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# **Our Dermatology Company**

Sol Gel Advanced Topical Therapy

- Primed to become a global dedicated dermatological company by developing a combination of branded and generic topical drug products
- Expecting results during 2019 from pivotal trials of two branded pipeline candidates, based on a proprietary topical microencapsulation delivery system
- Seven established collaborations with two strategic partners on generic candidates already resulted in one approval and one tentative approval by the FDA. First generic product reached the market in February 2019

Proven track record combined with broad dermatological knowhow



### **The Sol-Gel Process**

- A sol is a stable dispersion of colloidal particles or polymers in a solvent. The particles may be amorphous or crystalline
- A gel consists of a three dimensional continuous network, which encloses a liquid phase, In a colloidal gel, the network is built from agglomeration of colloidal particles



# **Sol-Gel Precursors**

 The sol gel precursors are a metal or metalloid element with various ligands such as metal alkoxides that undergo hydrolysis in aqueous solutions. The most widely used metal alkoxides are alkoxysilanes, such as tetramethoxysilane (TMOS) and tetraethoxysilane (TEOS)



The most common non-organic silica precursor is sodium silicate



#### **Stages in The Process**

QCH<sub>3</sub> hydrolysis:  $H_3CO - Si - OCH_3 + 4(H_2O) - Si - OH + 4(CH_3OH)$ OCH<sub>3</sub> OH TMOS +  $4(H_2O) \rightarrow Si(OH)_4 + 4(CH_3OH)$ (2) The hydrated silica tetrahedra interact in a condensation reaction (eq 3), forming  $\equiv$ Si $-O-Si \equiv$  bonds. condensation: HO---Si---OH + HO---Si---OH ---HO  $-\frac{1}{5i}$   $-\frac{1}{1}$   $-\frac{1}$ 

Source : The Sol Gel Process, L.L. Hench and J.K. west, Chem. Rev. 1990, 90, 33-72



#### **Stages in The Process**

Linkage of additional  $\equiv$ Si-OH tetrahedra occurs as a polycondensation reaction (eq 4) and eventually results in a SiO<sub>2</sub> network. The H<sub>2</sub>O and alcohol expelled from the reaction remains in the pores of the network.



Source : The Sol Gel Process, L.L. Hench and J.K. west, Chem. Rev. 1990, 90, 33-72



#### The encapsulation process using Sol-Gel technology

Sol Gel encapsulation process is performed in an oil-in-water emulsion in which the silica is formed at the oil/ water interface following hydrolysis of the silica precursor TEOS (Tetra Ethyl Ortho Silicate) and polycondensation





### **Encapsulated tretinoin**



Light microscope pictures of the microcapsules



#### SEM pictures of encapsulated tretinoin





#### Cryo-SEM pictures of encapsulated tretinoin: EDS analysis







#### SEM pictures of encapsulated tretinoin

#### Encapsulated tretinoin microcapsule



#### Encapsulated tretinoin crystals inside broken microcapsule





# **Common Indications Requiring Better Therapies**

Acne Vulgaris	<ul> <li>A disease of the pilosebaceous unit, involving abnormalities in sebum production, follicular epithelial desquamation, bacterial proliferation and inflammation</li> <li>Benzoyl peroxide (BPO) and tretinoin are mainstay therapies</li> <li>Tretinoin is the most widely used Rx topical retinoid, but is rapidly decomposed by BPO and causes irritation</li> <li>BPO/tretinoin combination does not currently exist on the market</li> <li>~\$2.7 billion sales in the U.S. in 2018 of several promoted topical brands and many generics, of which fixed-dose combination drugs account for ~\$0.9 billion</li> <li>Dermatologists often prefer branded topical drugs even though cheaper generics and OTC alternatives exist</li> </ul>
Papulopustular Rosacea	<ul> <li>A chronic, inflammatory skin condition affecting nearly 5 million people in the US</li> <li>~\$0.4 billion sales of topical products in the U.S. in 2018 : Soolantra<sup>®</sup>, Finacea<sup>®</sup> and generic metronidazole</li> <li>Poor patient adherence to current drugs</li> </ul>



# **Our Branded Drug Product Candidates**

TWIN acne vulgaris	<ul> <li>A cream containing a fixed-dose combination of encapsulated tretinoin and encapsulated benzoyl peroxide</li> <li>Major challenges were the instability of tretinoin in the presence of benzoyl peroxide and irritation</li> <li>Encapsulation allows stabilization and is also expected to contribute to patient compliance</li> <li>Opportunity exists for shift from prescribing tretinoin and existing combinations to prescribing TWIN</li> <li>We estimate peak annual sales of \$350M - \$400M<sup>(†).</sup></li> </ul>
Epsolay® papulopustular rosacea	<ul> <li>A cream containing encapsulated benzoyl peroxide, 5%</li> <li>Encapsulation was designed to reduce irritation caused by benzoyl peroxide</li> <li>Potential to be the 1<sup>st</sup> FDA-approved single-active benzoyl peroxide prescription drug product</li> <li>We estimate peak annual sales of \$75M - \$100M<sup>(†)</sup></li> </ul>



# **BPO/tretinoin - Stability Challenge**

- A major challenge in the development of BPO/tretinoin combination is to make it stable. Scientific literature reports stability of approved tretinoin products Retin-A Micro<sup>®</sup> and Atralin<sup>®</sup> as limited to 7 hours and no stability of tretinoin gel when combined with BPO. As a result, no fixed-dose combination of BPO/tretinoin is available on the market
- Another challenge is the tolerability of such combination

#### Limited stability of tretinoin in the presence of BPO (various works)

**Stability in presence** 

microsphere der 0.1 %. 24-Hour Stability Data									
Time Point	Fime Point Percent Theoretical								
	Tretinoin	Benzoyl Peroxide	Clindamycin						
0 hr	96%	99%	101%						
1 hr	95%	100%	102%						
2 hr	92%	100%	105%						
4 hr	87%	104%	104%						
6 hr	84%	105%	103%						
24 hr	56%	102%	106%						

Table 2. BP/Clindamycin Tube Gel + Tretinoin

Source: Del Rosso, Cosmetic Dermatol., 2006



Source: Kircik, JCAD Online, 2011

Percentage of initial tretinoin in Atralin® remaining over time (7hrs.)



#### Source: Del Rosso, JCAD Online, 2010



## **TWIN Drug Candidate**

- A fixed-dose combination of encapsulated benzoyl peroxide and encapsulated tretinoin that has the potential to be a highly effective treatment for acne vulgaris
- Encapsulation allows the stabilization of tretinoin in the presence of benzoyl peroxide and to reduce irritation



# **TWIN Phase II Trial Design**

Design	<ul> <li>726 subjects, aged 9 or older were enrolled at 36 sites in the U.S.</li> <li>Randomized 1:1:1:1:1:1 to receive once daily treatment with TWIN High, TWIN Low, encapsulated tretinoin ("E-ATRA") high monad, E-ATRA low monad, encapsulated BPO ("E-BPO") monad, and vehicle</li> <li>Clinical evaluations performed at weeks 2, 4, 8, and 12</li> <li>Study Medical Monitor – Dr. Guy Webster</li> </ul>
Main inclusion criteria	<ul> <li>Facial acne with &gt;25 and &lt;100 non-inflammatory lesions and &gt;20 and &lt;50 inflammatory lesions</li> <li>Score of 3 or 4 ("moderate" or "severe") on a 5-point Investigator Global Assessment ("IGA") scale ranging from 0 ("clear") to 4 ("severe")</li> <li>Two or fewer cysts or nodules</li> </ul>
Co-primary efficacy endpoints	<ul> <li>Proportion of subjects with an assessment of "clear" or "almost clear" with at least a 2-grade improvement in IGA at week 12 based on the ITT population</li> <li>Mean absolute change from baseline in inflammatory and non-inflammatory lesion counts at week 12 based on the ITT population</li> </ul>
Efficacy analysis	<ul> <li>Statistical superiority in efficacy as compared to the vehicle</li> <li>Numerical superiority in efficacy of TWIN as compared to encapsulated BPO and encapsulated tretinoin monads</li> </ul>
Cutaneous adverse events	<ul> <li>Investigator assessment was used for rating of hyper- and hypo-pigmentation, erythema and scaling on a scale ranging from 0 ("none") to 3 ("severe")</li> <li>Patient reported outcome questionnaire was used for assessment of local tolerability rating itching, burning, and stinging on a scale ranging from 0 ("none") to 3 ("severe")</li> </ul>
Safety assessment	<ul> <li>Electrocardiogram (12-lead ECG) was done at baseline, week 2 and week 12 or early termination</li> <li>Clinical chemistry, hematology and urinalysis were evaluated at baseline, week 8 and week 12 or early termination</li> </ul>
Related and emerged adverse events ("AEs")	<ul> <li>Related, probably related or possibly related AEs leading to study discontinuation</li> <li>Related, probably related or possibly related AEs, which are worsening of a condition present upon entry or noted as medical history</li> </ul>

# **TWIN Phase II Baseline Characteristics (ITT)**

Summary of Subject Baseline Characteristics												
	Vehicle (N=	e Cream 115)	TWI (N:	N High =116)	T	WIN Low (N=117)	E-AT (N	RA High =118)	E-A1 (N	rra Low I=118)	E- (N	-BPO =118)
Inflammatory Lesion Count												
Ν		115		116		117		118		118		118
Mean		28.6		26.7		27.8		26.2		26.7		27.9
SD		8.31		6.84		8.13		5.74		5.64		7.09
Median		26.0		25.0		26.0		25.0		25.0		26.0
Min. to Max.		18 to 50		16 to 49		20 to 86		18 to 48		19 to 46		18 to 50
Non-Inflammatory Lesion Count												
N		115		116		117		118		118		118
Mean		42.5		42.9		43.3		42.3		41.6		42.6
SD		16.80		16.95		17.28		16.57		16.41		17.04
Median		37.0		38.0		37.0		36.0		35.0		36.5
Min. to Max.		25 to 98		25 to 98		25 to 100		25 to 91		25 to 96		25 to 96
Investigator's Global Assessment												
Ν	115		116		117		118		118		118	
0 – Clear	0	(0.0%)	0	(0.0%)	0	(0.0%)	0	(0.0%)	0	(0.0%)	0	(0.0%)
1 – Almost Clear	0	(0.0%)	0	(0.0%)	0	(0.0%)	0	(0.0%)	0	(0.0%)	0	(0.0%)
2 – Mild	00	(0.0%)	0	(0.0%)	0	(0.0%)	0	(0.0%)	0	(0.0%)	0	(0.0%)
3 – Moderate	102	(88.7%)	102	(87.9%)	104	(88.9%)	107	(90.7%)	102	(86.4%)	101	(85.6%)
4 – Severe	13	(11.3%)	14	(12.1%)	13	(11.1%)	11	(9.3%)	16	(13.6%)	17	(14.4%)



# Positive TWIN Factorial Phase II Results (ITT)<sup>(+)</sup>





Non-Inflammatory Lesion Mean Absolute Change from Baseline at Week 12





<sup>(†)</sup> The above calculations were made using Markov Chain Monte Carlo multiple imputation method for handling missing data and without data from one center that discontinued the study. Analyses without imputation (with or without the discontinued center) were highly consistent with the above <sup>19</sup>

#### TWIN Phase II Trial Secondary Efficacy Results (ITT)<sup>(†)</sup>

Inflammatory Lesion Mean Percent Change from Baseline at Week 12



Non-Inflammatory Lesion Mean Percent Change from Baseline at Week 12



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# Efficacy Results of Recent Acne Trials<sup>(†)</sup>

			TWIN	Cla	Win ascoteron	l <b>evi™</b> e cream, 1%	FM Minocycli	<b>X101</b> ne foam, 4%	Seysara <sup>™</sup> Oral sarecycline		
Difference from Vehicle	Success in IGA at Week 12		27.4% Phase II SGT-65-02		9.1%	14.0%	6.78% FX2014-05	11.17% FX2017-22	11.4% SC1401	7.3%	
	Inflammatory Lesions – Mean Percent Change from Baseline at Week 12		21.8% Phase II SGT-65-02		8.2% Study 025	17.2% Study 026	9.0% FX2014-05	13% FX2017-22	17.0% SC1401	14.4%	
	Non- Inflammatory Lesions – Mean Percent Change from Baseline at Week 12	20.9% Phase II SGT-65-02			8.8%	13.5%	Non-inflamr not a co-prir Fx2014-05	natory lesions nary endpoint FX2017-22	Non-inflamm not ir sc1401	natory lesions n label	
Treatment Arm:	Number of Patients Baseline # of Lesions	Severe Moderate Mild Inflamed Non-inflamed	14 102 0 26.7 42.9		61 292 0 42.4 59.1	64 305 0 42.9 62.8	37 296 0 31.6 50.5	118 620 0 30.7 49.7	70 413 0 29.7 42.4	79 440 0 30.3 42.3	



<sup>(†)</sup> Sol-Gel did not conduct a head-to-head comparison trial or study. The results described above are for illustrative purposes only and should not be construed as conclusions to be drawn as if we conducted a head-to-head comparison trial or study

# Phase II Cutaneous Tolerability of TWIN

Proportion of Subjects with Post-Baseline Worsening of Cutaneous Side Effects (Safety Population) **Erythema** Scaling **Pigmentation** 22% 31% 26% 22% 42% 41% 15% 14% 14% Max. Post-Baseline > Baseline 2% 2% 1% 13% 2% 6% 6% 4% -3% Vehicle TWIN High TWIN Low Vehicle Vehicle **TWIN High** TWIN Low **TWIN High** TWIN Low Itching Burning Stinging 19% 25% 28% 12% 38% 45% 14% 30% 36% 3% 4% 4% 4% 1% 1% 14% 5% 1% 6% 2% 10% Vehicle **TWIN High** TWIN Low Vehicle TWIN High TWIN Low Vehicle **TWIN High** TWIN Low Mild Moderate Severe

# **TWIN Co-Primary Efficacy Results Over Time (ITT)**

The success in IGA at week 12, the decrease from baseline in inflammatory lesions at week 8 and 12 and for noninflammatory lesion count at weeks 4, 8 and 12, respectively, were statistically significantly greater than for vehicle



# **Highly-Powered Phase III Trials and Mitigated Risks**

- Only TWIN and vehicle are required for the pivotal trials, as the requirements of the combination rule act were satisfied in our Phase II trial
- Each pivotal trial is planned to enroll 420 subjects in a 2:1 ratio, with a power of 99%
- No LTSS is required to support our future marketing application, as long as we demonstrate that the systemic exposure of our product is comparable to our reference-listed drug (RLD)
- No pediatric clinical studies are required to support our future marketing application
- Subject to favorable results from our Phase III clinical program, we plan to submit an NDA in 2020





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