A breakthrough epigenetic approach in Alzheimer's disease and other neurodegenerative disorders



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Epigenetics: The critical role of Histone coding



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- Epigenetics the study of heritable changes in genome function that occur without a change in DNA sequence
- These changes mainly occur due to variations in the structure of chromatin that silence or activate whole regions of the chromosome and all the genes that reside in this region
- These variations are caused by posttranslational modifications on histones, the proteins that serve as scaffold for the DNA to conform the chromatin
- Lysine methylation and demethylation is one of the key epigenetic modifications of the Histone tails



The epigenetic products

Launched		Deacetylases	Methyltransferases	Demethylases	Bromodomain
Celgene		(romidepsin) ^{for}	azacitidine for injection		
JohnronAjohnron	Eisai		decitabine for injection		
		Zolinza [vorinostat] capsules			
U NOVARTIS		FARYDAK [®] (panobinostat) capsules			
ONXeo		Beleodaq*			
R&D	Phase III	1			
NGD	Phase II	5	1		
	Phase I	5	4	2	6
	Preclinical	5	3	3	3
	Discovery-	HtL 2	3	3	4
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Oryzon is exploring a wide field in epigenetics

Histone lysine methylation and demethylation is performed by a plethora of different enzymes. A number of targets are being preferentially explored by Oryzon.



To explore such a vast domain, Oryzon relies on its epigenentic technological platform. More than 1500 NCEs designed and tested in different screening cascades



Current Pipeline

Indication	Target	Molecule	Discovery	H2L	Lead Optimiz.	Preclinical Stage	Clinical Phase I-IIA	Clinical Phase II-B	Clinical Phase III	Partners
Cancer (Leukemias / Solid Tumors)	LSD-1	ORY-1001								Roche
Alzheimer's / Parkinson's / Dementias	LSD-1/MAO-B	ORY-2001								
Huntington's Disease	LSD-1/MAO-B	ORY-2001								
Cancer	Other KDMs									
Cancer	HMTs									
Other Indications	LSD-1									



ORY-1001 LEUKEMIA

A product patent license from Oryzon to Roche in April 2014



- A global licensing agreement for the use of ORY-1001 and backups for oncology and other therapeutic indications.
- > The license compound is covered by two patents in the Oryzon IP portfolio (1).
- Oryzon is responsible for completing the ongoing Phase I and IIA, after which Roche continues the clinical development covering all additional investments.
- The two companies are collaborating on R&D of the compound through the Roche Translational Clinical Research Center (TCRC) based in NYC

Payment at contract signing plus near term milestone totals \$21 M

- Development and Sales milestones total >>\$500 M
- Sales royalty rates tiered up to mid-teens

(1) The remaining 17 patents families of Oryzon's LSD1 portfolio are not part of the Roche agreement.



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ORY-2001 in CNS

Epigenetic players in CNS

	<u>Compound</u>	<u>Target</u>	Target Indications	<u>Status</u>
F ORUM PHARMACEUTICALS™	FRM-0334	HDAC	FTD	Phase II
RESVERLOGIX	RVX-208	BRD	AD	Phase IIa (planned) It is in Phase III in secondary prevention of MACE with diabetes and low HDL
ORYZON	ORY-2001	LSD1+MAOB	AD, other dementias and neuroinflammatory disorders	Phase I in Q1/2016
rodin 5	BRD668	HDAC	AD, PD	LO



Alzheimer's Disease (AD)

LSD1 inhibition is a potential disease-modifying therapy for AD, a highly differentiated profile according to the international AD current pipeline

other dementias and neuroinflammatory disorders

Oryzon's research has been partly funded by competitive grants





ORY-2001 Mechanism of action

- LSD1 is involved in neural stem cell proliferation and cell specification.
- Terminal differentiation in neurons requires down-regulation of LSD1 activity, a process achieved at the transcriptional, post-transcriptional and posttranslational level.
- ORY-2001 completely rescues the memory and learning defects of SAMP8 mice as determined by the performance of treated vs non-treated animals in the NOR test..
- Treatment with ORY-2001 up-regulates the hippocampal expression of genes related to improved cognitive function, neuroplasticity and memory, and down-regulate genes overexpressed in SAMP8 mice and in AD patients. Therefore, inhibition of LSD1 may result in beneficial effects on memory.



ORY-2001 Mechanism of action

- The LSD1 enzyme is structurally related to MAO-A and MAO-B, targeted by tranylcypromine (TCP, Parnate[™]) and Rasagiline (Azylect[™]), drugs used to treat depression and PD.
- MAO-B is a well characterized target for Parkinson's disease (PD), and it is also being reconsidered in the context of Alzheimer's Disease. Here, the protein is over-expressed in reactive astrocytes around amyloid plaques, and mediates the aberrant and abundantly production of the inhibitory gliotransmitter GABA, which negatively affects synaptic plasticity, learning and memory.
- Dual inhibitors targeting MAO-B in addition to LSD1 thus incorporate a potential plus for the treatment of neurodegenerative disease.
- Oryzon's ORY-2001 is the only dual LSD1/MAO-B inhibitor currently being moved forward to Phase I studies. It is also the only LSD1 inhibitor publicly in development for the treatment of neurodegenerative disease.



ORY-2001, a Preclinical Candidate for AD and other CNS disorders





SAMP8 : a non transgenic mouse model for AD

The Senescence-Accelerated Mouse-Prone 8 (SAMP8) was developed by Dr. Toshio Takeda (Kyoto University) from AKR/J mice.

- > Develops deficits in learning and memory relatively early in its lifespan.
 - Impairments in avoidance tasks
 - Impairment of their spatial memory task ability
- Pathological similarities to Alzheimer Disease
 - Abeta deposition becomes clear from 7-8 months
- > Profound disorder of their circadian rhythms of spontaneous motor activity and drinking behaviors.
- Histopathology: spongiform degeneration, astrogliosis, clusters of activated microglia, impaired blood-brain barrier function...
- > Decline in immune responsiveness.







SAMP-8 mice and the novel object recognition test (memory)

Concept: mice are trained by confronting them with an object, which they tend to explore. After 2h (mid term memory) or 24h (long term memory) they are confronted with 2 objects, the old one, and a new one. The SAMR1 reference strain remembers the old object and preferentially explores the new object. The SAMP8 strain has forgotten all about the old object and makes no distinction.





PoC studies in SAMP8 mice: STUDY # 1

SAMP8 female animals treated with ORY-2001 (0.96 and 3.2 mg/kg)

- > Provides a protective effect in the memory of female mice, compared to age-matched SAMP8 mice.
- \blacktriangleright Some toll on the mice at the highest dose \rightarrow adapt dose in male Study #2





PoC studies in SAMP8 mice: STUDY # 2

SAMP8 male animals treated with ORY-2001 (0.32 mg/kg; 0.96 mg/kg)

provides a protective effect in the medium- and long-memory of male mice, compared to agematched SAMP8 mice.





PoC studies in SAMP8 mice: STUDY # 3

SAMP8 male animals (n=8 per group) treated with ORY-2001 (0.32 mg/kg; 0.96 mg/kg)

- Provides a protective effect in the \geq medium- and long-memory of male mice, compared to age-matched SAMP8 mice.
- MAOB inhibition alone shows a trend on cognitive improvement on the SAMP8 animals however it is not significant; (p=0,12 at 2h and p=0,22 at 24 h.)
- LSD1 inhibition is therefore crucial to obtain the recovery on cognitive improvement on the SAMP8 animals.



ORY-2001 provides a high therapeutic window

PoC studies in SAMP8 mice: STUDY # 3



HEMOGRAM: No differences between animals treated with ORY2001 and control

*Blood samples from rasagiline treated animals was coagulated, that might affect the hemogram results of this group.

- > At 0,32 mpk and 0,96 mpk oral daily chronic doses on SAMP8 animals do not show any hematological effect.
- At 3.0-3,2 mpk, SAMP8 and other mice strains showed a mild reduction of Platelet level (NOAEL) suggesting that a dose close to 3mpk is the maximal one compatible with a chronic treatment

That means that the therapeutic window is, at very least, 10 fold.

Development Timeline for ORY-2001

ORY-2001 clinical candidate has successfully finished PC regulatory toxicity studies and will be ready for clinical testing in humans by Q4/2015



The split of commercial territorial rights with the partner in return to a significant contribution in the clinical development is considered the preferential collaboration scenario.



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Thank you !

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