# Oral Beclomethasone 17, 21-Dipropionate (BDP) in Pediatric Crohn's Disease

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### Pediatric Crohn's Disease – Disease Overview





Normal mucosa under endoscopy

#### > About pediatric Crohn's disease

- Chronic inflammatory disorder of the gastrointestinal (GI) tract
- Diarrhea, rectal bleeding and abdominal pain
- Resulting in growth failure, malnutrition, pubertal delay and bone demineralization

Over 160,000 children/adolescents with Crohn's disease worldwide

- \$200 million global market potential
- Location of disease
  - Adult is predominantly lower GI tract
  - o 50% of children have involvement in the upper GI tract



### Age Distribution of Crohn's Disease





### Treatment in Pediatric Crohn's Disease

- No approved drug for mild-to-moderate pediatric Crohn's disease in the US; unmet medical need
- Flare-ups are generally treated with systemic steroids (e.g., oral or IV prednisone)
  - Associated with significant side-effects including hypertension, glucose intolerance, bone osteopenia, cataracts, decreased linear growth and increased risk of infections
  - Treatment is minimized to 2-4 weeks and then tapered over an 8-10 week period
  - Approximately 30% of CD patients become dependent on corticosteroid treatment and dose reduction results in clinical flares
- Biologics (e.g., Humira<sup>®</sup>) approved as second line therapy due to their BLACK BOX warning for cancer and increased risk of infection
- > Oral BDP treatment provides:
  - Anti-inflammatory steroid activity localized to BOTH the upper and lower GI tract
  - Limited systemic steroid exposure (minimizing side effects)
  - Safety profile in children with multiple formulations of BDP well established, including specific safety/PK testing in adolescents



# SGX203

- Finished drug product (FDP) research name: SGX203
- Active pharmaceutical ingredient (API): beclomethasone 17,21-dipropionate (BDP)
  - Well-characterized steroidal anti-inflammatory
    - Both the parent molecule BDP and the primary metabolite (BMP) are pharmacologically active
  - Used for over 35 years in other topical formulations:
    - Inhaled forms for asthma (Clenil<sup>®</sup>, Qvar<sup>®</sup>)
    - Nasal forms for rhinitis (Beconase<sup>®</sup>, Alanase<sup>®</sup>, Vancenase<sup>®</sup>)
    - Creams for inflammatory skin disorders (Propaderm<sup>®</sup>)
- Proprietary two-tablet formulation with immediate release and delayed release (enteric coated) pills
  - Provides coverage for BOTH the proximal and distal GI tract
  - "Topical steroid" for anti-inflammatory treatment of the GI tract minimizing deleterious systemic steroid exposure
  - Intellectual property for proprietary formulation expires 2022
  - Orphan drug designation provides 7 years US market exclusivity





# **Clinical & Regulatory Status**

#### API and FDP cGMP manufacturing established

- Detailed preclinical studies demonstrate significant tissue exposure to BDP and its active metabolite while circulating concentrations remain low
- FDA Orphan drug designation granted
- FDA Fast track status granted
- FDA agreement on Phase 3 clinical study design
  - Protocol is cleared and "ready to go"
  - Drug product can be manufactured at will
  - Primarily enrolling in the US with some European countries/sites already identified
- NDA will be 505(b)(2)
- Potential for NIH SBIR and FDA Orphan grant funding



### Metabolism of BDP

Beclomethasone 17,21-dipropionate (BDP) and its primary metabolite beclomethasone 17-monopropionate (BMP) are the most active in terms of steroidal activity while the secondary metabolite beclomethasone (BOH) is substantially less active



21-Beclomethasone monopropionate (21-BMP)



## Phase 1 Study: BDP-PCD-01

#### Open-label, single-period, repeating dose study

- 24 healthy subjects (15 male, 9 female)
- Ages 18 to 22 years of age (mean 20.3)
- o 13 (54.2%) were black and 11 (45.8 %) were white
- BDP administered as 6 or 12 mg as a single oral dose
- BDP administered as a 6 mg oral dose for 7 days
- No change in PK after 7 days treatment compared to first day

#### Multiple doses of BDP were safe and well tolerated

- No significant adverse events reported
- No effect upon bone metabolism



## Phase 1 Study: PK Outcomes

#### Pharmacokinetics Analysis:

- No BDP was detected in blood following BDP administration
- BOH was only consistently measurable in 11 (50%)
- 17-BMP metabolite levels were 3-fold higher than BOH





## **Nonclinical Tissue Profile**

- Study conducted in mini-pigs using the same dosing paradigm as human clinical study, with a daily dose of 8 mg/day
- BDP and BMP concentrations higher than BOH concentrations
- Good coverage achieved throughout the GI tract





# Pivotal Study BDP-PCD-02: Design Items

#### Comparator choice

- Historic control unacceptable for pivotal Phase 2/3 study
- Prednisone: standard of care but unapproved drug for pediatric Crohn's disease
- Remicade®/Humira®: completely different mechanism of action with substantially different effects and timing of benefit
- Placebo control: ethically unacceptable in this patient population
- Demonstration of dose effect; high dose/low dose

#### Endpoint choice

- Biologics and most approved adult Crohn's drugs used improvement in disease activity indices (Pediatric Crohn's Disease Activity Index [PCDAI] or CDAI)
- FDA recently changed their opinion on the utility of PCDAI and will not approve on improvement of standard indices

Final Phase 3 protocol design extensively negotiated with FDA



# Phase 3 Study: BDP-PCD-02

- Pivotal adaptive design (bridging Phase 2 / 3 in a single study)
- Randomization 2:1:2
- Three Dose Regimens with 60 subjects each in the 1 mg and 12 mg dose group and 30 in the 6 mg dose group
  - Initial 8 week treatment with primary analysis at end of Week 8
  - Each 8 week treatment is followed by a 4 week taper

#### Adaptive design allowing

- Independent Data Monitoring Committee (DMC)
- At interim analysis after 90 patients
  - Halt for futility
  - Halt for overwhelming efficacy
  - Re-size based observed response rates compared to estimated rates

#### Primary Efficacy Endpoint

- To compare the rate of resolution of the Crohn's Disease signs and symptoms:
  - Abdominal pain and diarrhea; and
  - Normalization of serum albumin and hematocrit



# Phase 3 Study: BDP-PCD-02 (cont'd)

#### Safety including

- Steroid-related AEs
- Adrenal Suppression
- Bone Metabolism/Growth
- Serum bone metabolism biomarkers

#### Key Secondary Endpoints

- Changes in the PCDAI score
- Changes in the number of patients without signs of Crohn's
- Changes in the number of patients without abnormal Crohn's laboratory values
- Changes in C-reactive protein (CRP), erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR), fecal lactoferrin, and fecal calprotectin
- Changes in the IMPACT III Questionnaire score



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# SGX203 – Opportunity and Development Summary

SGX203 is a proprietary oral formulation of immediate and delayed release beclomethasone 17,21-dipropionate (BDP) tablets to treat GI inflammation with less toxicity than the current standard systemic steroid therapy

- No approved drug for mild-to-moderate; unmet medical need Systemic steroids (unapproved) currently used as front-line; cause adrenal suppression, growth impairment, bone demineralization Market Oral BDP delivers high GI steroid effects with minimal (~35%) **Opportunity** systemic side effects Remicade<sup>®</sup> and Humira<sup>®</sup> only approved products in Pediatric Crohn's in US – generally used after steroids fail Both contain Black Box warning for increased risk of infection and 0 potential malignancy (T cell lymphoma) FDA Orphan Drug and Fast Track designations granted Active ingredient BDP FDA approved for over 40 years in other **Development** delivery forms (e.g., aerosol) to treat diseases such as asthma **Status** 
  - ~350 subjects treated with oral BDP to date in multiple trials
  - Pivotal Phase 3 adaptive trial in ~150 subjects ready to start



# **Beclomethasone Dipropionate: Other GI Indications**

SGX201 comprising delayed release beclomethasone 17,21-dipropionate (BDP) tablets to treat radiation toxicity to the small intestine, large intestine and rectum due to radiotherapy



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### Intellectual Property and Market Exclusivity

- Drug substance is well known (known to be safe) no patent protection
- Method of use for proprietary 2-tablet, immediate and delayed release formulation of beclomethasone 17,21-dipropionate (Expiry: 2022)
- Method of use for proprietary 2-tablet, immediate and delayed release formulation of beclomethasone 17,21-dipropionate in radiation and chemotherapeutics injury (Expiry: 2029)
- Orphan drug application: 7 years market exclusivity (US)



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