



Unlocking protein production with translational read-through for rare genetic diseases

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	IND ENABLING	PHASE I	PHASE II	PHASE III
ELX-02				
PHASE I SAD / MAD / RENAL		COMPLETED		
PHASE II CYSTIC FIBROSIS (CF)	RESUMED FOLL	OWNG COVID-19	PAUSE	
PHASE II CYSTINOSIS (CYS)	STR	ATEGIC HOLD		
New Indications				
ADPKD				
INHERITED RETINAL DISORDERS				



### **Our Orphan Drug Programs Have Strong Advocacy Support**















## **The Nonsense Mutation Problem**

>1,800 Genetic diseases involve nonsense mutations



Cystic Fibrosis

Cystinosis





Usher Syndrome



**Primary** 

Ciliarv

Dyskinesia

Polycystic Kidney Disease

- In every genetic disease a subset of patients have nonsense mutations that impair the production of essential proteins
- Translational read-through is directed at restoring the production of full-length proteins by overcoming the premature stop codon and nonsense mediated decay

Unmet need for patients with nonsense mediated disease across multiple indications



Source: Pelz, Annu. Rev. Med. 2013. 64:407-25

### **Eloxx Small Molecule ERSG Solutions**



## **ELX-02: Phase 1 Program Completed**

#### SAD

#### (single ascending dose)

- Submission of CSR to regulators
- ✓ Published in *Clin. Pharm. Drug Dev.* 2019 Jan 16.
- ✓ PK presented at ECFS 2019
- ✓ Full data presented at NACFC Oct. 31- Nov. 2, 2019

MAD (multiple ascending dose)

- ✓ Full data presented at NACFC Oct/Nov 2019
- CSR and manuscript to follow

#### **Renal Impairment**

- ✓ Full data presented at ASN Kidney Week Nov. 5-10, 2019
- CSR and manuscript to follow

#### **Phase 1 Program Conclusions**

- Generally well tolerated in clinical studies to date supporting evaluation in Phase 2
- Consistent PK results across single and multiple dose studies, with no accumulation
- High bioavailability (98%) upon SC administration with highly reproducible PK over the dosage range studied (0.3-7.5 mg/kg)



### **Cystic Fibrosis Nonsense Mutation Patients Represent a Key Unmet Need Population**





Source: Eloxx Internal Research/CFTR2 database

## **ELX-02: Preclinical Data De-Risks CF Phase 2**







### ELX-02 is a small molecule that permits read-through of nonsense mutations

- High selectivity for the eukaryotic cytoplasmic ribosome relative to mitochondrial ribosome
- Defined MOA: Demonstrated significant increases in Cystinosin & CFTR <u>mRNA</u>, protein and function
- Demonstrated read-through in assays focusing on high prevalence Cystic Fibrosis & Cystinosis nonsense mutations

### ELX-02 high activity in multiple cellular and animal models

- Pronounced CFTR read-through demonstrated in plasmid, HBE, FRT, transgenic mice and patient-derived organoids
- Pronounced Cystinosin read-though demonstrated in plasmid, patient derived fibroblasts and transgenic mice

#### • Phase 2 Studies enroll patients with defined genotypes

- Cystic Fibrosis trial focuses on *G542X* on one or both alleles



# ELX-02 Response in Organoids Compares Favorably to Published Results



Berkers et al. Cell Reports (2019) Rectal Organoids Enable Personalized Treatment of Cystic Fibrosis.

Eloxx data on file.



# ELX-02 Mediated Organoid Swelling Is Equivalent in Organoids With One or Two Nonsense Mutations

- Significant increase in organoid swelling is observed in both G542X organoids with a second nonsense mutation and heterozygous organoids
- Experiments used 0.8 µM Forskolin



ordinary one-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparison testing was used,, \*\*\*\* p<0.0001 versus vehicle control, ## p<0.01 versus next lower concentration, , #### p<0.0001 versus next lower concentration. Data represent >40 biological replicates per group from 2 or 4 independent patient organoids, respectively.



Eloxx data on file.

### ELX-02 Mediates Read-through of Premature Stop Codons Without Read-through of Normal Stop Codons

 Recently published in JPET: "ELX-02 generates protein via premature stop codon read-through without inducing native stop codon read-through protein"

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- Manuscript addresses a common question: "If ELX-02 promotes read-through of premature stop codons, what about the normal stop codons?"
- Manuscript demonstrates:
  - premature stop codon read-through at protein level with ELX-02
  - three-complimentary techniques demonstrating ELX-02 does not promote read-through of normal stop codons at relevant concentrations tested









# ELX-02 Phase 2 Cystic Fibrosis – Trial Design

Dose 1	Dose 2	Dose 3	Dose 4
7 days	7 days	7 days	14 days
0.3 mg/kg	0.75 mg/kg	1.5 mg/kg	Up to 3 mg/kg
SC QD	SC QD	SC QD	

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: US Trial NCT04135495 EU/IL Trial NCT04126473

- Targeting up to 16 CF patients with a G542X mutation on one or both alleles
- Intra-patient dose escalation
- 4 increasing doses of ELX-02 ranging from 0.3 up to 3.0 mg/kg/day
- **Primary Outcome Measures** 
  - Safety, tolerability, and pharmacokinetics
- **Secondary Outcome Measures** 
  - PD changes from baseline in sweat chloride levels and FEV1
  - Consistent with other Phase 2 trials for approved drugs

Locations

Enrollment resumed in Europe, Israel & USA

Additionally

- Orphan drug designation granted in US and Europe
- Funding provided by CFF, sanctioned by CFF-TDN & ECFS-CTN (high priority ranking)
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### ADPKD (Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease)

- 200,000-600,000 people with ADPKD in the US
  - 12 million people worldwide
- ~141,000 diagnosed cases of ADPKD in the US (2 main genes are PKD1 and 2)

#### **PKD1** Mutation

- 85% of all ADPKD cases
- Cysts may appear when patients are young adults
- Disease can progress rapidly
- Median age of ESRD onset is 54 yrs.
- Gene location: short arm on chromosome 16 (16p13.3)

#### **PKD2** Mutation

- 15% of all ADPKD cases
- Disease progresses more slowly vs. PKD1
- Median age of ESRD onset is 74 years
- Gene location: long arm on chromosome 4 (4q21)
- ~6,000 new cases diagnosed each year in the US

 ~6-10% of individuals receiving dialysis and renal transplant treatment in the US have ADPKD

Blanchette, C. et al; Burden of Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease: Systematic Literature Review, Am J Pharm Benefits, 2015; 7(2): e27-e36 Uncoverpkd.com (Otsuka HCP site)

NORD, https://rarediseases.org/rare-diseases/autosomal-dominant-polycystic-kidney-disease/

PKD International, https://pkdinternational.org/what-is-pkd/adpkd



# **ADPKD Nonsense Mutation Prevalence**

- Genetic disorder characterized by cysts localized within the kidney. Majority of patients progress to ESRD.
- Mutations in *PKD1* or *PKD2* cause a disruption in the production of functional polycystin, which through signaling process leads to excess vasopressin, leading to cyst growth.

#### )1 ADPKD US: PKD2 19% 140k diagnosed pts. Large deletion In-frame indel 8% In-frame indel Large deletion Frameshift Splice Frameshift 2% 1% 27% 31% Splice 16% Nonsense Missense Missense 24% Nonsense 10% 27% 42% PKD1 mutation types PKD2 mutation types

Relative PKD gene mutation frequencies

#### **ADPKD:** Cyst formation



Figure 2. Frequency and type of PKD1 and PKD2 mutations from the PKD mutation database. All mutation types have been reported for both genes. The relative infrequency of missense mutations and in-frame insertions or deletions for PKD2 could reflect the under-diagnosis of these patients present in the general population. The PKD mutation database is available at http://pkdb.mayo.edu/index.html (accessed 22 April 2016).



Mao et al., F1000 Research 2016

# ERSGs Promote Read-through of Most Common *PKD1* and *PKD2* Nonsense Mutations



- Nonsense (X) mutations can be found across both PKD1 (PC1) and PKD2 (PC2) genes
- Read-through of most common nonsense alleles shown in dual luciferase assay
- Dose-dependent read-through of the top three PKD1 nonsense alleles (according to the Mayo ADPKD database) is observed with multiple ERSGs



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# **Encouraging ERSG Results in ADPKD Organoids**

- Nonsense mutation kidney organoids model ADPKD cyst formation
  - Model system flexible enough to evaluate genetically heterogenous ADPKD population
  - Ongoing collaboration with Benjamin Freedman, University of Washington
- ERSG compounds are under evaluation in iPSC-derived (induced pluripotent stem cell-derived) and primary organoids for impact on cyst formation and reduction
  - Encouraging preliminary results show reduced cystogenesis and cyst size with ERSG treatment

non-PKD

PKD





# **Ocular Program Development**





- High unmet medical need and prevalence of nonsense mutations across inherited retinal diseases (IRDs)
- Screened multiple compounds from ERSG library for read-through and tolerability
- IND-enabling studies are progressing
- Emerging Profile Across Models
  - Compounds are appropriate for intravitreal administration
  - Compounds show retinal tolerability at doses 10-fold greater than anticipated efficacy range in sensitive species
    - No adverse ELX compound-related retinal anatomic or functional changes observed to date by histopathology and ERG
  - Dose-dependent read-through of Usher mutations greater than gentamicin reference
  - Encouraging PK demonstrating retina exposure
- In vitro sustained release rates are consistent with the target range of one to three months



## **Intravitreal Administration Modeling**



- SJL/J mice have a R262X mutation (UGA) in the OCA2 gene1
- OCA2 is a channel involved in establishing organelle (melanocyte) pH in the RPE (retinal pigment epithelium)
- Cellular read-through testing demonstrates significant read-through potential across ELX compounds
- Model is being used to screen Eloxx compounds for *in vivo* read-through activity at the back of the eye



- 1. Shoji et al, Exp. Anim 2015; 64(2)
- 2. Bellono et al., eLife 2014
  - . Eloxx data on file.



# ERSGs Promote Functional Read-through in the Eye by Intravitreal Administration (*In Vivo*)

- Intravitreal dosing of ELX compounds demonstrate a dose-dependent increase in melanin production in the eye
  - Single dose on Study Day 1
  - Melanin measured on Study Day 3
- Multiple ERSG compounds demonstrate increased OCA2 function after single intravitreal injection
- Data support that ERSG compounds can reach cells deep in the neurosensory retina, including the retinal pigment epithelium and choroid
- New data presented at the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) Virtual Annual Meeting May 6, 2020





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