# R&D - The key engine for profitable growth

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### Strategic goals



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# Achieving more in R&D





# More focused R&D

Building long-term growth in R&D helping patients with unmet needs

#### Key actions:

- Increase the number of promising research projects
- Extend beyond small molecules in R&D
- Focus on disease biology
- Balance between known robust targets and entirely new ideas



#### Changes over the last 2 years

- Restructured R&D from process focus to Therapy Areas
- In-house capability to discover protein drugs (monoclonal antibodies)
- Made some key recruitment (from Finland and abroad) and continue to do that
- Focused our two main R&D sites (Espoo and Turku)

### Focus areas of Orion's R&D





#### **Proprietary products**

- Central nervous system
- Oncology
- Respiratory (Easyhaler product family)



#### Animal Health

 Orion utilises the R&D of proprietary products to develop new medicines for animals



### Fermion

- APIs to Orion's proprietary products
- Generic APIs
- Contract development for pharmaceutical companies

# Orion's key clinical drug development programs

Project	Indication	Phase			Registration
Easyhaler <sup>®</sup> tiotropium	COPD	Bioequivalence study			
Darolutamide <sup>1)</sup>	Prostate cancer (nmCRPC)	I.	П	Ш	FDA Priority Review
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ODM-109 (oral levosimendan)	ALS	I.	П	Ш	
ODM-203 (targeted FGFR+VEGFR inhibitor)	Solid tumours	I.	П		
ODM-207 (BET protein inhibitor)	Cancer	1.1			
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<sup>1)</sup> In collaboration with Bayer					
More information on R&D projects: www.orion.fi/en/rd/orion-rd/pipeline/			ed	= Sta	itus changed



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# Interesting non-clinical projects under investigation to ensure long-term success



CNS Therapy Area	<ul> <li>Parkinson's disease (PD), amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and chronic pain</li> <li>Currently primarily symptomatic treatments</li> </ul>
Oncology Therapy Area	<ul> <li>Common cancer types, such as steroid hormone-dependent prostate cancer and breast cancer, but also the treatment of some rare cancer types.</li> </ul>
Rare Disease Therapy Area	<ul> <li>Progressive, serious, life-limiting and life-threatening diseases, where affected patients are lacking adequate treatment.</li> <li>At the first, priority on Finnish Heritage Diseases, but will not limited to these.</li> </ul>

# R&D balancing between technical probability and commercial potential



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Prof. Heikki Joensuu VP, Therapy Area Oncology

# Darolutamide: Invented at Orion, co-developed with Bayer

- A structurally unique androgen-receptor antagonist
- Under development for the treatment of prostate cancer
- Preclinical studies indicate a low risk for drug-drug interactions



# Two Phase III studies with darolutamide ongoing: ARAMIS and ARASENS



PSA – prostate-specific antigen ADT – androgen deprivation therapy ARAMIS: Darolutamide vs. placebo in the treatment of hormone-insensitive localized prostate cancer1

Median metastasis-free survival improved from 18 months (placebo) to 40 months (darolutamide)



<sup>1</sup>Fizazi K, Shore N, Tammela TL, et al. N Engl J Med 2019;380:1235-46 ARAMIS: Darolutamide vs. placebo in the treatment of hormone-insensitive localized prostate cancer1

A strong trend for improved overall survival in favor of darolutamide





# Key messages from the ARAMIS trial





The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

Fizazi K ym. NEJM 2019; 380:1235-46

- Darolutamide has substantial efficacy (like enzalutamide and apalutamide)
- Darolutamide has an excellent safety profile: parallels placebo
  - No side effect occurred in >10% of the patients except fatigue (darolutamide 12%, placebo 9%)
  - Discontinuation rate was similar in both groups (darolutamide 9%, placebo 9%)
  - No increase in dizziness, cognitive disorders, falls, fractures, or skin rash (darolutamide concentrations low in the central nervous system)



# U.S. FDA accepts New Drug Application for review and grants Priority Review for darolutamide

Orion Corporation Press release 29 April 2019 at 3.00 p.m. EEST

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Orion Corporation and Bayer today announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has accepted the New Drug Application (NDA) for review and granted Priority Review for darolutamide for the treatment of non-metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (nmCRPC) in the U.S.

# ORAL levosimendan (ODM-109) in ALS

The REFALS phase 3 study

# Levosimendan in Amyotropic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)



IV levosimendan (Simdax®) has been used for short-term treatment of acutely decompensated severe chronic heart failure (CHF), since 2000

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ALS is a rare, devastating, neurodegenerative disorder with few treatment options, causing progressive weakness and paralysis. Death typically occurs within 3-5 years due to respiratory failure



Oral levosimendan improved respiratory function in a 2 week pilot study vs. placebo on ALS patients (LEVALS study) (post-hoc analysis of supine slow vital capacity)

Ongoing REFALS phase 3 trial will be the basis for approval for oral levosimendan in the USA and elsewhere to improve symptoms of ALS

Parissis et al Heart Fail Rev (2009) 14:265-275

# The LEVALS phase 2 study of oral levosimendan

- Pilot crossover study to establish proof of concept
- Primary endpoint (sitting slow vital capacity SVC) was negative but there was a significant change in supine slow vital capacity
- Supine vital capacity correlates better with diaphragmatic weakness and is a better predictor of survival than that measured in upright position
- Duration of treatment was too short to assess changes in overall function.
- Levosimendan was well-tolerated headache and tachycardia were the expected adverse effects

LEVALS demonstrated a significant effect on pulmonary function during only 2 weeks dosing that supports progression to phase 3





# The REFALS study of oral levosimendan in ALS

#### **Objectives**

- Demonstrate benefit of oral levosimendan on respiratory and overall function in ALS
- Safety in prolonged use in ALS patients

#### Methodology

- Phase 3 randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled
- 450 patients with ALS,
   2:1 randomisation, who already have some degree of respiratory dysfunction (SVC 60-90% predicted)
- 48 weeks study treatment (levosimendan 1-2 mg/day or placebo), added to existing therapy (riluzole and/or edaravone)
- Optional long-term extension (REFALS-ES study)

#### **Efficacy endpoints**

- PRIMARY
   Supine slow vital capacity at 12 weeks
- SECONDARY
  - ALS Functional Rating Scale (ALSFRS-R) adjusted for survival (CAFS) through 48 weeks
  - Time to respiratory event
  - Dyspnoea, sleep and sleepiness scales
- Safety

# **REFALS study progress**

#### 104 ALS centres in 14 countries



- REFALS is an Orion study,
- 1<sup>st</sup> patient randomised July 2018
- Patient accrual is rapid
  - Last patient randomisation is expected July 2019
  - Last patient visit expected July 2020
  - Study results 2<sup>nd</sup> half 2020
- REFALS-ES on schedule to accept 1st patient June 2019



# Update on CYP11A1 platform (ODM-208/209)

# HO All other steroid hormones Glucocorticoids (E.g. hydrocortisone) Mineralocorticoids (E.g. aldosterone)

- Sex hormones (E.g. estrogen, progesterone, testosterone ٠
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# CYP11A1 inhibitors (ODM-208 and ODM-209)

- First-in-class compounds
- Orion leads the development in the world
- CYP11A1-inhibitors prevent the synthesis of ALL steroid hormones
- Glucocorticoids and mineralocorticoids need to be replaced during therapy





# CYP11A1 inhibitors have wide potential indications

- Prostate cancer (1.3 million cases/year; the 2<sup>nd</sup> most common cancer in males in the world<sup>1</sup>)
- 70% of breast cancers (estrogen receptor-positive cancers;
   1.5 million cases/year; the most common cancer in females<sup>1</sup>)
- Endometrial cancer of the uterus (0.4 million cases/year<sup>1</sup>)
- Adrenocortical carcinoma (very rare, 1 case/million/year)
- Some hormone-producing benign tumors

<sup>1</sup>Bray F ym. CA Cancer J Clin 2018; 68:394-424

# Orion investigates CYP11A1 inhibitors in two first-in-human Phase I-II trials

### The CYPIDES trial (ODM-208)

- Advanced prostate cancer that progressed during ≥1 novel hormonal therapy and chemotherapy
- Opened up for patient enrollment on March 19, 2018
- Continues to accrue patients in Finland, France, and the U.K.

#### The STESIDES trial (ODM-209)

- Advanced prostate cancer that progressed during one or more novel hormonal therapy and chemotherapy
- Advanced breast cancer that progressed during two or more systemic treatments
- Opened up for patient accrual in April 2019

# Update on ODM-203 and ODM-207

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# ODM-203

- A tyrosine kinase inhibitor (FGFRs and VEGF)
- KIDES Phase I-II trial:
  - 84 patients, various types of cancers
  - 9% of the patients responded,
     45% had disease stabilization,
     35% achieved target lesion reduction
  - Clinical benefit rate 52%
  - Most side effects mild
- Partnering activities ongoing

## ODM-207

- A BET inhibitor (inhibits key oncogenes, such as Myc)
- A unique structure
- BETIDES Phase I-II trial:
  - Various types of solid tumors
  - Generally well tolerated
- Partnering activities ongoing

FGFR= Fibrobalst growth factor receptor, VEGF= Vascular endothelial growth factor, BET = bromodomain and extra-terminal motif

Update on Easyhaler development projects

# Orion continues investing in Easyhaler®

#### **Tiotropium Easyhaler**

- We are developing a new second entry product for COPD (Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) indication
- Tiotropium Easyhaler is in bioequivalence studies
- We have utilized the learnings from budesonide-formoterol and salmeterol-fluticasone Easyhaler® which have significantly increased our understanding of development



# **Connected Easyhaler**

#### Our aim is to

- Increase treatment adherence
- Strengthen patient-physician relationships
- Reduce hospitalisations



Improve disease control and Quality of Life



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# Orion's R&D vision for the future success





Brain power and muscle combined with agility of a small biotech.



A preferred partner for other pharma companies and research institutions.



Increased visibility within the academic community and capabilities to recruit and retain "the best and the brightest".



A balanced pipeline that can deliver clinically meaningful differentiation and patient benefit.



Capability to deliver novel proprietary small molecule therapeutics and biologics.



A significant contributor to the global scientific community.

