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### Active Biotech in Brief



#### **Clear focus on specialist disease areas**

- Large unmet medical need and value potential
  - Hematological cancers (clinical Ph I/IIa study ongoing)
  - Inflammatory eye disorders (clinical Ph I study)
  - Selected solid tumors partnered project (ongoing clinical Ph I & II studies)
- **Opportunity** to leverage prior generated data to accelerate development
- Multiple near-term clinical milestones

#### **Experienced leadership**

- Senior organization and Board with complementary skills
- Broad international network of KOLs and experts

#### Finance & Corporate

- Listed on Nasdaq Stockholm (ticker: ACTI)
  - Market cap SEK 240 M, USD 22,6 M\*
- Strong shareholder base, incl MGA Holding, Sjuenda Holding, AP3 and AP4
- Founded in 1998 as spin-off from Pharmacia, based in Lund, Sweden



### Immunomodulation to Treat Cancer and Inflammation Active

#### Active Biotech

### Small molecules - myeloid cell modulation



Antibody based immunotherapy

- tumor targeting superantigen



**Abbrev:**, MDSC – Myeloid derived suppressor cell; HDAC4 – Histone deacetylase; APC-Antigen Presenting Cell, T reg-Regulatory T cell, Th 1-T helper cell 1, Th17-T helper cell 17; CTL – Cytotoxic T lymphocyte; TNF – Tumor necrosis factor; IFN – interferon; TCR – T cell receptor

### Valuable Clinical Pipeline in Specialist Indications



Disease Area	Discovery	Preclinical	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Partner	
Hematological malignancies	Tasquinimod Multiple myeloma*						
	Tasquinimod Myelofibrosis**						
Inflammatory eye disorders	Laquinimod Eye drops, safety and tolerability						
	Laquinimod Eye drops, ocular biodistribution						
Solid tumors	Naptumomab Combination with docetaxel in non-small cell lung cancer						
						Ne©TX	
	Naptumomab Combination with anti-PDL1 (durvalumab) in solid tumors						
						AstraZeneca	
	Study ongoing						
	* In an academic partnership with the Abramson Cancer Center, Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania						

\*\* Study preparations ongoing



### Key Collaborations with Academic Partners

#### **Tasquinimod**

#### Multiple myeloma

- Yulia Nefedova, M.D., Ph.D. Associate Professor, Immunology, Microenvironment & Metastasis Program, The Wistar Institute Cancer Center, Philadelphia, US
- Kim De Veirman, PhD, Brussels Health Campus VUB, Brussels

#### **Myelofibrosis**

- Rebekka K Schneider, M.D., PhD. Department of Hematology, Erasmus MC, Rotterdam
- Kapil Bhalla, M.D., F.A.C.P., Professor, Department of Leukemia, Division of Cancer Medicine, MD Anderson University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center, USA

#### Myelodysplastic syndrome

- Manja Wobus, PhD, Universitätsklinikum Carl Gustav Carus an der Technischen Universität Dresden
- Katja Sockel, M.D., PhD. Hemato-/Oncological Outpatient Clinic, University Hospital Dresden

#### Laquinimod

 Rachel Caspi PhD, Associate Professor, Chief of the Laboratory of Immunology, National Eye Institute, NIH, Bethesta (MD), USA

### Tasquinimod: New Type of Treatment for Hematological Malignances with Unmet Medical Need



Ongoing study

#### Multiple myeloma (MM)

Blocking of the tumor-supportive bone marrow microenvironment to complement existing treatments

Clinical Ph Ib/IIa combination with IRd ongoing in US Core focus

Myelofibrosis (MF)

Disease modifying by targeting the bone marrow microenvironment

 Clinical PoC studies planned to start in 2024 High value opportunity

Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS)

Restoration of hematopoiesis by targeting the bone marrow microenvironment

Preclinical PoC established\*

- ✓ Oral treatment with novel mechanism of action
- ✓ PFS benefit in advanced oncology patients and well-known safety
- Opportunity to leverage established regulatory package of preclinical, clinical safety (> 650 pts-years of exposure) and full commercial scale CMC documentation
- ✓ US orphan drug designation granted in multiple myeloma and myelofibrosis & exclusivity by patents and patent applications to at least 2043

**TASQUINIMOD** 

### Multiple Myeloma: An Incurable Blood Cancer





- Multiple myeloma develops in the bone marrow
- Uncontrollable growth of plasma cells
- Formation of new blood cells prevented
- Leads to bone pain, fractures, anemia and other severe complications, e g renal failure and infections
- Survival has increased due to more treatment options available. Median survival is now estimated to 8-10 years from diagnosis
- Patients relapse and eventually die due to resistance to current treatments

The medical need remains high

### Tasquinimod: Synergy in Combination with Anti-Myeloma Treatments





Multiple myeloma tumors were established by subcutaneous injection of human H929 cells into NSG mice. Mice were treated with tasquinimod, bortezomib, ixazomib or lenalidomide.

Abbrev: tasq – tasquinimod; ixa – ixazomib; len – lenalidomide Source: Lin et al., Poster presented at the Virtual Edition of the 25th European Hematology Association (EHA) Annual Congress Meeting, 2020

#### TASQUINIMOD

### Ongoing Ph Ib/IIa Study in Multiple Myeloma





Principal Investigator: Dan Vogl, MD MSCE, Abramson Cancer Center Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania

#### Status: Part A1 and B1 completed

- Patients (N = 16): median 8 previous lines of treatment, relapsed/refractory to PI:s, IMiD:s and CD38s
  - Safety and tolerability profile confirmed no unexpected safety issues
  - Stable disease with single agent tasquinimod (N=3/10)
  - Responses to tasquinimod in combination with IRd (N=2/6) incl confirmed durable partial resonse (PR)
- Expansion cohort (B2) ongoing, expected results in H2, 2024





 $\rightarrow$  Duplet  $\rightarrow$  Triplet  $\rightarrow$  Quadruplet  $\rightarrow$  Quintuplet multiple myeloma drug combination regimens



Eight major markets: \$22bn in sales in 2027

Commercial potential: >\$1bn/year

Tasquinimod - novel, safe oral therapy to be used in combinations  $\rightarrow$  opportunity in earlier lines of treatment

Source: GlobalData March 2019, 8 Major Markets (US, EU5, Japan, China). Presented data are based on 2027 forecast numbers

### Myelofibrosis: Rare Blood Cancer



#### Myelofibrosis (MF) – In brief

- A rare blood cancer with an annual incidence of 0.4 -1.3 cases per 100 000 people in Europe
- Market estimated to above USD 2.9 billion\*
- Abnormal production of blood-forming cells replacing healthy bone marrow with scar tissue (fibrosis)
- Symptoms include anaemia, changes in white blood cell counts, enlargement of the spleen and increased risk for infections
- Associated with shortened survival due to bone marrow failure and transformation into acute leukaemia
- Current treatments: bone marrow transplantation, JAK inhibitors and therapies to manage anaemia

#### High medical need for disease modifying treatment

### Tasquinimod Ameliorates Hallmarks of MF in a Mouse model



# Combination with Tasquinimod and a BET inhibitor or a JAK inhibitor is Effective in a Mouse Model of MF\*







\* PDX model of post-MPN sAML

**Abbrev**: JAK inhibitor - Janus kinase inhibitors, TQ – tasquinimod, RUX – ruxolitinib, BET inhibitor - bromodomain and extra-terminal domain inihibitor (e.g. OTX015)

 Source: Fiskus W.C., et al. Blood (2023) 142 (Supplement 1): 741

### Tasquinimod: Development in Myelofibrosis



- Global patent license agreement between Active Biotech and Oncode Institute/Erasmus MC since Feb 2022
  - Clinical PoC with tasquinimod alone in Europe, to start in 2024
  - Study funded by Oncode Institute
  - To be conducted by HOVON in the Netherlands and Germany
- Collaboration with MD Anderson
  - Preclinical program ongoing Oral presentation at ASH 2023 in December 2023
    - Tasquinimod alone or in combination with JAKi or BETi significantly improves survival
  - Clinical PoC with tasquinimod alone and in combination with JAKi, planned start 2024

### Myelofibrosis: Need for Disease Modyfing Treatment

### 85,000 people Total prevalent cases for myelofibrosis (primary and secondary MF) Major unmet medical need • Only one drug class approved Total treated patients

#### Commercial potential: USD 750 million /year

Eight major markets: USD 2.9 bn in sales in 2031

Source: GlobalData March 2023, 8 Major Markets (US, EU5, Japan and China). Presented data are based on 2031 forecast numbers

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### Laquinimod: Novel Treatment for Eye Disorders



#### Core focus

#### Non-infectious uveitis

Laquinimod induces immune tolerance by targeting antigen presenting cells

Clinical Ph I study testing the safety of an eye drop formulation completed High value indications

Eye disorders with excessive neovascularization

Laquinimod reduces the pro-inflammatory and angiogenic response by targeting monocytes/macrophages and microglia

Preclinical PoC established



- Clinical proof of concept shown through significant effects on relapse related endpoints in MS
- Regulatory package of preclinical safety and clinical safety (>14,000 person-years of exposure)
- Full commercial scale CMC documentation and pharmaceutical grade drug substance
- Exclusivity by patent and patent applications relating to medical use, manufacturing and formulation to at least 2042

### Non-Infectious Uveitis: High Medical Need



- Standard treatments
  - Corticosteroids: local and systemic
  - Immunosuppressants
  - Monoclonal antibodies
- High medical need for new therapy to improve efficacy and limit side effects
  - As a steroid-sparing regimen
  - Patients who do not respond to current therapies
  - No eye drop formulation on the market for non-anterior uveitis



#### Current treatment of non-infectious uveitis

#### **1st line of treatment**

• Corticosteroids, topical, oral, intravitreal or periocular injection

#### 2nd and 3rd line of treatment

- Immunosuppressants, oral
- Biologics anti-TNFα antibodies (Humira<sup>®</sup>), subcutaneous

### Laquinimod Works Both Topically and Orally





#### Oral laquinimod



Inhibition of experimental uveitis by laquinimod is associated with:

- Reduction of proinflammatory T cells and cytokines
- Increase of antiinflammatory regulatory T cells

**Abbrev.** Laq – laquinimod, EAU- Experimental Autoimmune Uveitis, IRBP – Interphotoreceptor Retinoid Binding Protein **Source**: Rachel Caspi et al. J Immunol May 1, 2020, 204 (1 Supplement) 150.18

### Laquinimod Development Program in Eye Disorders



- Innovative gel like eye drop formulation\*, developed, optimized and manufactured
- Available IND regulatory package complemented with required pre-clinical eye toxicity & tolerance studies
- Safety and tolerability confirmed in clinical Phase I study in healthy subjects completed

- Full commercial scale CMC documentation available
- Safety data from > 5,000 exposed persons
- Full IND regulatory documentation available
- Substantial pre-clinical proof-of-principle





### Safety and Tolerability Profile of Laquinimod Eye Drops Confirmed in Healthy Subjects





- Doses studied expected to reach therapeutic concentrations in the eye
- Favourable safety and tolerability profile confirmed in healthy subjects

### Laquinimod: Clinical Development in Uveitis



✓ Generate data on safety and tolerability of laquinimod eye drops in healthy subjects

- Safety and tolerability confirmed in completed phase I study
- Confirm biodistribution in the eye after ocular administration to patients
  - Study to start in Q1 2024 at Byers Eye Institute in Stanford University, USA with Principal Investigator Quan Dong Nguyen, MD, Professor of Ophthalmology, Medicine, and Pediatrics, Stanford University School of Medicine
- Continue clinical development together with partner for a registrational clinical phase II/III study in patients with Non-anterior Non-infectious uveitis (NA-NIU)

### **Uveitis: Significant Opportunity**



Significant opportunity in segment of non-infectious non-anterior uveitis in 9MM, forecasts for 2029



**High cost of anti-TNF therapy** 

Source: GlobalData June 2021, 9 Major Markets (US, EU5, Japan, Canada and Australia). Presented data are based on 2029 forecast numbers

Abbrev: LoT – Line of treatment



### Naptumomab: Tumor Directed Immunotherapy

### Combination with checkpoint inhibition

Preclinical data suggest synergy with checkpoint inhibitors

 Ph-Ib/IIa combination with anti-PDL-1 durvalumab after Obi pretreatment in selected tumors

### Combination with chemotherapy

Preclinical data suggest synergy with chemotherapy

 Ph-IIa combination with docetaxel after Obi pretreatment in Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) ongoing

#### Combination with CART Cell Treatment

Preclinical data suggest synergy with CAR T cell treatment

Preclinical activities ongoing

- ✓ Licensee agreement for global development and commercialization with NeoTX LTD, 2016
  - ✓ Deal value of \$71 million contingent upon achievement of clinical and regulatory milestones
  - ✓ Progressive, double-digit royalties on future net sales based on a 15-year royalty period
- ✓ Signals of long-term clinical efficacy and established clinical safety (>300 patients)
- Substantial market opportunity within immuno-oncology reflected by combined global sales of checkpoint inhibitors of USD 31 billion in 2021. The strong sales development is expected to continue\*
- ✓ Patent protection relating to medical use, manufacturing and formulation up to at least 2036

NAPTUMOMAB

### Naptumomab: Clinical Studies

- Phase IIa study of naptumomab + docetaxel in lung cancer (NCT04880863)
  - Patients (N=35): Progressive NSCLC, no prior docetaxel, prior exposure to checkpoint inhibitor
  - Status: Second stage ongoing following successful completion of the first stage, which required at least 2 responses out of 10 patients
  - Results: Expected H1 2024
- Phase lb/lla study of naptumomab + durvalumab in selected tumors (NCT03983954)
  - Patients (N=59): Previously treated solid tumors with high likelihood of 5T4 expression
  - In collaboration with AstraZeneca
  - Status: Enrollment completed, and interim results published 2023
  - Cohort expansion in esophageal cancer planned to start H1 2024\*
- Phase I study of naptumomab + pembrolizumab in urothelial cancer
  - Planned\*

Timing of start uncertain due to current geopolitical situation



#### Treatment and Endpoints

Naptumomab + Docetaxel after Obinutuzumab pre-treatment

#### Endpoints:

- Primary: ORR at 24 months
- Secondary: Disease control rate, response duration, PFS at 6 and 12 months and OS

#### **Treatment and Endpoints**

Naptumomab + Durvalumab dose escalation and cohort expansion at MTD after Obinutuzumab pretreatment

#### Endpoints:

- Primary: Safety and tolerability, MTD
- Secondary: Preliminary anti-tumor activity

### Safety and Preliminary Activity of Naptumomab Estafenatox (NAP) and Durvalumab in Patients with Advanced or Metastatic Solid Tumors Interim Results from a Phase Ib Trial



#### **Poster presentation at AACR 2023**

- 59 patients with various advanced/metastatic solid tumors and a median of 3 prior lines
- Recommended phase II dose (RP2D) established at 10mcg/kg NAP
- NAP in combination with durvalumab is generally well tolerated, with limited toxicity, mainly Grade 1-2 injection related reactions
- Pretreatment with Obinutuzumab prevented the formation of Anti-Drug-Antibodies and preserved NAP plasma levels
- Responses were seen, lasting for 1 year or longer including complete responses (CR) in patients where response to single agent check point inhibitor was not expected
  - 4 durable responses in 42 evaluable patients (ORR 10%)
  - 4 patients had stable disease with median duration of 15 months (CBR 19%)
- Planned cohort expansion in patients with esophageal cancer

### **Projected Clinical Milestones Through 2024**

#### Tasquinimod

- Ph Ib/IIa combination with IRd in multiple myeloma: Final results H2 2024
- Ph II Myelofibrosis
  - Start of study in Europe, Q3 2024
  - Start of study in US, H1 2024

#### Laquinimod

- Clinical biodistribution study of eye drop
  - Start of study, Q1 2024, results, H2 2024

#### Naptumomab

- Ph IIa combination with docetaxel in lung cancer: Results H1 2024
- Ph Ib/II combination with durvalumab
  - Start of cohort expansion in esophageal cancer 2024\*
- Ph I combination with pembrolizumab in urothelial cancer: Planned\*

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### Financials For the Period January – December, 2023



- Operating expenses January December, 2023 MSEK 46,5 (57,9) a 24% reduction reflecting reduced clinical and CMC costs.
- Rights issue concluded in Q4, 2023 added 41,8 MSEK to liquidity after issue costs
- Available cash at Dec. 31, 2023 MSEK 36,2





### Management



Helén Tuvesson

President & CEO

Born 1962. CEO since 2017.

Education: MSc, PhD in cell and molecular biology in medical science from Lund University.

Other current assignments: Chairman of Active Security Trading AB and Actinova AB. Board member of Mendus AB.

Shareholding in the company: 270,312 shares.



Hans Kolam

CFO

Born 1951. CFO since 2000.

Education: B.Sc in Business Administration from Uppsala University.

Other current assignments: Specially authorized signatory of Active Biotech AB (publ). Board member of Active Security Trading AB and Actinova AB.

Shareholding in the company: 193,648 shares (of which 6,930 shares via related parties).



Erik Vahtola

CMO

Born 1976. CMO since 2022.

Education: Medical Doctor (MD) and PhD in Pharmacology from University of Helsinki and MSc in Cell biology from Åbo Akademi.

Other current assignments: -

Shareholding in the company: 98,052 shares.





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