

# Drug Repositioning on Rare Inflammatory Skin Diseases



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# Company Overview

TWi Biotechnology, Inc. (“TWiB”) is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company based in Taipei, Taiwan, specialized in the development of repositioned drugs for unmet medical needs, especially in **rare diseases** and **dermatologic diseases** associated with inflammation.

- ✓ **Platform:** Proprietary topical formulations and drug delivery technologies
- ✓ **Pipeline:** Multi-product candidate pipelines from pre-clinical to IND, phase 1, to phase 2/3 clinical study stage
- ✓ **Business model:** Flexible business models including out-licensing and co-development with partners to balance return and risk
- ✓ **People:** Experienced core team and senior consultants with strong credentials in developing new drugs and executing clinical studies for treating rare diseases and dermal diseases
- ✓ **Shareholders:** Our founder and controlling shareholder, Dr. Chih-Ming Chen, is an industry veteran and serial entrepreneur in the pharmaceutical industry with an unrivalled track record.
- ✓ **Value for investors:** We offer a unique opportunity for investors to invest in a company developing a late-stage orphan drug to address the unmet medical need of a patient group to improve the quality of their lives.

# Pipeline of Innovative Drugs under Development



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Indications		RD	Clinical Development			
		Pre-Clinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Note
<u>AC-203</u> Topical diacerein	<u>Epidermolysis Bullosa Simplex</u>					Phase 2/3 study ongoing
	<u>Bullous Pemphigoid</u>					Completed phase 2
<u>AC-1101</u> Topical JAK inhibitor	<u>Atopic Dermatitis</u>					IND approval
	<u>Granuloma Annulare</u>					Completed phase 1b and proved the safety
	<u>Vitiligo</u>					Completed phase 1 and proved the safety

*AC-203*

Epidermolysis Bullosa Simplex  
(EBS)

# AC-203: Diacerein 1% Ointment



## API / Formulation

Diacerein\*  
Topical Ointment

Oral dosage forms have been used in humans for **over 30 years**, and their safety has been established.



## Indication

Epidermolysis  
Bullosa Simplex  
(EBS)



## MOA

- IL-1 $\beta$  inhibitor
- Inflammasome inhibitor



## Dosage

Once daily



## Development Status

International,  
multicenter,  
randomized, double-  
blind, parallel group,  
vehicle-controlled,  
phase 2/3 study

## Core Advantages

**First-in-class**  
**No approved drug for EBS**

**FIRST**

As the fastest-developing EBS drug, it has entered a phase 2/3 clinical trial.

**FASTEST**

Rapid onset: improving lesions within 2 months

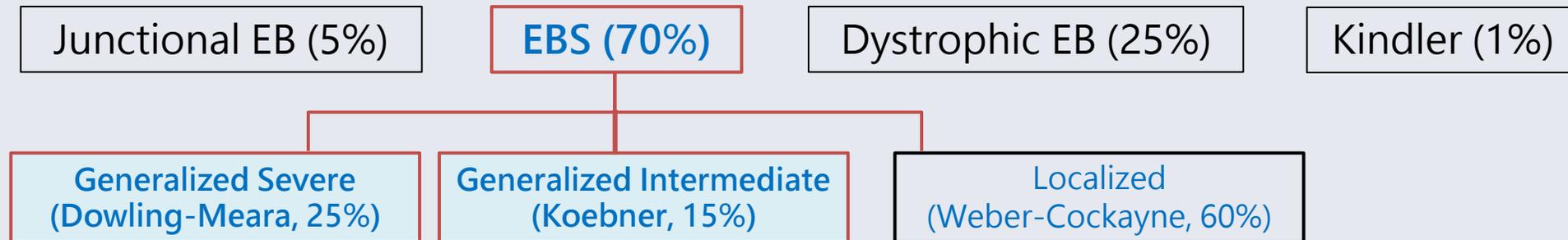
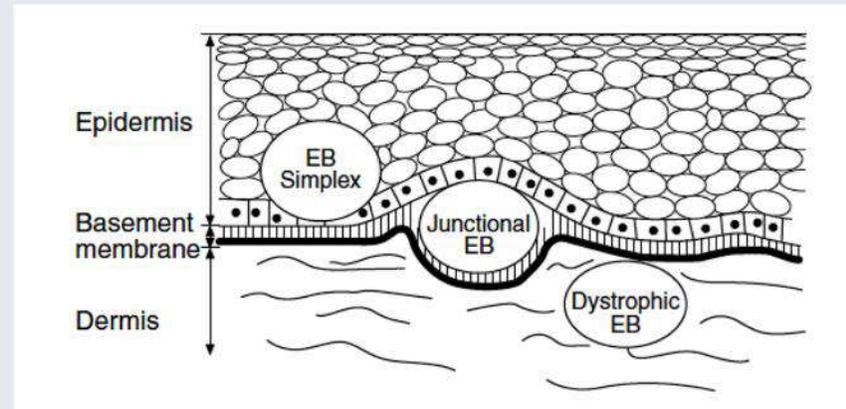
**RAPID**

\*口服 Artrodar® (主成分為 diacerein) · 歐盟核准用於治療骨關節炎 · 人體使用經驗逾 30 年 · 安全性已確立  
EBS, epidermolysis bullosa simplex; IL, interleukin

# Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB): A Congenital Genetic Blistering Disorder



Level of blisters in  
different types of EB



# EBS: Low Life Quality Because of Disease Burden



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Rare Disease



Genetic Mutation



Inheritance



Newborns to  
Teenagers



Inflammation



Skin Blisters

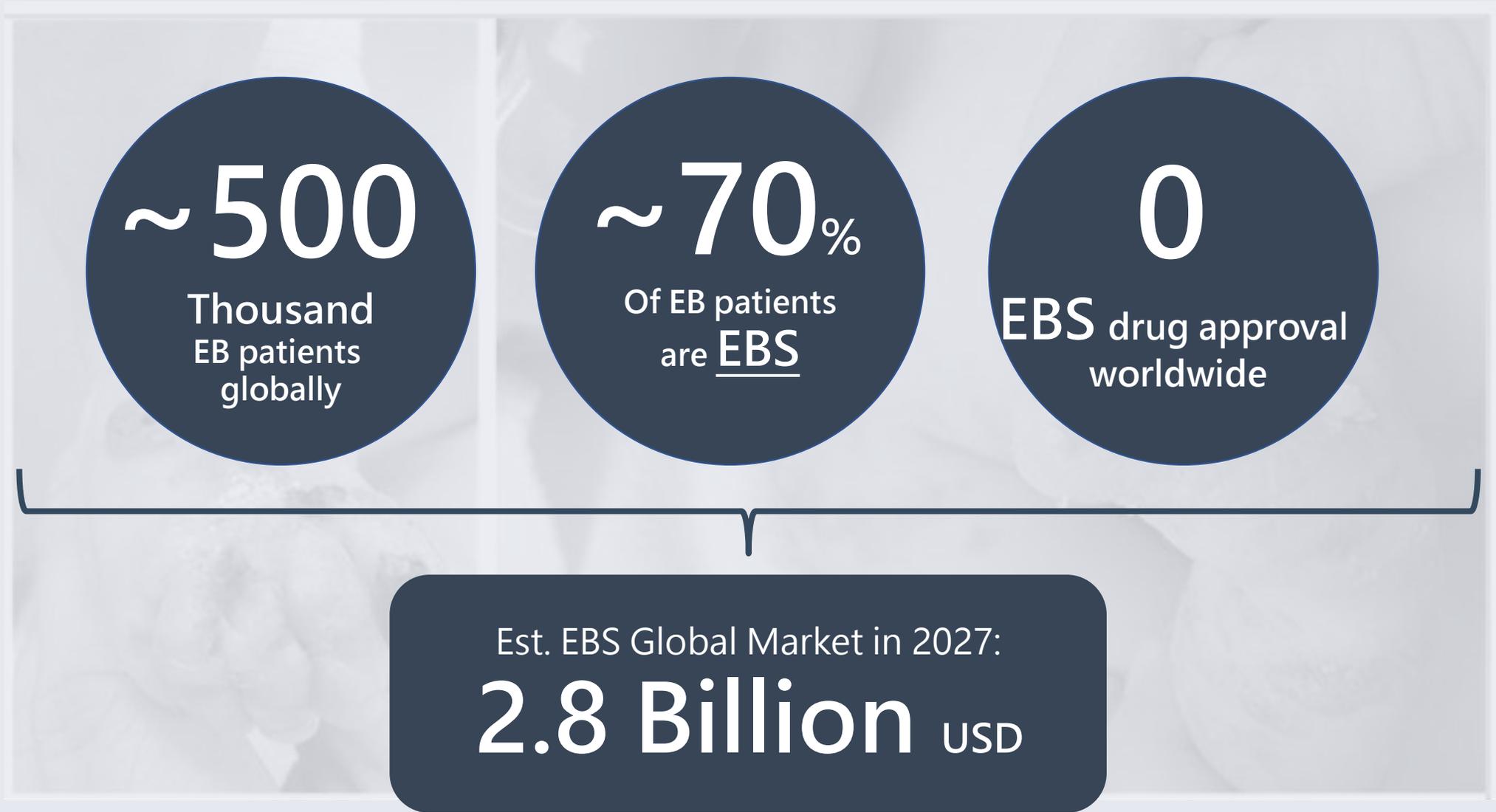


Life-Threatening  
in Infancy



No Effective  
Treatment

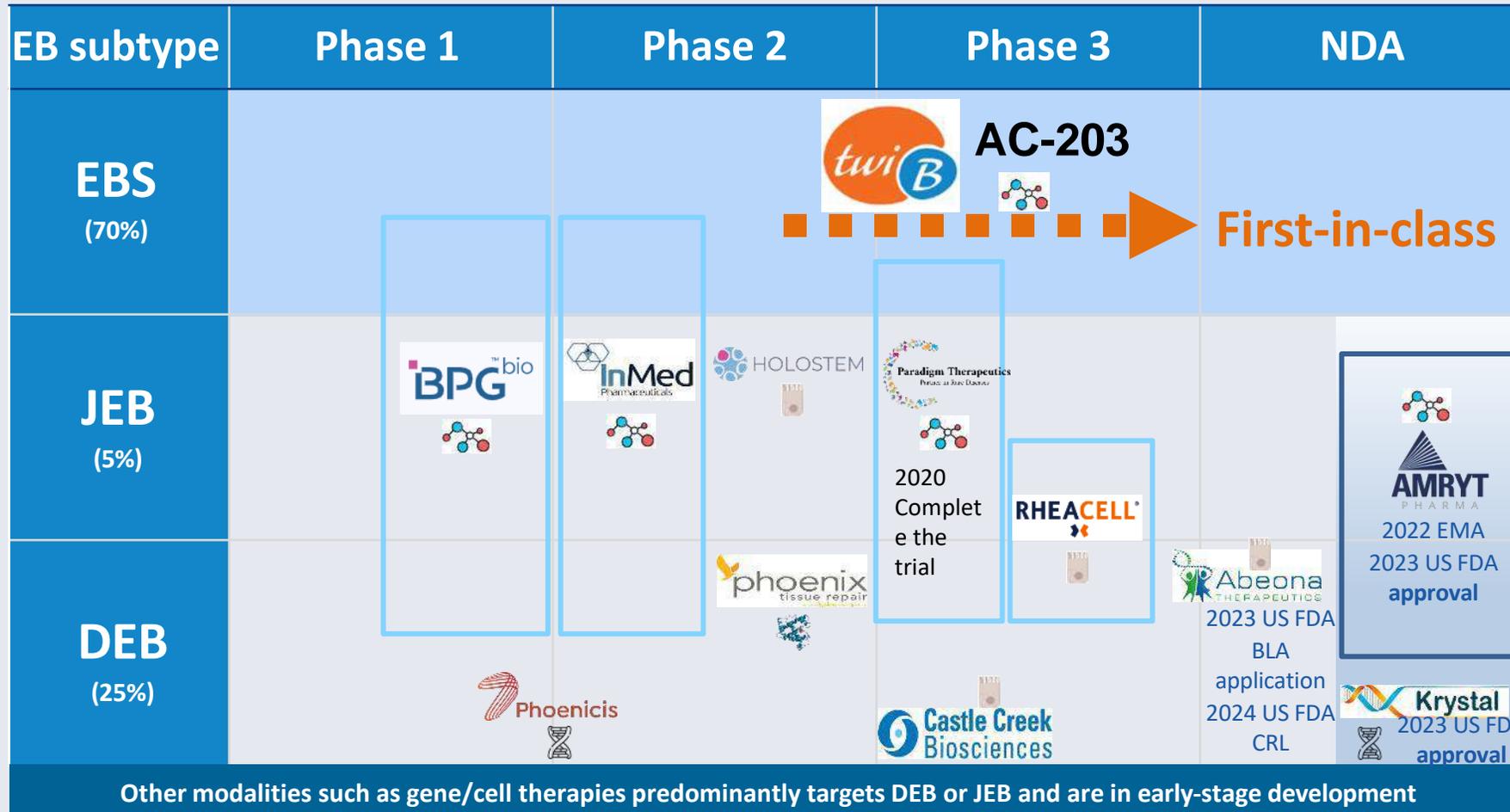
# EBS: High Demand in a Monopolistic Market



# Competitive Landscape



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No treatment

2 treatments

Source: GlobalData; ClinicalTrials.gov; Company websites

Small molecule 
 Recombinant Protein 
 Gene Therapy 
 Cell Therapy

# Development Status: Phase 2/3 Study Ongoing



## Clinical Trial studies

### Global Phase 2/3 EBSShield Study

- International, multicenter, randomized, double-blind, parallel group, vehicle-controlled, phase 2/3 study with open-label extension evaluating the efficacy and safety of diacerein 1% ointment for the treatment of generalized EBS  
(NCT06073132)



## Designation list

### US FDA

- Orphan drug designation
- Fast track designation
- Rare pediatric disease designation

### EU EMA

- Orphan drug designation

### Taiwan FDA

- Orphan drug designation

# Phase 2b: Blister Numbers Reduced in EBS Patients After Diacerein Treatment



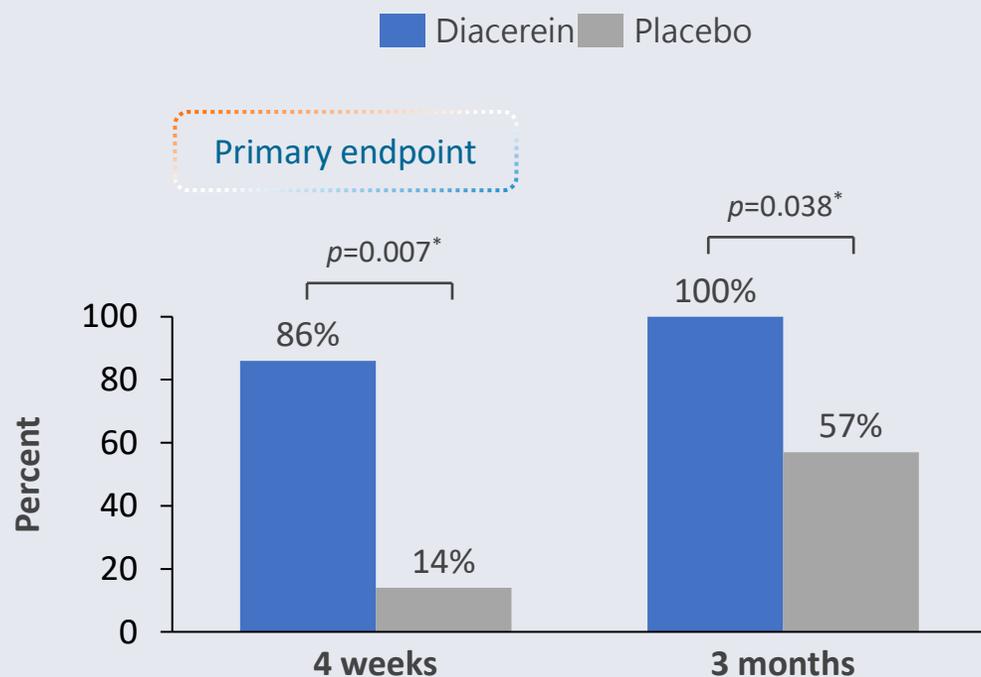
Severe EBS with *KRT5/14* mutation  
N=17, 4-19 y/o



Topical AC-203  
(1% diacerein cream, QD for 4 weeks)

Proportion of patients with >40% reduction in blister numbers

Representative images of improvements in lesions



\*p-value were calculated using a one sided, Bernard's test for superiority.  
EBS, epidermolysis bullosa simplex; KRT, keratin; QD, once daily; V, visit

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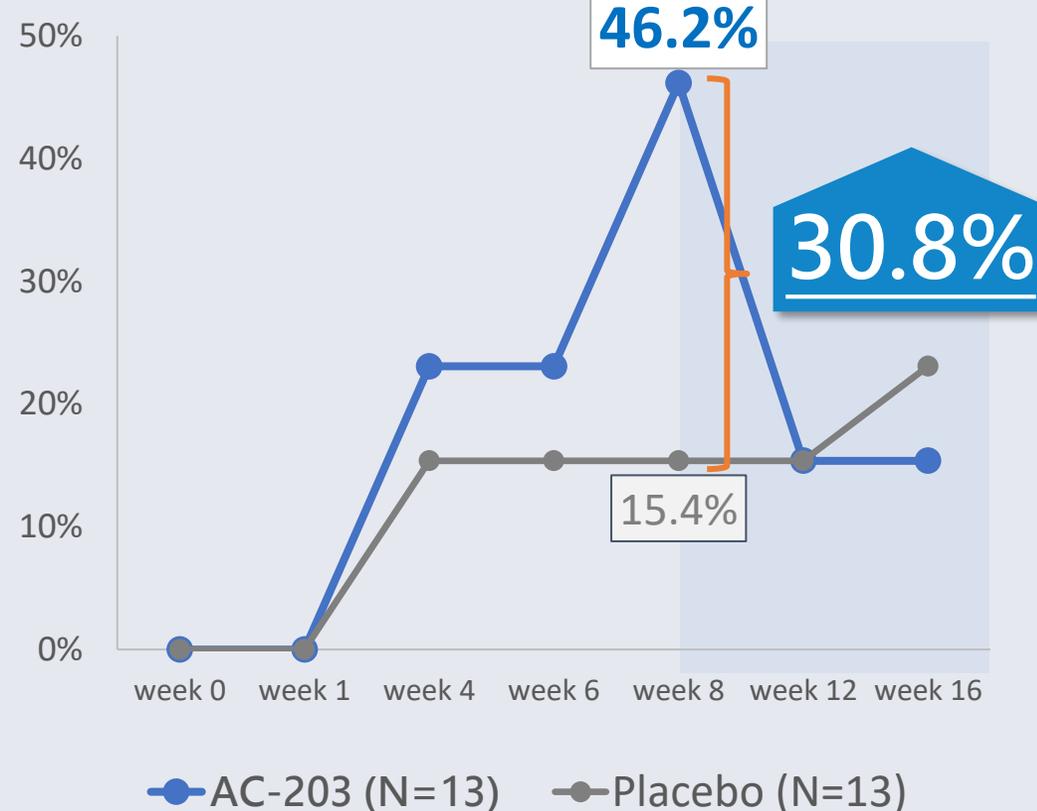
# Phase 2 DELIVERS Study: Marked Efficacy Trend in Severe EBS Patients

All EBS subtypes

Severe EBS only

% subjects with IGA 0/1-ITT

% subjects with IGA 0/1-ITT



# Global Phase 2/3 Pivotal Study in Progress

## Where we conduct the global trial:

30+ sites in US, Europe, UK, Australia, and Asia

## What we focus on:

- Severe and intermediate EBS
- *KRT5* or *KRT14* mutation
- Age  $\geq$  6 months
- IGA as the primary endpoint

# Timeline for AC-203



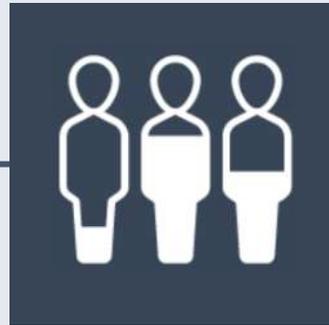
# Summary and Value Proposition for AC-203



**Drug designations**  
(ODD, fast track, RPDD, etc.)



**Effects in the nonclinical studies**  
(Chemokine and aggregate reduction)



**Safety and efficacy confirmation in clinical trials**  
(esp. in severe EBS)



**High-demand market**  
(No drug approval for EBS)

## Partnership



**Licensing-out**

- China ✓
- Japan & Korea ✓
- Looking for partners for global rights

## Investment



- An Emerging Market stock
- 2024 fund-raising plan

# *AC-1101*

## Granuloma Annulare



# Granuloma Annulare



Skin disease



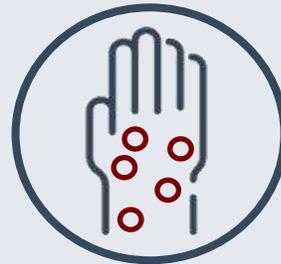
Common in adults



Twice as  
common in  
women



Inflammation



Pink or  
purple ring  
patches



Lifelong Impact



No Treatments

# AC-1101, a Topical JAK Inhibitor



## AC-1101 (Tofacitinib Gel)

- MoA** JAK 1/3 Inhibitor
- NDA** 505(b)2  
From Pfizer's tofacitinib
- CT** Clinical Phase 1b completed  
Safety proven
- IP** Expire in the year 2039

### AC-1101 Indications

- Granuloma Annulare
- Atopic Dermatitis
- Vitiligo

# AC-1101: Nonclinical Studies



Pharmacokinetic (PK)



Repeat dose toxicity:  
**Negative**



Acute Ocular  
Irritation Study:  
**No ocular irritation**



Dermal Toxicity /  
Skin Sensitization  
**No skin sensitization**



Phototoxicity:  
**No phototoxicity**

# AC-1101: Clinical Studies



## Healthy Subjects

### Clinical Phase 1a, AC-1101 gel

Healthy Subjects

**Measurements:**

- Safety
- Pharmacokinetics (PK)



## Granuloma Annulare (GA)

### Clinical Phase 1b, AC-1101 gel

GA Patients  
(Localized and Generalized)

**Locations:** TBD

**Measurements:**

- Safety
- Tolerability
- PK and Efficacy (Dermal Rating Scale, BSA\*, GASMI\* etc.)

# Previous Evidence of Oral Tofacitinib Treatment in GA



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- Evaluated the efficacy of **oral tofacitinib BID for 6 months** in 5 patients with severe, long-standing GA in an open-label clinical trial.
- Treatment of 5 patients with tofacitinib resulted in clinical and histologic disease remission in 3 patients and marked improvement in the other 2. (NCT03910543; Pfizer sponsored)



# AC-1101: Phase 1b GA trial



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An open-label, single arm, phase I study to evaluate the safety and tolerability of AC-1101 topical gel in patients with Granuloma Annulare (NCT05580042)



GA patients  $\geq 18$  y/O ( $n \geq 12$ )

## AC-1101-GA-001 protocol



### Primary endpoint

- To evaluate the safety and tolerability of AC-1101 gel

### Secondary endpoint

- To assess the preliminary pharmacokinetics (PKs) of tofacitinib in patients
- To evaluate the proposed clinical assessments in as potential clinical outcome measures to support future efficacy studies

# Good Safety and Tolerability

- No serious or severe AEs or TEAEs
- No subjects discontinued due to a TEAE.

# Summary



Safe and tolerable

Minimal systemic exposure

Potential trend of efficacy

**Plan to apply the ODD**

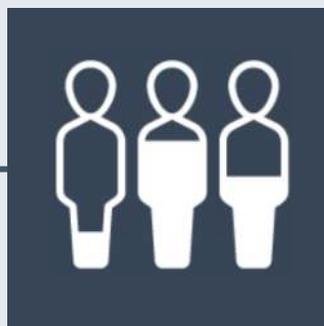
# AC-1101: Summary and Value Proposition



**IP protection and 505(b)2**  
(IP protection for formulation)



**Effects in the nonclinical studies**  
(Chemokine & clear MoAs)



**Safety and efficacy Confirmation in clinical trials**  
(Phase 1a and 1b proved its safety and efficacy)



**Strong Unmet Medical Needs**  
(No FDA-approved drug to treat GA on the market)

## Partnership



co-development



Licensing-out



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