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2Q 2022

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# Advancing a Potential Best-/First-In-Class Antibody Product for Early Alzheimer's disease (Early AD)



Alzheimer's
Represents an
Enormous
Market Driven
by High
Unmet Need
and Recent
Scientific and
Regulatory
Momentum



Scientific
Consensus
Supports
Amyloid-Beta
Oligomers
(AβOs) as the
Most toxic form
of Aβ and a
Novel Target for
Effective AD
Treatment



ACU193: First,
Clinical-Stage
Monoclonal
Antibody (mAb)
to Selectively
Target AβOs and
has Promising
Pre-Clinical
Evidence
Supporting its
Differentiation



Experienced
Leadership
Comprised of
Industry
Leaders with
AD Drug
Discovery,
Development,
and Regulatory
Expertise from
Eli Lilly & Co.



**Strong Balance** 

**Sheet:** 

~\$225M in cash
at 12/31/21

July 2021 IPO
~\$184M Gross

RA Capital
Deep Track
Sands Capital
PBM Capital
BlackRock



Phase 1 Clinical
Trial in Early AD
Patients Ongoing
Proof of
Mechanism /
Target
Engagement /
Safety Data
Topline Results
Expected
1H 2023

We believe Acumen has the organizational expertise and fiscal resources to advance ACU193 through multiple anticipated clinical development milestones during 2022 through 2025



## AD is One of the World's Largest Unmet Medical Needs

#### DISEASE OVERVIEW

- AD is a progressive, uniformly fatal neurodegenerative disorder and is the most common form of dementia
- Memory loss is a significant symptom of early AD
- In advanced stages of the disease, complications from severe loss of brain function such as dehydration, malnutrition or infection result in death

#### DISEASE BURDEN

- AD affects >6M people in the United States and >32M people worldwide
- AD is the sixth leading cause of death in the US
- Patients suffering in the later stages of AD require nearly full-time care, resulting in a significant societal and economic burden.
- The direct cost of caring for individuals with AD and other dementias in the United States were expected to total \$355 billion in 2021

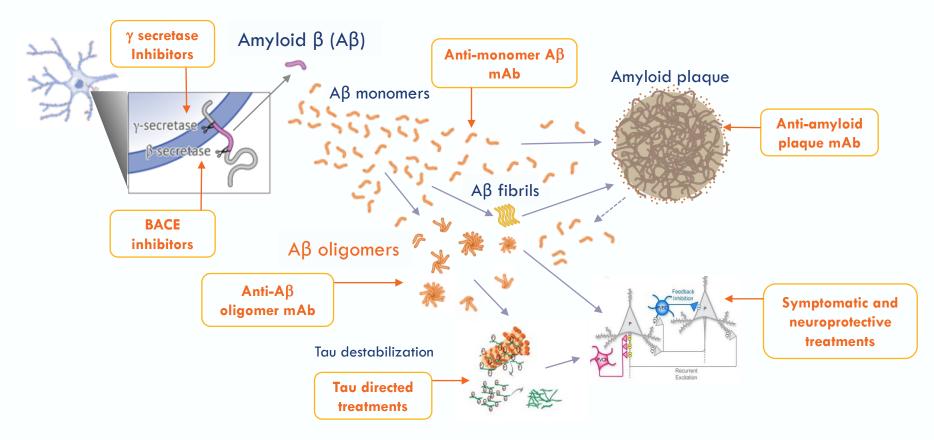
#### UNMET NEEDS

- Treatment options include cholinesterase inhibitors and an NMDA receptor antagonist, aimed to reduce symptomatic burden, which have modest benefit along with supportive care
- FDA approved Aduhelm<sup>TM</sup> using the accelerated access pathway based on a surrogate endpoint; Controversy over risk-benefit and CMS' CED reimbursement decision led to challenges culminating in Biogen's recent decision to terminate commercial support for the drug.



## **Alzheimer's Pathophysiology**

Build-up of amyloid-beta  $(A\beta)$  is believed to lead to neurodegeneration and dementia Previous and current anti-amyloid and related drug targets have attempted to intervene



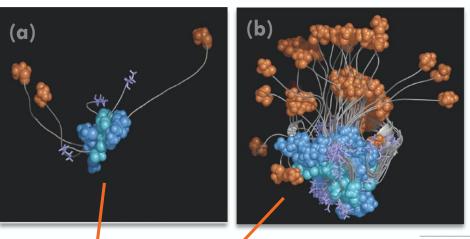
Emerging data indicate that soluble amyloid  $\beta$  oligomers (A $\beta$ Os) are the most toxic species and should be preferentially targeted for removal



## What is an Aß Oligomer?

### A $\beta$ Os may consist of 2 to >200 A $\beta$ peptides.

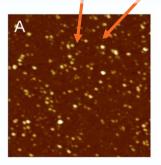
Figure 1. A $\beta$ 0s composed of 3 (a) and 18 (b) A $\beta$  peptides are depicted below.

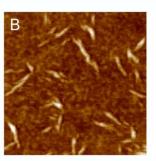


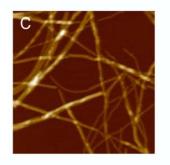
#### Sources: Kelley et al. J Chem Physics 2008.

## Quaternary structures of $A\beta$ oligomers, protofibrils and fibrils

Figure 2. Atomic force microscopy images of representative steps of amyloid aggregation: (A) oligomers; (B) protofibrils; (C) mature fibrils. Scan size 1.0 µm. Z range (A) 8.0 nm; (B) 15 nm; (C) 20 nm.



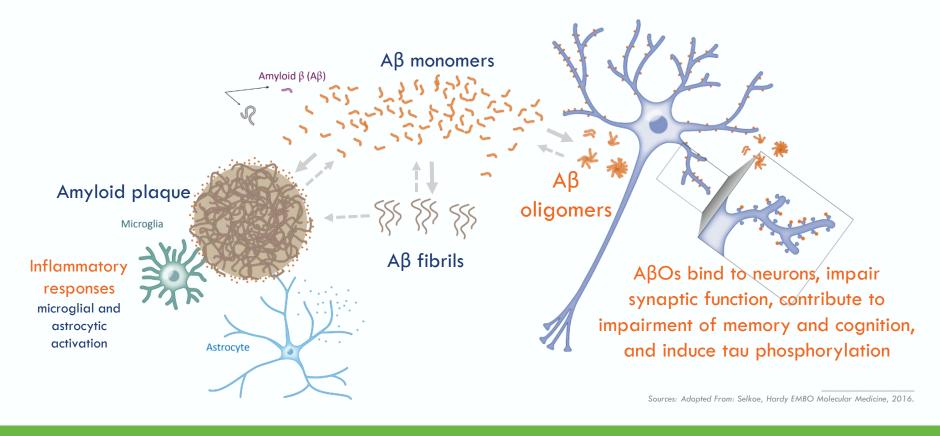






## Scientific Consensus Supports Anti-ABO Hypothesis

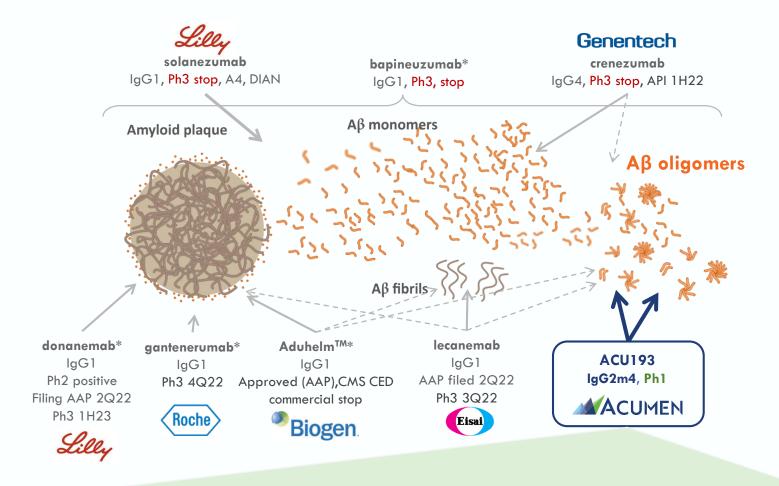
Growing understanding of disease mechanisms indicate that  $A\beta Os$  are the most toxic  $A\beta$  species and have the potential to be an ideal target for effective AD therapy



The only approved antibody product for AD preferentially targets amyloid plaques with only limited effects on A $\beta$ Os. Acumen's drug candidate ACU193 targets A $\beta$ Os.



## ACU193 Positioning Relative to Late-stage and Approved Anti-A $\beta$ /plaque mAbs



ACU193's <u>high selectivity for AβOs</u> combined with an <u>expected lack of ARIA</u>-related safety concerns is anticipated to provide <u>superior cognitive efficacy</u> compared to anti-plaque mAbs



<sup>\*</sup> IgG1 monoclonal antibodies that bind amyloid plaque are associated with high rates of ARIA-E

# ACU193's High Selectivity for toxic ABOs, Combined with its Expected Lack of ARIA-related Safety Concerns, Is Anticipated to Provide Superior Efficacy Compared to Peers

		TARGET SELECTIVITY+				SAFETY PROFILE
Company	Asset	Amyloid plaque	Aβ fibrils	Aβ monomers	Aβ oligomers	Lack of ARIA
<b>ACUMEN</b>	ACU193	×	untested	×	✓	$\checkmark$
Biogen.	Aduhelm <sup>TM</sup>	✓	✓	×	✓	*
Eisai	lecanemab	✓	✓	×	✓	×
Roche	gantenerumab	✓	✓	*	✓	*
Lilly	donanemab	$\checkmark$	untested	×	×	×
Lilly	solanezumab*	×	×	<b>√</b>	x	✓
Genentech	crenezumab*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pfizer Janssen	bapineuzumab*	✓	✓	✓	<b>/</b>	×

\*Phase 3 discontinued for primary AD indication
+ There have been no head-to-head trials between any of the product candidates listed above. Study designs and protocols for each product candidate were different, and results may not be
comparable between product candidates.



# ACU193: Our differentiated approach



# Target Product Profile: ACU193 Best-in-Class, 1st line, anti-AβO, Disease-modifying Immunotherapy for Early AD

**DRUG:** 

ACU193 is a humanized, affinity-matured, mAb with high selectivity for toxic  $A\beta Os \ vs. \ A\beta$  monomers (>500x) and amyloid plaques.

ACU193 is an IgG2m4 subclass mAb which lacks inflammatory effector functions of other

IgG subclasses.

**POPULATION:** 

Early AD - Mild Cognitive Impairment and Mild Dementia due to AD (amyloid positive by

PET)

**DOSING:** 

IV infusion every 4 weeks

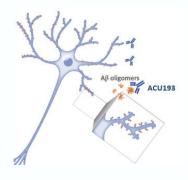
**DURATION:** 

Chronic therapy for duration of Early AD

VALUE PROPOSITION:

Selectivity for toxic A $\beta$ Os is expected to provide superior cognitive efficacy and improved safety and tolerability relative to non-selective anti-A $\beta$ /plaque mAbs

- Slow decline of memory and cognition in Early AD
- Decrease AβOs induced synaptic and neuronal network toxicity
- Slow disease progression and downstream effects on tau, neurodegeneration, and neuroinflammation
- Low rate of ARIA expected
- Effective as stand-alone therapy or potentially in combination with other symptomatic, anti-inflammatory, and/or tau directed therapies







## **ACU193: Extensive Data Package Supporting Development**

**SELECTIVITY** 

- Nanomolar affinity for A $\beta$ Os, >500-fold greater selectivity for A $\beta$ Os over A $\beta$  monomer, with limited or no discernable binding to vascular amyloid or dense core amyloid plaques
- Binds broad range of endogenous A $\beta$ Os present in transgenic mice and human AD samples (binds dimers to mid-sized molecular weight A $\beta$ Os)

**PHARMACOLOGY** 

- Dose-dependent effects in multiple in vitro neuroprotection assays
- Positive memory and behavioral effects in multiple in vivo transgenic mouse models for AD

PK/PD

- Brain penetration and biodistribution demonstrated in multiple species
- Performs like other peripherally administered CNS mAbs

SAFETY

- IgG2m4 subclass lacks inflammatory effector function signaling (C1q, FcγR1, FcγRIII)
- Microhemorrhage studies show no increased risk of microhemeorrhage
- GLP studies demonstrated acceptable safety margin for clinical dosing plans

**REGULATORY** 

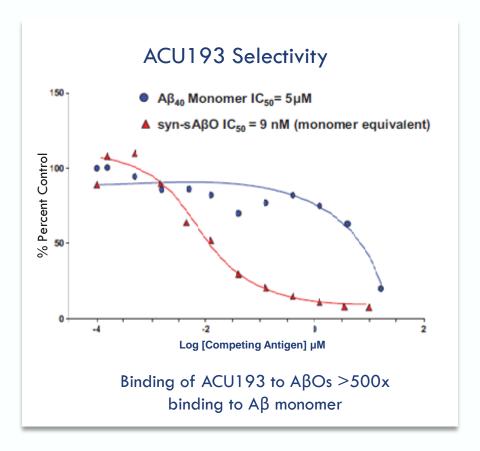
- Active IND
- Phase 1 ongoing

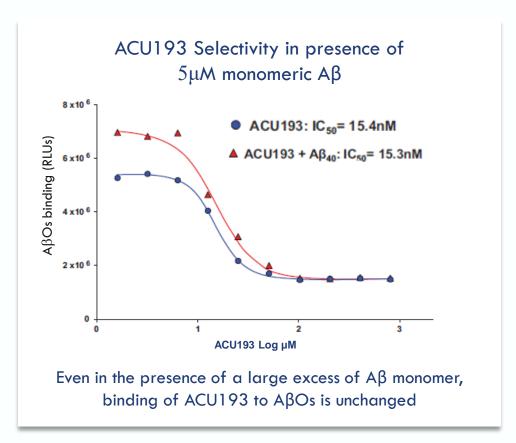
ACU193 is a promising immunotherapy for Early AD expected to provide meaningful cognitive and functional benefits, slow disease progression, and offer an attractive safety profile



## ACU193 is the First mAb Developed to Selectively Target ABOs

Highly selective for  $A\beta$  oligomers versus  $A\beta$  monomers



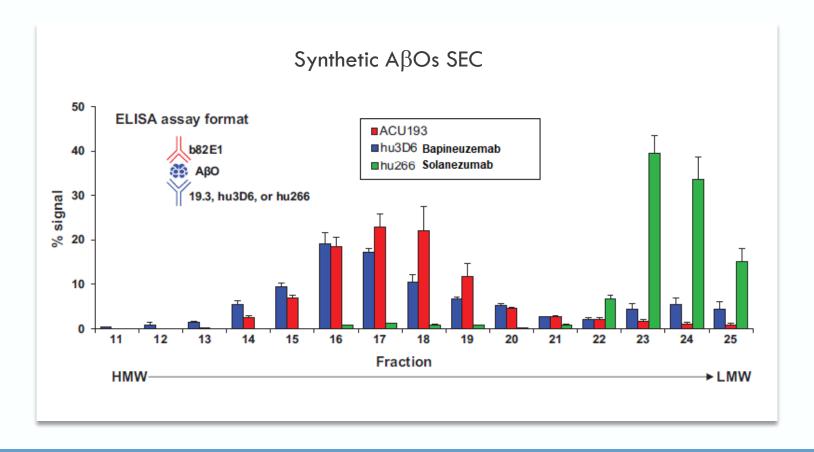


ACU193 selective binding to A $\beta$ Os is preserved even in the presence of a large excess of A $\beta$  monomer which is present in brain – <u>limited target distraction</u>



## ACU193 has a greater preference for A $\beta$ Os than other mAbs

Comparison of AB species-mAb complex signals across SEC fractions

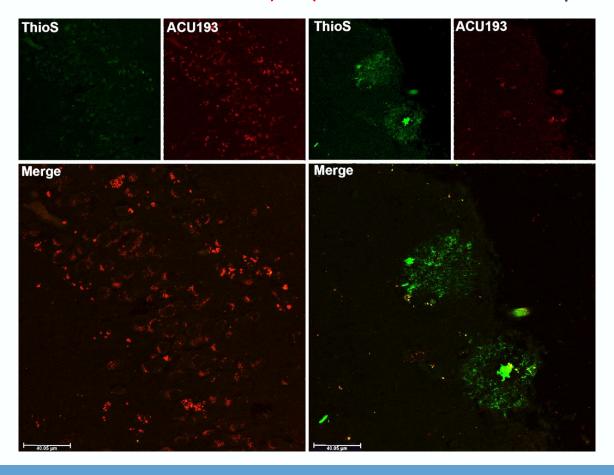


ACU193 binds to a wide range of oligomeric species of  $A\beta$  that are differentiated from those bound by hu266 (solanezumab) or hu3D6 (bapineuzumab)



## ACU193 is highly selective for AβOs versus Aβ plaques

ACU193 staining in human AD brain slices ACU193 (red) binds non-Thioflavin S positive A $\beta$  (green)

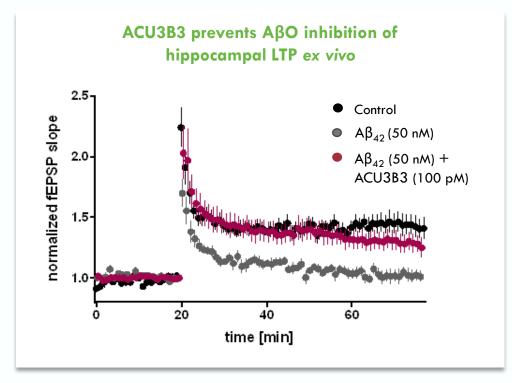


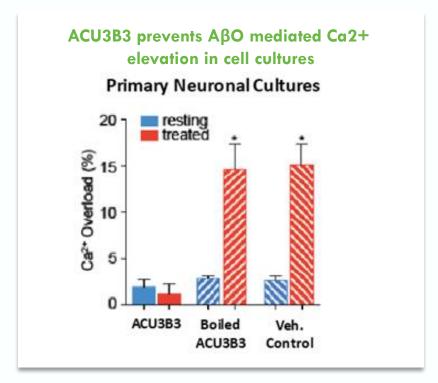
ACU193 has little or no binding to thioflavin S positive fibrillar  $A\beta$  plaque in human AD brain tissue



## AβOs Bind to Neurons and are Toxic; mouse analogue of ACU193 prevents toxicity

After binding to neurons, A $\beta$ Os disrupt Long Term Potentiation (LTP) and cause pathologic increases in intracellular calcium that is destructive to cells.





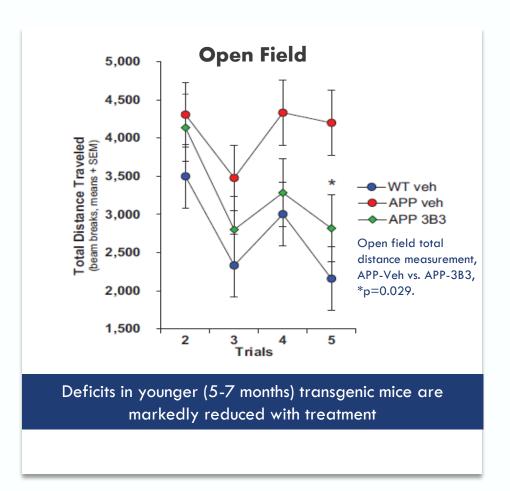
Note: (1) ACU3B3 is the mouse monoclonal antibody precursor to and equivalent of humanized ACU193

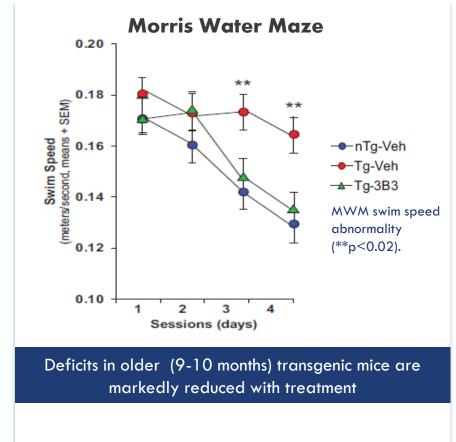
ACU3B3 prevents changes in aberrant neuronal activity underlying memory loss in AD and prevents A $\beta$ O mediated disruption of calcium homeostasis in neuronal cultures



## Treatment of a Transgenic Mouse Model of AD results in Behavioral Improvements

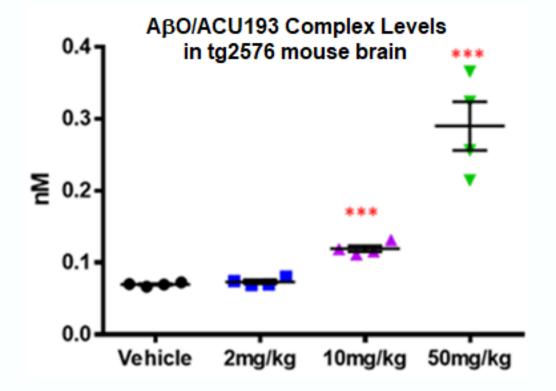
Murine parent version of ACU193 (ACU3B3) was used to treat younger mice with depositing plaque or older mice with abundant plaque







# ACU193 Enters the CNS and Binds to $A\beta Os$ in Transgenic Mice in Dose Dependent Manner



ACU193 engages target A $\beta$ Os in transgenic mouse brain (tg2576) in dose dependent manner. Ability to push doses higher in patient clinical trials may provide increased target coverage.



## Clinical Development Plans



## (ACU-001) INTERCEPT-AD trial: Phase 1 Overview

TRIAL DESIGN:

#### Randomized Placebo Controlled Phase 1

- Part A : Single-Ascending Doses
- Part B : Multiple-Ascending Doses

ENROLLMENT CRITERIA:

#### Early AD

• Mild Cognitive Impairment and Mild Dementia due to AD (amyloid positive by PET)

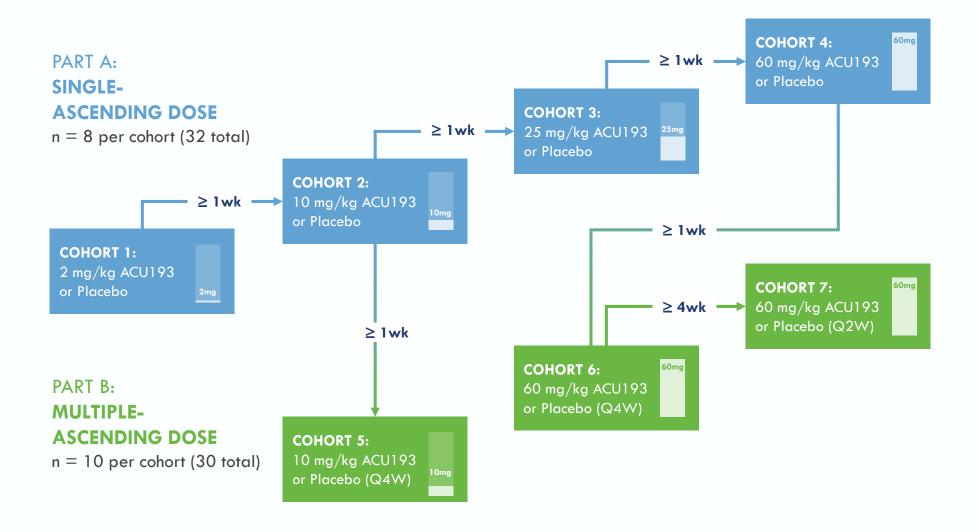
TRIAL OBJECTIVES:

#### Proof of Mechanism (PoM)

- Safety and tolerability
- Pharmacokinetics
- Target Engagement
- Biomarkers; cognition

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## INTERCEPT-AD a Randomized Placebo Controlled Phase 1 in Early AD patients





## Phase 1 Objectives: Proof of Mechanism -Ability to move to Phase 2/3

#### 1. SAFETY AND TOLERABILITY

- Assessment of ARIA-E
- Absence of problematic immunogenicity

#### 2. PHARMACOKINETICS

Peripheral and Central

#### 3. EVIDENCE OF TARGET ENGAGEMENT

CSF level of ACU193:AβO complexes (bound)

#### 4. FLUID BIOMARKER EFFECTS

• Phospho-tau, Neurofilament light, et. al.

#### 5. CLINICAL MEASURES

 Assessment of clinical cognitive measures, computerized tests (Cogstate Ltd.)

#### 6. MRI EFFECTS

 Potential improvements in cerebral blood flow shown with MRI ASL pulse sequence

## PROOF OF MECHANISM

Requirements for Phase 2/3

- Acceptable safety and tolerability
- √ Show ACU193 gets into central compartment
- √ Target engagement
- √ Other indicators of target mechanism of action

Topline Results anticipated in 1H 2023: primary outcomes Safety / ARIA-E, PK and Target Engagement. Detailed study results anticipated to be presented at major Alzheimer's meeting



## **Business Considerations**



## Experienced in AD/neuro drug development

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Acumen team has decades of experience in Alzheimer's drug discovery and development



## **Experienced in AD Drug Development**

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## **ACU193 IP & Market Exclusivity**

- Exclusive, perpetual, worldwide, royalty-free license from Merck to all Merck Amyloid Derived Diffusible Ligand (ADDL) IP including, issued ACU193 patents
- ACU193 Global IP estate:
  - ✓ Issued patents in 19 countries
  - ✓ Composition of matter patents and methods of use run into July 2031
  - ✓ Patent term extensions available, 3-5 years depending on jurisdiction
- Biologics market exclusivity is expected for ACU193 as a novel biologic drug
  - ✓ FDA currently provides 12 years market exclusivity for novel biologics
  - ✓ EMEA provides 10 years of market exclusivity for novel biologics



# Acumen is Well Capitalized, with Expected Cash Runway through 2025 to Achieve Multiple Anticipated Clinical Milestones

MILESTONES	STATUS/EXPECTED TIMING		
Initiated Ph1 clinical trial INTERCEPT-AD	✓		
INTERCEPT-AD Trial updates	2022		
Proof of Mechanism Topline Results	1H 2023		



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## **ABOS: Key Take aways**



Massive unmet need in AD



Upcoming sector catalysts 2H22



**Differentiated Product Candidate** 



Experienced team



Blue chip investors, Very strong balance sheet and cash runway



Value-inflection clinical data 1H2023



## Thank you!

