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8:00 - 8:05	Smital Shah Chief Business and Financial Officer	10:00 - 10:20	Thaddeus (Ted) Dryja, MD Professor of Ophthalmology	
8:05 - 8:20	Daniel de Boer Founder & Chief Executive Officer	10:20 - 10:45	Peter Adamson, Ph.D. Head of Ophthalmology Research	E
8:20 - 8:35	Aniz Girach, MD <i>Chief Medical Officer</i>	10:45 – 11:00	Gerard Platenburg <i>Chief Innovation Officer</i>	
8:35 - 9:20	David Rodman, MD	11:00 – 11:10	Q&A	
	Executive Vice President of Research & Development	11:10 – noon	Lunch	
9:20 - 9:30	Q&A			
9:30 - 10:00	Break			



ProQR's Vision 2023

Daniel A. de Boer, Founder & Chief Executive Officer

ProQR Therapeutics - R&D Day 2019

The ProQR Journey



Eyes on the Opportunity



Foundation of common characteristics, irrespective of the target

- Intravitreal administration is routine procedure
- Acceptable safety profile
- Broad distribution throughout the entire retina
- Long half life allowing for infrequent dosing



The opportunity:

>100 tangible targets

remain after further filtering for disease state and population size

ProQR projects its technology can address about **25% of the mutations** at a molecular level

>300 genes causing
Inherited Retinal Diseases,
described with
>50 pathogenic mutations
per gene, leading to
>15,000 targets.

ProQR's VISION2023

A FULLY INTEGRATED INHERITED RETINAL DISEASE COMPANY BY 2023



ProQR's VISION2023

THE 3 PILLARS OF VISION 2023



- Specialized integrated discovery engine
- Discovering 10 or more new IRD drugs per year
- Use human optic cups to pre-clinically validate clinical molecules



- Utilize digital clinical trials
- Use innovative Bayesian adaptive designs to accelerate time to NDA / MAA

Commercial

- Establish IRD specialized commercial infrastructure in North America and Europe
- Focused on ~approx. 30 specialist centers that treat majority of IRD patients
- Leverage commercial infrastructure for multiple products to same call points

ProQR key development pipeline



5 IRD drugs in clinical trials in next 18 months



Building ProQR's commercial infrastructure

- Patients are typically seen at one of the approximately 30 IRD hub centers in North America and Europe
- A compact market that can be covered by a limited number of sales reps
- ProQR intends to market multiple IRD products in EU and North America independently, and find partners for ROW
- Pre-commercialization activities underway
 - Building KOL engagement
 - Engaging payers and exploring innovative reimbursement models
 - Launch planning for sepofarsen launch in 2021



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Aniz Girach, MD – Chief Medical Officer



- Most recently Chief Medical Officer at Nightstar Therapeutics
 overseeing development of gene therapies for IRD
- Experience in academia and industry at Eli Lilly, Merck, Alcon and ThromboGenics
- Oversaw development and approval of Ocriplasmin (Jetrea) a first in class biologic therapy for retinal disease
- Honorary Professorship at Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia
- Member of **3 Scientific Advisory Boards** for international ophthalmic organizations currently
- **Reviewer for 5 peer-reviewed journals**, including Eye and IOVS
- Edited 4 books and author of **over 100 scientific abstracts and manuscripts**



RNA therapies for IRDs

Aniz Girach, MD, Chief Medical Officer

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Opportunity of RNA therapies for IRDs

High unmet medical need

- Rational design/ broad applicability
- Ease of delivery, wide distribution
- Acceptable safety profile
- Promising efficacy

IRD management coming of age

- Improved diagnosis
- New Treatment options
 - Gene therapies
 - Luxturna for LCA2
 - Experimental therapies for other IRDs
 - Eg choroideremia, RP
 - RNA therapies
 - Macugen for Wet AMD
 - Vitravene for CMV Retinitis
 - Experimental therapies for other IRDs
 - Eg ASO for LCA10, Usher syndrome

How do RNA oligonucleotide drugs compare with gene therapy?

RNA Oligonucleotide Therapy	Gene Therapy/Editing
Specific	Specific (replaces or edits)
Requires re-dosing	Potential one and done dosing
Naked, no vectors needed	Editing material is contained within viral vectors
Under local anesthesia	Usually requires general anesthesia
Reversible	Irreversible
Intravitreal Injection	Sub-retinal surgery with vitrectomy
Can be used in earlier disease, since central/peripheral retinal exposure	Usually suitable for end-stage disease only, since applied to sub-macular area

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Rational design: efficient lead selection in ophthalmology



Selection based on

- Splice-factor prediction
- Off-target binding
- Target RNA –oligo binding
- Thermodynamic properties

Selection based on

- In vitro efficacy (including retinal organoid model)
- Low immunogenicity
- Low toxicity
- Good manufacturability

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RNA therapy delivery and distribution

EASE OF DELIVERY AND BROAD RETINAL DISTRIBUTION



- Routine procedure allows wide patient accessibility
- Long half-life in the eye allows for dosing 2-4 times per year or less frequent
- Chemical modifications enable naked delivery



Broad distribution allows for targeting of central and peripheral diseases

- Oligo's distribute broadly to all different cell types and layers, including retina and cornea
- Suitable for targeting central and peripheral disease

Comparing intravitreal delivery of RNA to subretinal delivery used in gene therapy

RNA Therapy

Intravitreal administration



Injection in side of the eye depositing the drug in the vitreous for broad delivery throughout all cell layers in the eye

Gene Therapy

Sub-retinal surgery used for delivery



3 ports are generated in the wall of the eye to allow access for tools



Vitrectomy: The vitreous gel is cut/sucked out of the eye to aid visualization and ease of injection



A light and a needle are inserted into the eye to locate the place of injection



The needle enters the retina, lifting off the retina until a bleb is formed, then depositing drug in the subretinal space

Complications of subretinal surgery

- Sub conjunctival hemorrhage/ chemosis
- Enlargement of sclerotomies with thin sclera/prior surgery
- Losing tunnels in trocar insertion
- Suprachoroidal hemorrhage/subretinal infusion
- Accidental removal of infusion
- Vitreoretinal incarceration at sclerotomies
- Leaking entry sites
- Endophthalmitis
- Cataract development
- Lens subluxation
- Anterior chamber flattening

- Posterior capsule rupture/zonular dialysis
- PVD induction complications
- Intraoperative complications with tamponades
- latrogenic retinal tears
- Retinal detachment
- Raised IOP
- Intraoperative hemorrhages
- Macular folds
- Loss of vision
- Hypotony related complications
- General anesthesia complications



Gupta OP et al. Ophthalmic Surg Lasers Imaging 2007;38:270-5.

Complications due to IVT/drugs

Complications of IVT injection

- Infection
- Hemorrhage
- Wound leakage
- Lens touch/cataract
- Increased IOP

Complications due to IVT drugs

- Inflammation/immunogenicity
- Retinal/macular edema
- Arterial thrombo-embolic events*
- Retinal degeneration
- Cataracts
- Retinal detachment

* Lucentis: Most commonly used IVT drug, has arterial thrombo-embolic event rate 10.4-10.8%; Stroke rate 2-4.8% (Source: Lucentis PI)

AEs are manageable with most IVT drugs

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Sepofarsen: manageable safety profile

	Drug	Indication	Lens Opacities	Lens Replacement	CME/Retinal Edema	Increased IOP	Inflammation
Z	lluvien	DME	82%	80%	ND	34%	2%
	Ozurdex	DME	68%	61%	ND	28%	2%
	Yutiq	Uveitis	56%	ND	11%	22%	3%
	Macugen	wAMD	10-40%	ND	1-5%	10-40%	1-5%
	Lucentis	wAMD/DME	11-28%	ND	5-11%	7-24%	1-18%
	Vitravene	CMV Retinitis	5-20%	ND	5-20%	ND	7-10%
	Sepofarsen* 80µg dose	LCA10	50%	16%	Not observed**	Not observed	Not observed
Subretinal	Luxturna	LCA2	20%	ND	ND	15%	5%
	Post Vitrectomy***	IRD Gene therapy	45%	37%	ND	ND	ND

*Ph 1/2 80µg dose group (pivotal dose) ** CME was seen in 160µg dose group in the Ph 1/2 trial ***Feng et al, 2014 ND: non-disclosed in Prescribing Information

Lens opacities and CME are manageable in routine clinical practice

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Promising efficacy observed for sepofarsen



First time in severe photoreceptor disease, a meaningful concordant response seen across all end points





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Inherited Retinal Dystrophies

A major opportunity for ProQR RNA therapeutics

David Rodman, MD, Executive Vice President of Research & Development

Ophthalmology pipeline

Building on success of sepofarsen



- Acceptable risk/benefit safety profile (sepofarsen)
- Durable response with infrequent dosing
- Intravitreal administration delivers to the retina
- Clinically meaningful vision improvement in a majority of low vision patients
- Optic cup accurately predicted:
 - Clinically efficacious intravitreal dose level
 - Response to treatment
 - Time to onset of response
- To be further validated in future trials of sepofarsen and other IRD programs

Efficient, predictive translational platform

Three years from target selection to start of pivotal program



ProQR Ophthalmology leverages

Platform synergies with potential to treat ~300 diseases



- Efficient rational drug design
- Predictive human-derived ex vivo organoid screening platform
- Long tissue half-life supports an optimized dosing regimen
- Rapid clinical development leading to broad platform de-risking

Translation from retinal organoids to clinical trials

Restoration of cilium and outer segment in LCA10 and Ush2a



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Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
1º screen in transfected cells	2º screen in retinal organoid model	GLP NHP PK(/PD) and toxicology	FIH/Phase 1/2 12 month clinical trial
Optimize on-target molecular activity	Characterize naked oligo molecular activity	Generate predictive PK/PD and TK models	Execute proof-of concept (3-6m IA) and dose selection
Trigger organoid model	Trigger CMC	Trigger IND/CTA	Trigger pivotal program
3-6 months	9-12 months	6-12 months	12-18 months
FIH, Phase 1/2 design philosophy

Strong GO triggers accelerated development

	Strong GO	GO	Equivocal	NO GO
Mechanistic PoC – pharmacodynamic endpoint	v	v	-	
Clinical PoC - registration endpoint	v	-	-	
Development dose regimen	+/-	+/-	-	
Safety	v	v	v	X
Preliminary risk/benefit	V	+/-	-	

Initial ProQR disease indications provide broad platform de-risking



Location	1º Outcome measure	ProQR Pipeline	Development Stage	
Macula	Visual acuity	Sepofarsen LCA10	Late clinical	
		QRX-1011 Stargardt's	Preclinical	
Peripheral (moderate to advanced)	Visual fields, Visual acuity	QR-421a Ush2a	Early clinical	
Peripheral (early to moderate)	Visual fields	QR-1123 adRP IND s	IND submission	
		QR-411 Ush2a	IND-enabling	

Snapshot of clinical-stage ophthalmology programs

Progressive platform validation and indication expansion

Compound	Indication	Development Stage	Development De-risking	Status	Next milestone
sepofarsen	LCA10	Pivotal	 Photoreceptor delivery Splice correction Central retinal efficacy 	✓ 3-month efficacy and up to 12 m safety	Start pivotal H1 2019 Ph1/2 trial completion H2 2019
QR-421a	Ush2a	FIH/PoC	Exon skippingPeripheral retinal efficacy	Site initiation and screening	Start Phase 1/2 mid-2019
QR-1123	adRP	IND-ready	 RNA knockdown Allele-specific suppression	IND preparation	Ph 1/2 start H2 2019

Sepofarsen (QR-110) for LCA10

LCA10



Lose sight in first years of life



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p.Cys998X mutation affects ~2,000 patients in the Western world

Sepofarsen



Goal: Restore vision/ prevent vision loss in patients with LCA10



Locally administered in the eye. Routine intravitreal procedure



▼ Established modality in eye

- Strong preclinical proof of concept in human retina in preclinical models
- ✓ Orphan drug designation
- ✔ Fast track designation

 Phase 1/2 interim analysis showed rapid and sustained efficacy and favorable safety

• Pivotal phase 2/3 trial expected to start in H1 2019



LCA10 Clinical Phenotype

Cone-sparing makes LCA10 an ideal candidate for restorative RNA therapy



Retinal Organoid: QR-110-treated c.2991+1655A>G human LCA10 retinal organoids regrow cilium



OCT imaging demonstrated regeneration of outer segment after sepofarsen treatment

Normal retina



EZ line in normal retina shows outer segments by EZ-line, as detected by OCT

LCA10 retina



EZ line in missing in LCA10 retina due to lack of of outer segments

Restoration of EZ-line in subject



No change detected in untreated eye (data not shown)

Ongoing Phase 1/2 trial

Open label, multiple dose, dose escalation study, Phase 1/2



+ = DSMC review

- 3 month positive interim analysis data reported in September 2018
 - >60% of patients improved on multiple efficacy endpoints

- Enrolled eleven p.Cys998X LCA10 patients in range of 8-44 yo
- Intravitreal injections in one eye
- Participating sites: major sites in EU (UGhent) and US (UPenn, Ulowa)
- Primary endpoints: Safety, tolerability
- Secondary endpoints and exploratory efficacy: Visual acuity, mobility course, FST, OCI, pharmacokinetics, OCT, PRO, ERG, pupilometry
- Orphan drug designation in EU and US
- FDA Fast-track designation
- Patients continue to be followed out to 12 months of treatment of which data is expected in H2 2019
- Eligible patients will be rolled over into an extension trial where they will be offered to also get their second eye treated

Top line efficacy results

Concordant improvement in all outcome measures

	Direction of improvement	Responder threshold	Change from baseline at Month 3 Mean (SEM)	
			Treated	Untreated
Visual Acuity (ETDRS/BRVT) – LogMAR (n=8)	↓= improved	<u>></u> -0.3	-0.67 (0.32)	0.02 (0.05)
Mobility Course – level (n=7)	↑ = improved	<u>></u> 2	2.57 (1.19)	1.36 (1.04)
Full field stimulus red (FST red) - cd/m2 (n=7)	↓= improved		-0.74 (0.35)	-0.23 (0.18)
Full field stimulus blue (FST blue) - cd/m2 (n=7)	↓= improved		-0.91 (0.38)	-0.02 (0.11)
Nystagmus tracking (OCI) - Log ₁₀ mm (n=7)	↓= improved		-0.14 (0.08)	-0.04 (0.06)

Full Field Stimulus Test (FST) Measured with blue and red light



Month 3 Mean (SEM)

Best Corrected Visual Acuity (BCVA)

ETDRS (LogMAR -0.3 - 1.6)

BRVT (LogMAR 1.4 - 4.0)



Best Corrected Visual Acuity (BCVA)

Majority of subjects had clinically meaningful improvement



3 Months mean (SEM) and Median

Sepofarsen time-to-onset of response was similar for FST and BCVA

BCVA improvement appears to be more rapid than with Luxturna[®]



sepofarsen LCA10



Luxturna[®] LCA2

Modified from Lancet. 2017 August 26; 390(10097): 849–860.

Mobility course Improved at month 3 and month 6



Mean change from baseline through month 6

Discussion of evolving safety findings in trial PQ-110-001

- At the time of the IA, no significant, unanticipated AEs had been reported.
- Subsequently, lens opacities and CME were observed in a dose- and time-dependent manner:
 - Lens opacity occurred approx. 4 months earlier in mid dose group compared to low dose group, with none observed prior to month 4;
 - CME only observed in mid dose group (3-4 months into the study)
- Investigators judged that 3 of 6 lens opacities required surgical removal
 - 2 subjects had demonstrated improved BCVA prior to developing the cataract. After surgery restoration of benefit was observed.

- Both subjects with CME were judged to be mild in severity and not associated with reduced visual acuity.
 - Both started on standard of care treatment with partial resolution noted on one month follow-up OCT
- Dose modifications and longer dosing interval introduced in program:
 - After 12 month visit, all subjects will be rolled over into an extension trial with every six month treatment with the low dose regimen.

Study PQ-110-003 proposed dose regimens

Modeling based on estimated $t_{1/2}$ in retina 200d from NHP



*Every 6 months after 3 month dose

Primary dose pivotal (160 μg load/80 μg maintenance*)



Projected human tissue exposure (200d t_{1/2})

Study PQ-110-003 proposed dose regimens

Efficacy is predicted in low dose regimen

Low dose pivotal

(80 µg load/40 µg maintenance*) Exposure relative to maximum 100 CME Risk vitreous exposure Lens opacity Risk 50 0 100 200 300 400 0 Days Dose (µg): 80 40 40

*Every 6 months after 3 month dose

CEP290 exon skipping in organoid



Pivotal Phase 2/3 trial

Design agreed on with FDA





- Double-masked, randomized, controlled, 12-month, multiple dose study
- Could serve as the sole registration trial
- Sites in North America and select EU countries

- 30+ patients >8 years old
- Multiple IVT injections in both eyes
- Expected to start H1 2019
- Primary (registration) endpoint:
 - Visual acuity (ETDRS, BRVT)

- Key secondary endpoints
 - Mobility course
 - Full field stimulus testing (FST)
 - Ocular instability (OCI)
 - Optical coherence tomography (OCT)

QR-421a for Usher syndrome

Designed to treat genetic vision loss in Usher and non-syndromic RP

USH2A exon 13 mutations affect

~16,000 patients in Western world

Usher



Develop hearing and vision loss in childhood and are completely blind by mid adulthood

Partnership

FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS

Awarded \$7.5M financial support from FFB to conduct trial



Unmet need

- ▼ RNA is established modality in eye
- Strong preclinical proof of concept in patient retinal model
- ✓ Orphan drug designation
- ▼ Fast track designation
- ▼ IND approved by FDA

STELLAR Phase 1/2 trial

- Expect to dose a first patient with QR-421a in Q1 2019 with safety and efficacy results in mid-2019
- Expect results from multiple dose adaptive trial YE 2020

For USH2A exon 13 no

therapy available



Molecular rationale is similar in Ush2a and LCA10

QR-421a primarily targets rod restoration



Similar retinal organoid molecular activity of QR-421a and sepofarsen

Lower starting dose in QR-421a Phase 1/2 program



Restoration of usherin protein and ERG amplitude in exon 13 mutant zebrafish



ERG with light stimulus in zebrafish



Erwin van Wijk, Radboudumc, Nijmegen, the Netherlands

Pharmacokinetics in non human primates

Rapid clearance from vitreous with prolonged retention and activity in retina



Pharmacokinetics

"Read-through" from LCA10 to Ush2a

- CEP290 and Usherin are co-localized in photoreceptors
- Sepofarsen and QR-421a have similar concentration-response curves in retinal organoids
- QR-421a has additional preclinical translational PoC in animal model



Candidate	Cellular MoA	Target cell	Active in retinal organoid	Active in animals	Active in humans
sepofarsen	Restore cilium and OS	Photoreceptor Cones	Yes ≤1µM	Unknown	Yes
QR-421a	Restore cilium and OS	Photoreceptor Rods	Yes ≤1µM	Yes	TBD

Key trial goals/objectives



- Establish safety and pharmacokinetics
- Identify dose/duration for next study
- Assess efficacy based on:
 - Improvement in visual fields, particularly rod function
 - Evidence of structural improvement consistent with VF improvement as measured by OCT
 - Other functional vision improvements

Usher Syndrome clinical disease progression



Area of recoverable function in Ush2a localized by OCT in early and advanced disease



Visual field defects



Primary efficacy measures:

Quantifying visual field defects and EZ-line extension



QR-421a Phase 1/2 trial in Usher 2a patients



STELLAR Phase 1/2 trial

- Single dose, double-masked, randomized, controlled trial
- Goals include safety and efficacy PoC and dose interval
- ~18 adult patients with moderate to severe eye disease
- Inclusion criteria: visual field of >10°, visual acuity of 20/32 or worse

Single intravitreal injection in one eye, or sham treatment (randomized 2:1 active:control per cohort)

- Key trial endpoints: Visual field (Medmont DAC Perimetry, Static VF, microperimetry) and OCT
- IND open, data expected in mid-2019





Break

Presentations to start again at 10am ET

Thaddeus (Ted) Dryja, MD



- Professor of Ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School and at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary
- Previously Global Head of Ophthalmology Research at the Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research
- Research in **molecular genetics** of hereditary diseases of the retina
- Research discoveries include the identification the genes responsible for forms of retinal degeneration and dysfunction
- Member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences



Therapeutic History of Ophthalmology

Thaddeus (Ted) Dryja, MD

Professor of Ophthalmology Harvard Medical School, Faculty member at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

2000: First therapy for neovascular age-related macular degeneration started a multi-billion-dollar company (QLT)



Kaiser PK et al., Graefe's Arch Clin Exp Ophthalmol 244:1132-1143, 2006

2004: Second therapy for neovascular age-related macular degeneration started another multi-billion-dollar company (Eyetech)



Gragoudas et al., N Engl J Med 351:2805-2816, 2004
2006: Lucentis considered a miracle drug because it produced an average gain in vision; drugs in this class have sales over \$5B/year



Despite the dramatic mean improvement, 60% of ranibizumab-treated eyes end with vision less than 20/40

Key need in ophthalmology: prevent blindness



A patient's perspective: Gordon Gund (founder and co-chairman of the Foundation Fighting Blindness)



Gund in the conference room of his company in Princeton, New Jersey. He holds an NBA basketball signed by members of his team, the Cleveland Cavaliers.











Normal human fundus (left eye)

Fundus of patient with retinitis pigmentosa (left eye)

- **1. Attenuated blood vessels**
- 2. Bone-spicule-shaped intraretinal pigment deposits
- 3. Pale optic nerve head



Optic nerve head

Gross dissection of eyes from patients with retinitis pigmentosa obtained at autopsy



Normal retina

Retinitis pigmentosa



Normal retina



Region of severe degeneration

Inheritance patterns in retinitis pigmentosa (including Usher syndrome and Bardet-Biedl syndrome)







Most prevalent RP genes in the United States

Rhodopsin:25% of dominant RP;10% of all RP

RPGR:80-90% of X-linked RP;8-9% of all RP

USH2A: >17% of recessive RP; >8.5% of all RP

RHO + RPGR + USH2A = 27% of all RP

Electroretinograms (ERGs) in patients with dominant retinitis pigmentosa due to the rhodopsin mutation Pro23His





0.5 Hz amp (uV)



Diverse development focus for retinitis pigmentosa: (a "focus" or a "shotgun approach"?) Review of clinicaltrials.gov (January, 2019)

Low molecular weight

L-dopa inhaled oxygen valproic acid N-acetylcysteine brimonidine 9-cis b-carotene

Biologics

QR-421A, QR-110 (ProQR-Ush2A) CNTF rhNGF

Dietary

Goji berries Cannabis

Alternative medicine

Acupuncture Electro-acupuncture Exercise

Electronic

Retinal implants Transcorneal stimulation

Gene therapy RLBP1 PDE6B RPGR RPE65 REP1 Myo7A Optogenetic payload

Cell therapy

Bone marrow-mesenchymal cells given intravitreally or subretinally Retinal progenitor cells

Vitamin A supplement for retinitis pigmentosa: possible benefit based on a single "phase III" trial



Berson EL et al., Arch. Ophthalmol. 111:761-772, 1993

Valproic acid for retinitis pigmentosa: anecdotal benefit in 2011 followed by disappointing consequences



Clemson CM et al., Br. J. Ophthalmol. 95:89-93, 2011

Sisk RA, Br. J. Ophthalmol. 95:89-93, 2012

Final

Snellen

BCVA

LP

HM

20/300

20/600

20/400

CF 4'

2018: 90 patients, 50:50 randomization, 12 months of therapy: "small but statistically significantly worse outcome for the valproic acid group"

Birch DG et al., JAMA Ophthalmol. 136:849-856, 2018

How the ProQR therapies are addressing unmet need in inherited retinal blindness

Vanguard program:

• QR-110 for Cys998X mutation in CEP290 (congenital retinal blindness)

Successor programs in two of the most prevalent forms of retinitis pigmentosa:

- QR-421 for mutations in exon 13 of USH2A (Usher syndrome 2A)
- QR-411 for c.7595-2144A>G mutation in USH2A (Usher syndrome 2A)
- QR-1123 for the Pro23His mutation in the rhodopsin gene (dominant RP)
 - Knock-down of mutant allele allowing normal allele to serve retina
 - (Heterozygotes for a rhodopsin null allele have vision throughout life)



Creating Medicines Early Development Pipeline

Peter Adamson, Ph.D., Head of Ophthalmology Research

ProQR Ophthalmology pipeline



QR-1123 for P23H adRP

Gapmer targeting autosomal dominant RP due to the P23H mutation in RHO

P23H adRP



QR-1123 is specific for P23H allele



QR-1123 preserves ONL and improves ERG in P23H rat model

QR-1123 surrogate preserves ONL In P23H Tg rat



QR-1123 surrogate improves ERG in P23H Tg rat strong correlation with ONL preservation



Murray et al., 2015 IOVS 56: 6362

QR-1123 reduces retinal degeneration in humanized P23H mice



Overview: QR-1123 for P23H adRP

mRNA profile restoration

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- Increase in rhodopsin mRNA profile and reduction in mutant mRNA
- Strong selectivity for mutant over WT mRNA

Local (intravitreal) delivery to the eye



Eye well validated target for oligos Efficient delivery to photoreceptor layer in the retina

Development

Evidence of improvement in photoreceptors



Evidence of functional improvement (ERG) in knock-in Tg mice Evidence of histological protection in human P23H opsin KI mouse

Clinical candidate selected



QR-1123 selected as clinical candidate

QR-411 for Usher syndrome

Designed to treat genetic eye disease in Usher syndrome

Usher



QR-411

Develop hearing loss and blindness in childhood and turn completely blind by mid adulthood

PE40 mutation affects **~1,000** patients in Western world

Strong preclinical PoC in

human organoid models. Development candidate

Strong PoC



For Usher **PE40** no therapy available

▼ RNA is established modality in eye

- Strong preclinical proof of concept in patient retinal organoids
- ✓ Orphan drug designation

Next steps

selected

- IND-enabling studies expected to start in 2019
- Clinical development similar to QR-421a



QR-411 for RP in Usher syndrome

Splice correction for PE40 USH2A mRNA



Identical molecular mechanism to sepofarsen - splice correction creating WT mRNA

QR-411 for Usher syndrome

USH2A PE40 splice correction



QR-411 - Clinical Development

 Design and endpoints very similar to that for QR-421a (RP) and QR-1123 (adRP)

QR-411 - Asset Characterization

- Single stranded 20-mer RNA oligonucleotide
- Chemically modified for stability, safety, efficiency and uptake
- Well understood MoA
- Designed to target the USH2A PE40 mutation
- IVT administration, based on studies with LCA sepofarsen likely no detectable systemic exposure in animals

QR-411 - Data

- >95% effect in mediating Ush2A PE40 mRNA in patient derived fibroblasts and optic cups
- Ability to edit human Ush2A
 PE40 mRNA in human knock-in transgenic fish
- Ability to distribute to photoreceptor layer after IVT injection
- Initial tolerability studies in rabbits shows similar profile to sepofarsen

In vitro proof of concept

Dose-dependent effect of QR-411 on WT RNA in patient fibroblasts

Efficacy testing of QR-411 in heterozygous patient fibroblasts



- Sepofarsen showed similar responses in LCA patient fibroblasts
- Similar data for QR-411 in PE40 het retinal organoids at 2uM and 10uM concentrations (cf same efficacy range as sepofarsen approx. 100%)

In vitro proof of concept

QR-411 restores WT RNA in patient-derived iPSC optic cups



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Overview: QR-411 for USH2A PE40



QR-1011 for Stargardt's disease

Stargardt's disease



Develop blindness in childhood and turn completely blind by mid



QR-1011



For Stargardt's c.5461-10T>C in **ABCA4** no therapy available

Strong PoC



Preclinical PoC and efficacy in human minigene models

- ✓ RNA is established modality in eye
- ✓ Strong pre-clinical proof of concept

Next steps

Progression into retinal organoid



Stargardt's disease: clinical phenotype



- Most frequent form of inherited juvenile macular degeneration
- Manifests as central vision loss and progresses to complete blindness
- Median onset of disease approx. 17 years
- Loss of RPE cells (scotoma)
Prevention of Exon 39 exclusion

Splice correction



QR-1011 screening



Next Steps is to optimize in human ABCA4 c5561-10C>T retinal organoids 'optic cups'

Ophthalmology: QR-1011 for Stargardt's disease

QR-1011 drives splice correction of mutant ABCA4 mRNA



Ex39 inclusion demonstrated in mutant ABCA4 mutant mini-gene construct upon treatment with a number of oligo sequences

QR-1011 profiling in retinal organoids



Ex39 exclusion to be confirmed in ABCA4 c5461-10T>C and restoration with QR-1011 in retinal organoids to be confirmed

Cells isolated from patient ABCA4 c.5461-10T>C



Renal epithelial cell already isolated from patient urine. Cells will begin reprogramming into optic cups

QR-1011 chemistry optimization



Chemistry/sequence optimization ongoing

Development

Local (intravitreal) delivery to the eye



Eye well validated target for oligos

Efficient delivery to photoreceptors (ONL)

QR-504 for FECD3

Fuchs Endothelial Corneal Dystrophy



Front of the eye disease leading to blindness in 50+ years of age



QR-504



No therapy available

✓ RNA is established modality in eye

- Rapid delivery to corneal cells V
- ✓ Strong preclinical proof of concept in human primary cell models

Strong PoC



Strong preclinical PoC in human primary cell models. Development candidate selected

Next steps

Progression into development



Clinical phenotype: Fuchs Endothelial Corneal Dystrophy

Corneal edema and clouding



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- Late onset (50-60 years) slowly progressing corneal dystrophy that usually affects both eyes
- Patients often awaken with blurred vision which improves during the day
- Visual acuity reduction
- Finally corneal swelling and clouding often requiring corneal transplantation

QR-504 for FECD3

TCF4 repeat targeting for reduction of RNA foci



In healthy cells, MBNL1 protein regulates splicing of many RNAs Mutated TCF4 RNA forms aggregates (foci) and sequesters MBNL1, disrupting splicing processes

MBNL1

Mutant TCF4



QR-504 targets the TCF4 RNA (foci) and releases MBNL1 to enable correct splicing of RNA

QR-504 for FECD



QR-504 - Clinical Development

 'Molecular PoC" in human corneal endothelial cells derived from FECD patients undergoing corneal transplant surgery

QR-504 - Asset Characterization

- Single stranded 21-mer RNA oligonucleotide
- Sequence and chemistry fully optimized.
- Chemically modified for stability and uptake
- Well understood MoA
- Designed to target nucleotide expansion in FECD3 patients caused by mutations in the TCF4 gene
- IVT administration, no detectable systemic exposure

QR-504 - Data

- Human TNR expanded TCF4 FECD3 CECs shown to have RNA foci and QR-504 treatment reduces foci
- Human TNR expanded TCF4 FECD3 CECs shown to have MBNL-1 sequestrated with RNA foci and QR-504 treatment releases MBNL-1
- Well understood MoA
- IVT administration shows QR-504 uptake in CECs from mouse and rabbit

FECD patients with TCF4 mutations have RNA foci

FECD is caused by toxic RNA aggregation and MBNL-1 sequestration



Article

Antisense Therapy for a Common Corneal Dystrophy Ameliorates *TCF4* Repeat Expansion-Mediated Toxicity

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QR-504 reduces toxic foci



Patient #63, CTG 12/97





patient CECs (N=6)

QR-504 reduces toxic foci and MBNL-1 sequestration



Patient #202, CTG 12,96

IVT administered QR-504 shows robust delivery to corneal endothelium



Cy3-labelled QR-504, 48h post dose, 10ug IVT dose

Ophthalmology: QR-504 for FECD

QR-504 reduces toxic foci



mRNA of toxic foci removed upon QR-504 treatment of primary corneal endothelial cells of FECD patients

QR-504 reduces sequestration of MBNL-1



MBNL-1 sequestration is reduced upon QR-504 treatment of primary corneal endothelial cells of FECD patients

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Efficient delivery to corneal endothelium

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ProQR Ophthalmology pipeline





Innovation at ProQR From LCA10 to 10 LCA's per year...

Gerard Platenburg, Chief Innovation Officer

Building from the current ophthalmology programs

Reaching patients beyond p.Cys998X mutation



RNA technology toolbox

One therapeutic modality using different MoAs



QRX-136 for LCA10





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QRX-136 for LCA10

In vitro efficacy of AONs

- Several AONs identified that efficiently skip CEP290 exon 36
- Over 50% exon skip is observed
- Lead optimization is ongoing



QRX-461 for Usher syndrome

Designed to treat genetic eye disease in Usher syndrome 2a

Usher



Develop hearing loss and blindness in childhood and turn completely blind by mid adulthood



vitro models.

selection ongoing

QRX-461



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- ✔ QRX-461is based on Axiomer[®] technology

Next steps

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• Progression into lead selection

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Development candidate

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Axiomer® technology

Therapeutic oligonucleotides for directing site-specific A-to-I editing by endogenous ADAR enzymes

Axiomer[®] Editing Oligonucleotides (EONs)

Oligonucleotide mediated targeted RNA editing



Unique RNA editing technology



Applicable to >20,000 disease-causing mutations

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Similar capabilities as CRISPR, without the key risks



Brings clinical applicability of "editing" in reach



IP fully owned ProQR far ahead of competition



In-vitro PoC established in multiple disease models

A-to-l editing: Therapeutic opportunity

The most prevalent editing event in human tissues





- No sequence dependence
- 4 million A-to-I sites in the human transcriptome, both in coding and non-coding RNAs
- Extent of editing similar in most human tissues, making therapeutic editing feasible in all disease areas

- ADAR1 and ADAR2 expressed in retina
- >20,000 G-to-A disease causing mutations in genome
- >1,100 G-to-A disease causing mutations in retinal genes
- ~90 G-to-A mutations found in Ush2a

EONs designed for targeted editing

ADAR deaminates target A in EON-target RNA helix

Endogenous editing

EON-directed therapeutic editing



EONs designed for targeted editing

Advantage over RNA guides: Specificity

Endogenous editing

EON-directed therapeutic editing





EON

RNA



Editing site with EONs is precise: No off-target editing even if ADAR shifts

Editing site with RNA guides is flexible

Structural basis for nt modifications

ADAR binding and catalysis require different modifications

ADAR binding region

 Modifications compatible with ADAR binding, but which do not fit in the catalytic center

Editing enabling region

• Modifications that fit into the catalytic center

Structural modelling provides a **basis for further optimization of EONs**



EONs edit Idua mRNA in vitro

Idua W392X reporter construct in MEF cells with endogenous ADAR



EONs restore iduronidase in vitro

Idua W392X reporter construct in MEF cells with endogenous ADAR



Nt modifications ensure specificity

Editing only observed at the target adenosine, even when overexpressing ADAR in cells



- 100 nM EON transfection with GFP W57X reporter and ADAR1 overexpression
- Readout by Sanger sequencing of the RT-PCR product
- ~85% editing at target A; **no off-target editing observed**

PoC in Hurler mouse model for targeted editing



Axiomer[®] is widely applicable

Examples of ophthalmic targets

CNS (>500 targets)

- Parkinson's Disease VIII
- Hurler Syndrome
- Alzheimer's Disease
- Huntington's Disease
- Parkinson's Disease II
- Fragile X syndrome

Lung (>300 targets)

- Cystic Fibrosis non-dF508
- Primary ciliary dyskinesia
- Surfactant Metabolism Dysfunction
- ABCA3 deficiency
- Familial Pulmonary Fibrosis

Skin (>500 targets)

- Albinism
- Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Junctional Epidermolysis Bullosa
- Darier disease
- Epidermolysis Simplex



Ophthalmology (>1,100 targets)

- Leber's Congenital Amaurosis 4
- Usher's syndrome
- Fuchs Endothelial Corneal Dystrophy
- Retinitis Pigmentosa type 3
- Stargardt's Disease
- Primary Congenital Glaucoma

Liver (>1,500 targets)

- Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency
- Factor V Deficiency
- Transthyretin-related hereditary amyloidosis
- Wilson disease
- Hereditary Hemochromatosis
- Ornithine Transcarbamylase deficiency
- Hemophilia B
- Pompe Disease

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QRX-461 corrects G-to-A mutation

In vitro efficacy of AONs Several EONs designed for Usherin exon 61

- Up to 50% editing is observed
- Optimization is ongoing





