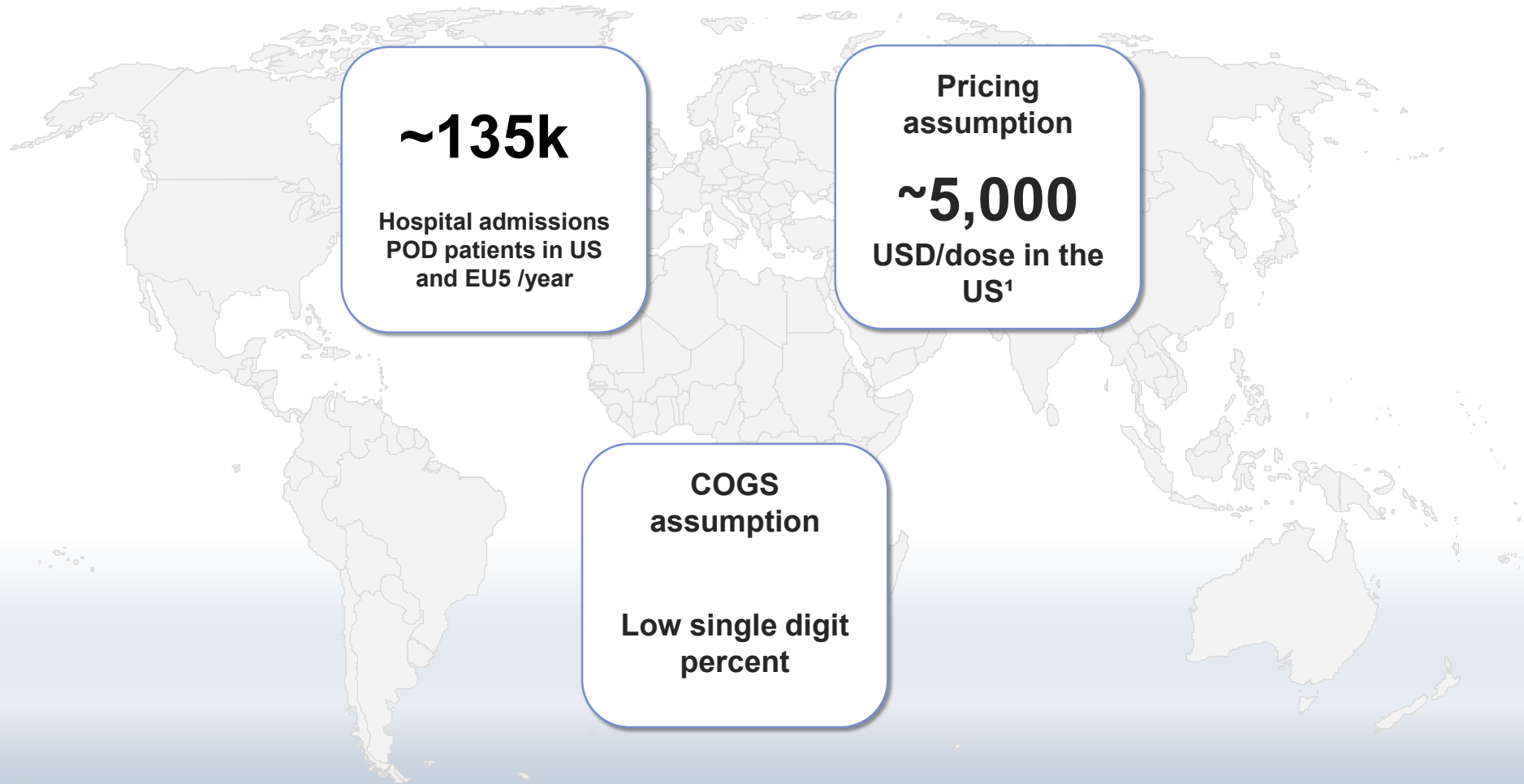
*'In France we are going to move to downsize the number of beds in the hospital'*



*'Avoid downstream longer term liver and kidney impairment and treatment costs of that'*



# Aladote<sup>®</sup> – Commercial potential in POD patients



# Aladote<sup>®</sup> - Summary and Opportunities



**PREVENTS ACUTE LIVER FAILURE CAUSED BY PARACETAMOL (ACETAMINOPHEN) POISONING**

## DEVELOPMENT STATUS

- Positive study results Ph Ib/IIa announced in September 2018 – presented at the 58th Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicology
- Study results Ph Ib/IIa to be presented at EASL ILC April, 2019
- Orphan Drug designation granted March 2019 in the US
- Design of next study finalised together with Scientific Advisory Board - subject to regulatory interactions

## BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

- Paracetamol (acetaminophen) poisoning is one of the most common sorts of overdoses
- No adequate treatment for high risk patients
- ~135K Hospital admissions POD patients in US and EU5 /year
- Price assumption, ~5,000 USD/dose<sup>1</sup> in the US based on initial market research

## 4. Corporate Strategy

- a. Finance and up listing
- b. Business development
- c. Direction and opportunities to enhance value

# Finance

## Finance

- 2018 operating results were SEK -92.5M
- Q4-2018 Cash position was reported at SEK 230M
- Milestone payment from Solasia of c.SEK 49M (JPY 600M) in Q1-2019 due to continued progress of the POLAR-studies in Asia
- Cash position is sufficient to top-line for the POLAR-studies
- Intensive recruitment period during 2019

## Income statement

SEKk	2018 Jan-Dec	2017 Jan-Dec
<b>Revenue</b>		
Sales	28,211	13,585
Other operating income	2	302
	<b>28,212</b>	<b>13,886</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>		
Project costs	-83,855	-76,974
Other external costs	-11,324	-12,849
Employee benefit costs	-20,034	-10,895
Depreciation and impairment	-	-
Other operating expenses	-5,511	-1,266
<b>Operating result</b>	<b>-92,513</b>	<b>-88,097</b>
<b>Financial items</b>		
Interest income and similar items	7,510	163
Interest expense and similar items	-1	0
<b>Result after financial net</b>	<b>-85,003</b>	<b>-87,935</b>
<b>Result before tax</b>		
Tax	-	-
<b>Result after tax</b>	<b>-84,350</b>	<b>-85,851</b>
<b>Statement of comprehensive income</b>		
Other comprehensive income	-	-
<b>Comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>-84,350</b>	<b>-85,851</b>

Cash position sufficient until top-line results from the POLAR study



# Nasdaq main market

## Up-listing

- Up-listing process ongoing
- Listing of shares on Nasdaq main market estimated to Q4 2019
- Aligned with the maturity level of the company
- PledPharma shares will be accessible and visible to a global investor base



## 4. Corporate Strategy

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# Proactively pursue Business development

## Business development

- Commercialize PledOx through strategic partnership
  - PledPharma is open for license agreement/s for major regions before read-out, if the terms are attractive
- Opportunistic approach to partnering during development for Aladote
- Ambition to optimize deals for PledPharma shareholders



# License agreement develop and commercialize PledOx® in Asia



PRESS RELEASE  
PledPharma AB  
Stockholm, November 20, 2017

*Solasia*

## **PledPharma and Solasia enter license agreement to develop and commercialize PledOx® in Asia**

Stockholm, Sweden / Tokyo, Japan, [November 20<sup>th</sup> 2017] - PledPharma AB ("PledPharma") (STO: PLED) and Solasia Pharma K.K. ("Solasia") (TSE: 4597) today jointly announce that they have entered a license agreement pertaining to the clinical development and commercialization of PledOx® in Japan, China, Hong Kong, Macau, South Korea and Taiwan.

Under the terms of this agreement, PledPharma grants exclusive development and commercialization rights to PledOx® in the territories mentioned and Solasia will pay upfront, development, regulatory and sales milestones of up to ~USD 83 million (SEK 700 million)\*. In addition, Solasia will pay industry standard royalty rates on sales applicable for a deal pertaining to an in-licensed asset in Phase III development. Solasia will also fully finance an expansion of the Phase III program to include Asian patients subject to regulatory consultations.


# Key value drivers of Asia licensing agreement



**Partnership with Solasia  
and its capabilities**



**3-4 years of accelerated  
development in Asia**



**Milestones & Royalties**



**Expansion of Phase 3  
program will further  
enhance robustness**

# PledOx<sup>®</sup> Asia deal structure & Expansion of Phase III to Asia

1

- PledOx<sup>®</sup> for Chemotherapy Induced Peripheral Neuropathy (CIPN) – Colorectal cancer.
- License to develop and commercialize PledOx<sup>®</sup> in Japan, China, Hong Kong, Macau, South Korea, and Taiwan.

2

- Solasia will pay upfront, development, regulatory and sales milestones of up to 83 MUSD (approximately 700 MSEK)<sup>1</sup>. Upfront milestone of ~ USD 1m received in Dec-17. Development milestone of ~ USD 5.5m received in Jan-19.
- Solasia will pay industry standard royalty rates on sales applicable for an in licensed asset in Phase III development.

3

- Solasia will also **fully finance an expansion** of the Phase III program (POLAR-A and POLAR-M) to include Asian patients, supported by Japanese PMDA.
- The Phase I study in Japanese and Caucasian Healthy Volunteers with focus on safety, tolerability and pharmacokinetics showed positive results. Fully financed by Solasia.

## 4. Corporate Strategy

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# Summary - Direction, opportunities and enablers to enhance value

## PledOx®

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- Huge unmet medical need with no treatment approved today
- Ongoing global phase III program in CIPN with oxaliplatin
- Expand into CIPN with taxanes

## Aladote®

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- Substantial unmet medical for patient where NAC not adequate
- Exciting results from first clinical study motivates further development
- Granted ODD by US FDA

## Business development

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- Strategic partnerships
- Maximise PledOx value
- Enhance value to the development of Aladote in an orphan setting

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## Financial

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- Listing of shares on Nasdaq main market
- Cash position sufficient to top-line for the POLAR-studies

## People & Organisational

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- Transformed organisation
- Proven track record in bringing products to the market



# Closing remarks

Chairman of the Board – Håkan Åström

