



# DM199 for the Treatment of Acute Ischemic Stroke

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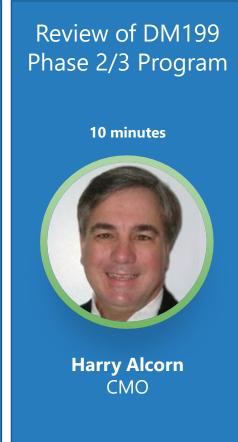
### **Agenda**

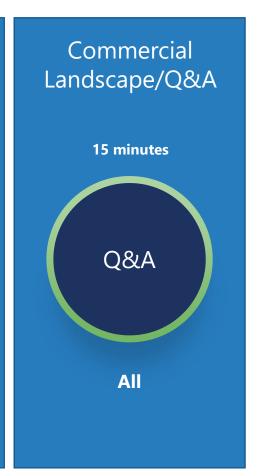
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### DiaMedica Introduction: DM199 for Stroke and Vascular Diseases

Developer of novel recombinant proteins, with initial focus on stroke and kidney disease

Lead candidate DM199 is a potential future front-line therapy for all stroke patients

- Initial treatment option for the >500,000 patients in US with no treatment option

De-risked clinical program with extensive 3<sup>rd</sup> party validation

- >600,000 AIS patients in China treated with Kailikang® human urine derived KLK1 product

Clear regulatory pathway to approval; opportunity to provide first new stroke therapy since 1996

Designed for more efficient and consistent delivery of a key protein for millions of patients suffering from AIS and other diseases associated with low KLK1 levels

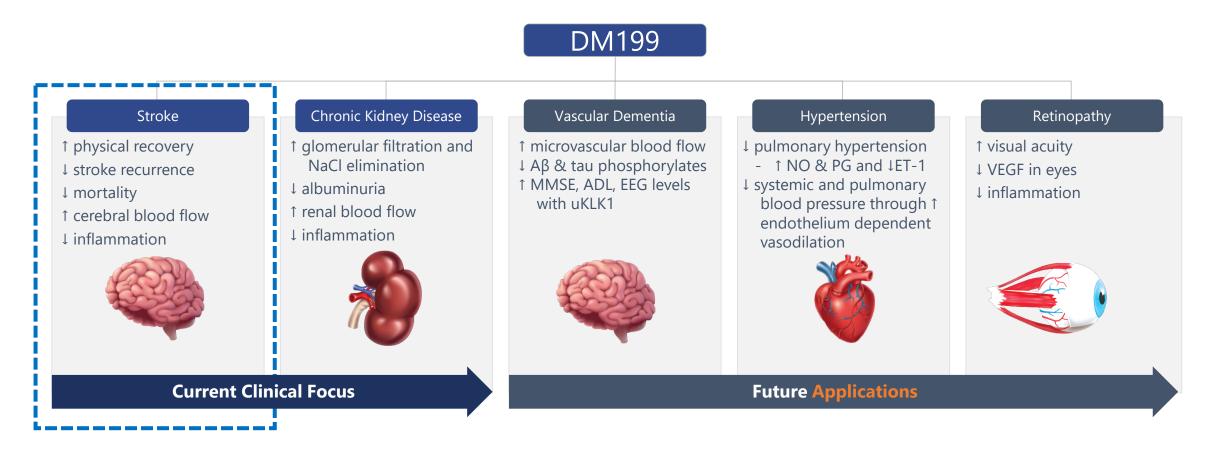
Multi-billion dollar commercial opportunity where few new products are in development



### DM199: First Recombinant KLK1 for Clinical Use

Promoting homeostasis: Improving blood flow and reducing inflammation throughout the body

- Treatment options for small vessel diseases
- Reduced risk profile to human urinary and porcine KLK1 including impurities and immunogenicity





# **DiaMedica Pipeline**

	Program	Product	Preclinical	Phase I	Phase 2	Phase 3	Milestones	
Neuro	Acute Ischemic Stroke	DM199 IV/SC		se 2/3 (n=~350) rence sub-study	in ReMEDy2	<b>)</b>	IND Submission Q1 2021  FDA Meeting/Discussions	
ses	IgA Nephropathy	DM199 SC	REDUX Phase 2	2 (n=30)			Enrolling	
Kidney Diseases	Diabetic Kidney Disease	DM199 SC	REDUX Phase 2	2 (n=30)			Topline Results Q2 2021	
Kidr	African Americans, Hypertensive with CKD	DM199 SC	REDUX Phase 2	2 (n=30)			Enrolling	
Other	Additional recombinant protein	DM300	Preclinical				Ongoing development	





# **DM199 AIS MOA for Stroke and Stroke Recurrence**

Dr. Paolo Madeddu

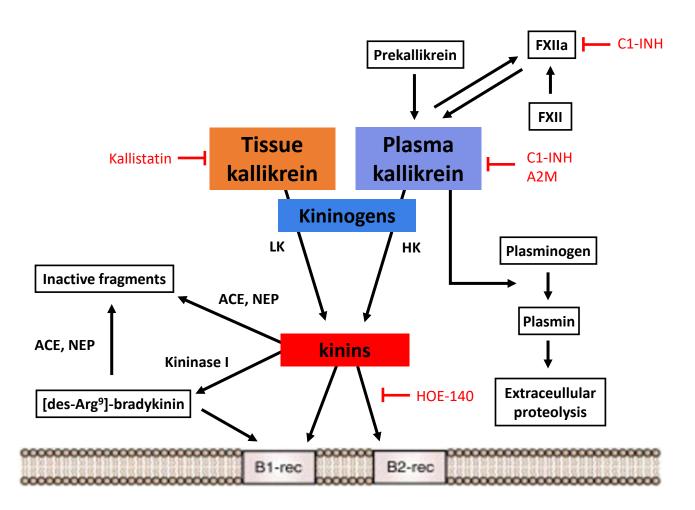


### Dr. Paolo Madeddu - Kallikrein-Kinin system/KLK1 Authorship

### 58 pubMed papers

- KLK1-generated kinins participate in the anti-hypertensive action of ACE inhibitors (J Hypertens. 1987)
- Inhibition of KLK1 (aprotinin) and kinins (receptor antagonists) revealed a role of KKS in blood pressure and renal function regulation (Clin Sci. 1990, Hypertension. 1993, Kidney Int. 1996, Am J Physiol. 1996, Hypertension. 1997)
- Anatomical and functional independence of brain and vessel KKS (Hypertension. 1994, Hypertension. 1996)
- Low KKS phenotype in renal disease, hypertension, psoriasis, and eclampsia (Am J Nephrol. 1991; Kidney Int. 1996, Hypertension. 1997)
- Low kallikrein rats and kinin receptor knockout mice show altered cardiovascular phenotype (Circulation. 1997, Kidney International. 2001)
- Kallikrein gene therapy induces physiological healing (inhibition of restenosis, induction of reparative angiogenesis in ischemia, and prevention of diabetic microangiopathy) via the kinin/NO/Akt pathway (ATVB 2000, Circulation. 2001, Circulation. 2002, Circulation 2004, Diabetes. 2004, ATVB 2009).
- Circulating tissue kallikrein as a biomarker of peripheral and carotid artery stenosis/revascularization (Circulation. 2002, ATVB 2004)
- Role of the KKS in the recruitment of circulating progenitor cells with neovascularization potential (Circ Res. 2008, Circ Res. 2011)

# Components of the Kallikrein-Kinin System (KKS)



# Early divergence of plasma and tissue kallikreins (KLK1)

 Phylogenetic analysis indicates an early divergence of plasma kallikrein, which groups closely with coagulation factors plasminogen, chymotrypsin, and complement factor, from trypsin and tissue kallikrein

### **Expression of tissue kallikrein**

 The protein is expressed in kidney, pancreas, salivary glands, brain, leukocytes, and biological fluids (blood and urine)

#### **Action of kallikreins**

 Cleavage of kininogens in biologically active kinins, acting on G-coupled receptors, with degradation by peptidases

### **Modulation possible through**

- Supplementation of kinin generating enzyme or inhibition of kinin degrading enzymes (ACEi and NEPi)
- Inhibitors of the system, gene silencing genetically modified animals, studies of gene polymorphisms

### **General Concepts/Rationale of KLK1 Supplementation**

- Low KLK1 levels are associated with vascular diseases, such as arterial hypertension (salt dependent phenotype)
- Evidence that the low KLK1 phenotype associates with a higher risk of primary and recurrent stroke

# Plasma Tissue Kallikrein Level Is Negatively Associated with Incident and Recurrent Stroke: A Multicenter Case–Control Study in China

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Objective: Tissue kallikrein (TK) cleaves kininogen to produce the potent bioactive compounds kinin and bradykinin, which lower blood pressure and protect the heart, kidneys, and blood vessels. Reduction in TK levels is associated with cardiovascular disease and diabetes in animal models. In this study, we investigated the association of TK levels with event-free survival over 5 years in Chinese first-ever stroke patients.

Methods: We conducted a case-control study with 1,268 stroke patients (941 cerebral infarction, 327 cerebral hemorrhage) and 1,210 controls. Plasma TK levels were measured with an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay. We used logistic regression and Cox proportional hazards models to assess the relationship between TK levels and risk of first-time or recurrent stroke.

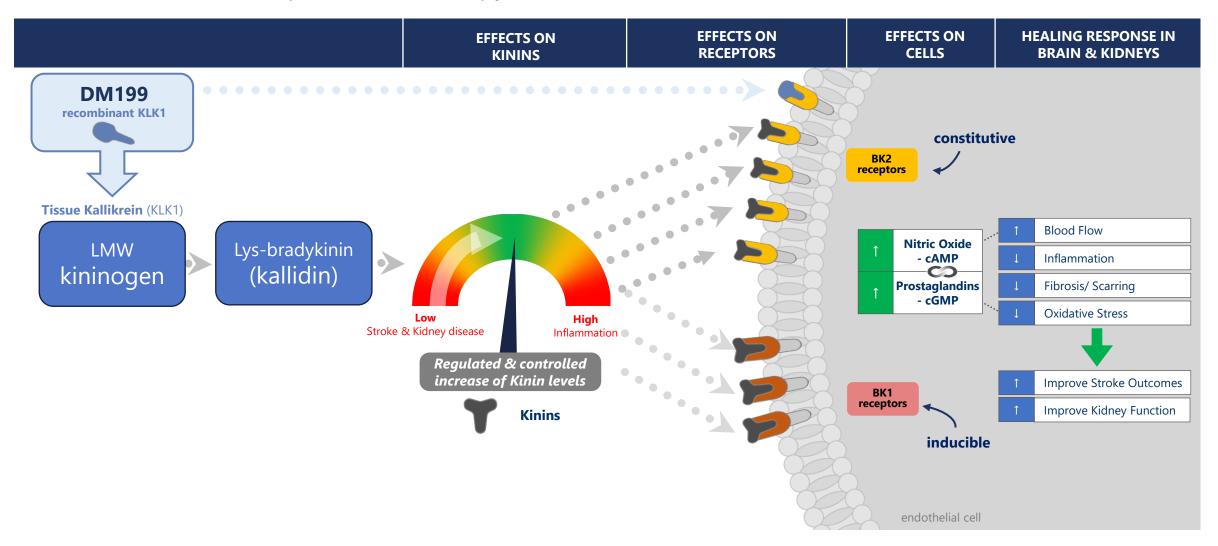
Results: Plasma TK levels were significantly lower in stroke patients (0.163  $\pm$  0.064mg/l vs 0.252  $\pm$  0.093mg/l, p < 0.001), especially those with ischemic stroke. After adjustment for traditional risk factors, plasma TK levels were negatively associated with the risk of first-ever stroke (odds ratio [OR], 0.344; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.30–0.389; p < 0.001) and stroke recurrence and positively associated with event-free survival during 5 years of follow-up (relative risk, 0.82; 95% CI, 0.74–0.90; p < 0.001). Compared with the first quartile of plasma TK levels, the ORs for first-ever stroke patients were as follows: second quartile, 0.77 (95% CI, 0.56–1.07); third quartile, 0.23 (95% CI, 0.17–0.32); fourth quartile, 0.04 (95% CI, 0.03–0.06).

Interpretation: Lower plasma TK levels are independently associated with first-ever stroke and are an independent predictor of recurrence after an initial stroke.

ANN NEUROL 2011;70:265-273

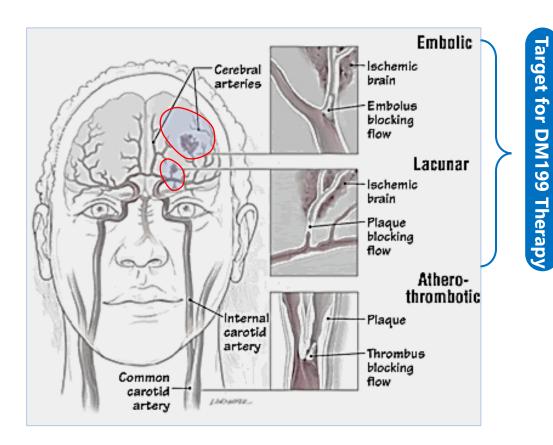
### **DM199 Reactivating the Kallikrein System Function**

Rationale of DM199 replacement therapy



### **Rationale for KLK1 Therapy According to Stroke Subtypes**

### Types of ischemic stroke



### **Pathophysiological Rationale**

- Large vessel occlusion (LVO)/Cortical strokes: are occlusions of the internal carotid artery or of the proximal segments (M1, M2) of the middle cerebral artery. Causes: a local acute thrombotic event or an embolism from a ruptured plaque in an extracranial artery, or from the heart (for instance, atrial fibrillation or congenital shunts).
- Small vessel occlusion (SVO) and medium vessel occlusion (MVO) strokes are areas of subcortical injury often caused by a clot, whose formation is adversely affected by the high blood pressure from the feeding artery upstream of the site of occlusion.
- **DM199** may improve the outcomes by actions <u>at the level of the plaque</u> (stimulating the coverage of the ruptured plaque by local endothelial cells and progenitor cells from the circulation), and <u>at the level of damaged brain</u> (inhibiting inflammation and propagation of ischemia to the surrounding viable tissue).

#### **Initial Clinical Evidence**<sup>1,2</sup>

 Treatment with urinary KLK1 significantly improved the excellent outcomes of SVO & MVO strokes but not LVO strokes; reason being the difficulty to mount an effective collateral circulation.

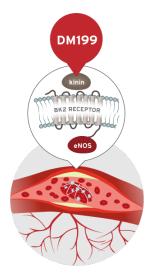
#### **DM199 ReMEDy Phase 2 Stroke Study**

DM199 appeared most effective in patients with SVO and MVO strokes.

<sup>1.</sup> Brain and Behavior. 2020;10:e01461. https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31793238/

<sup>2.</sup> Pak. J. Pharm. Sci., Vol.28, No.4(Suppl), July 2015, pp.1505-1510. <a href="http://www.pjps.pk/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/28/4/Supplementary/12-SUP-292.pdf">http://www.pjps.pk/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/28/4/Supplementary/12-SUP-292.pdf</a> www.health.harvard.edu/a to z/lacunar-stroke-a-to-z

# **DM199 Replacement Therapy: Short- and Long-Term Protection**



THERAPY INITIATION Within 24 hours

**PROMOTES** 

Microcirculation & anti-inflammation (short-term blood flow)

**IMPROVES** 

Neurovascular Coupling

(brain activity-blood flow balance)



**THERAPY** CONTINUATION For 21 days

**INHIBIT** 

**Neuronal Apoptosis & Inflammation** in area at risk (protects neuro cell)

**PROMOTE** 

**Accelerates Network** Reconstitution

(improving neuron plasticity)



**ONSET** 

DAY

DAY

DAY

21

DM199 Resets autoregulatory mechanisms of BP control → control hypertensive crisis and subsequent hypotension



DM199 can modulate both innate and adaptive immune response.



DM199 promotes survival by inducing antiapoptotic pathways and increasing ATP availability



DM199 may improve neuronal plasticity through the IGF pathway and activation of neurotrophic GFs

DM199 improves endothelial function and has direct vasodilating action on collaterals.



DM199 stimulates angiogenesis and arteriogenesis



DM199 promotes plaque stabilization, thereby preventing stroke recurrence

# KLK1 Therapy to Reduce Stroke Recurrence by Stabilizing Plaque

# Inhibit plaque inflammation, oxidative stress and apoptosis

- Polarization of macrophages toward the M2 phenotype.<sup>6</sup>
- Suppression of ROS through TLR4/NF-κB signalling pathway.<sup>7</sup>
- Inhibition of apoptosis via phosphorylation of Akt, glycogen synthase kinase-3beta, and Bad.<sup>8</sup>

### Small vessel/Lacunar strokes: Control of high blood pressure and plaque stabilization

• Prevention of additional occlusion of deep penetrating arterioles via inhibition of (i) mural cell constriction, (ii) vascular smooth muscle cell growth, and (iii) hypertension-induced thrombosis of nearby arterioles: kinin B2 receptor, cGMP, and MAPK mediated.<sup>3,4,5</sup>

# Large vessel occlusion/Cortical strokes: Prevention of new embolisms

Healing of the culprit (embolic) plaque and evolving plaques via

 (i) coverage of the rupture site by endothelial cells and (ii) recruitment of endothelial progenitor cells (EPCs) from the circulation: kinin B2 receptor - nitric oxide mediated.<sup>1,2</sup>

### **Plaque Instability Post Stroke Vulnerable Plaque** Lumer **DM199** recombinant KLK1 Inflammation **Apoptosis** Stabilize Plaque **Plaque Rupture Prevention of** occlusion **Circulating EPCs Endothelial cells VSMCs** Lipid core **Reduce Recurrence Subclinical** Stroke Plaque Growth Recurrence

### **KLK1 MOA Summary for Treatment of Stroke and Recurrent Stroke**

### Protein replacement therapy restores homeostasis for stroke patients

Provides natural regenerative protein to reverse disease-associated deficit of KLK1

### Acute Ischemic Stroke

o Limiting extension of damage plus aiding natural mechanisms of repair beyond the acute stage

### Stroke recurrence

- Aiding plaque stabilization and thereby preventing embolism and occlusion
- Neurovascular coupling

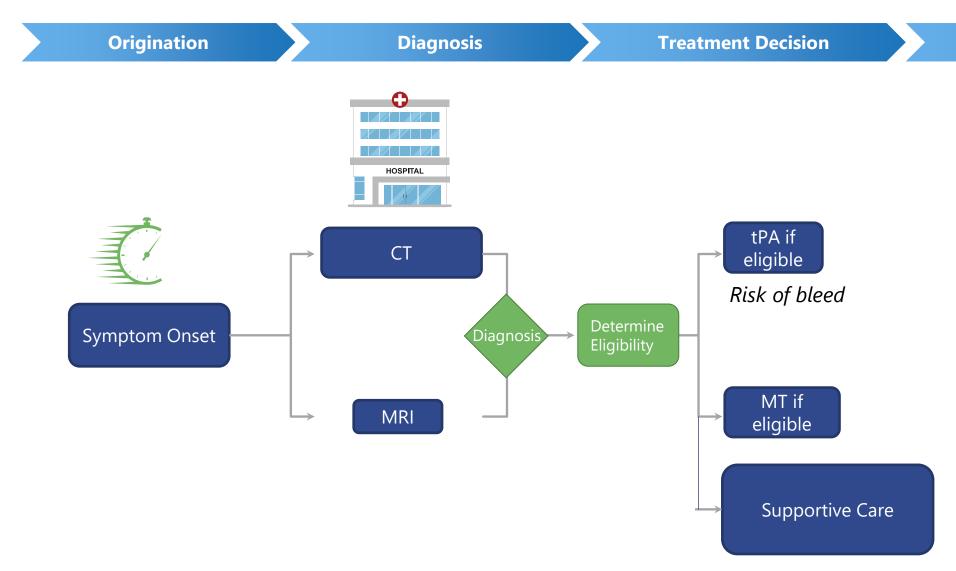


# **Stroke Overview & Review of DM199 Clinical Program**

Dr. Kasner



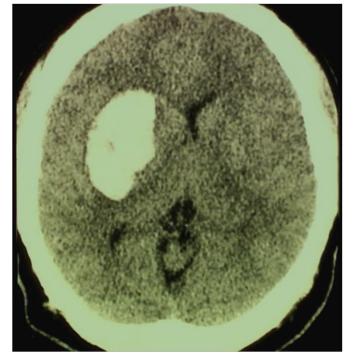
# **AIS Treatment Options Today**

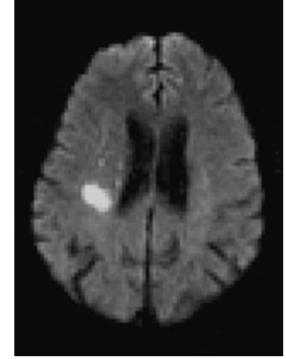




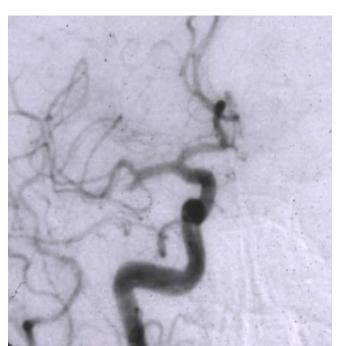
Monitoring

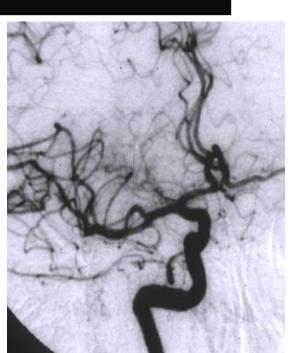














### **Current Treatment Landscape for AIS**

IV Alteplase (tPA)

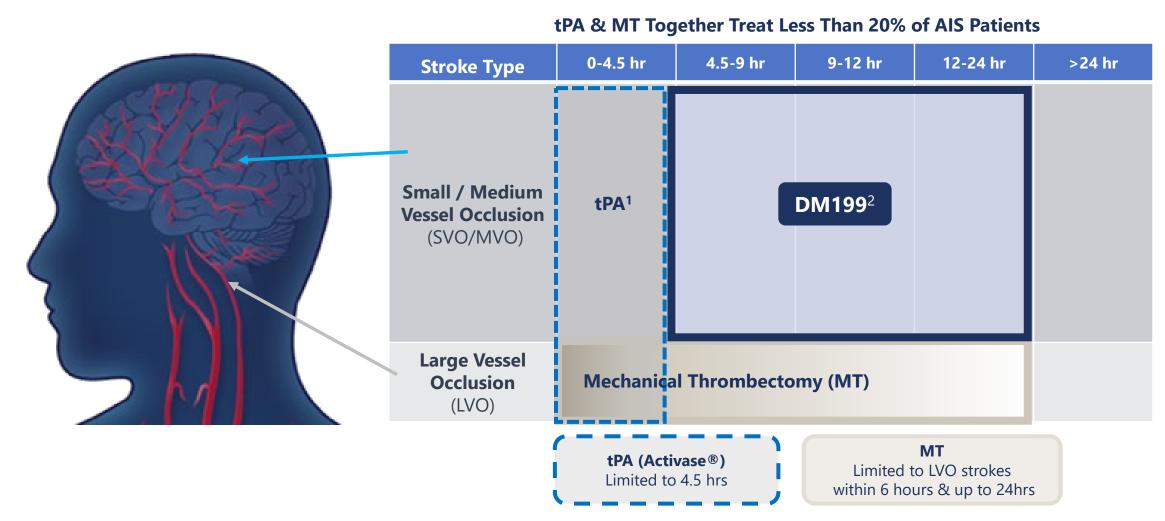
- Alteplase (recombinant tissue plasminogen activator) is the only FDAapproved medical therapy indicated for AIS
- Utilization limited to patients presenting within 4.5 hours of onset of stroke with neurological deficit (utilized in ~5% of all AIS patients)
- Untargeted mechanism of action acts throughout circulatory system
- Carries risk of bleeding including intracranial hemorrhage up to 6%

Mechanical Thrombectomy (MT)

- Endovascular surgical procedure to physically remove a clot
  - For large vessel occlusion (LVO) stroke
  - High risk procedure
- Guidelines recommend treatment window within 6 hours and up to 24 hours of onset of stroke in selected patients
- Limited to comprehensive stroke centers with specialists

### **DM199 Treatment Option for AIS**

Potential treatment for up to 80% of AIS patients with no therapeutic options



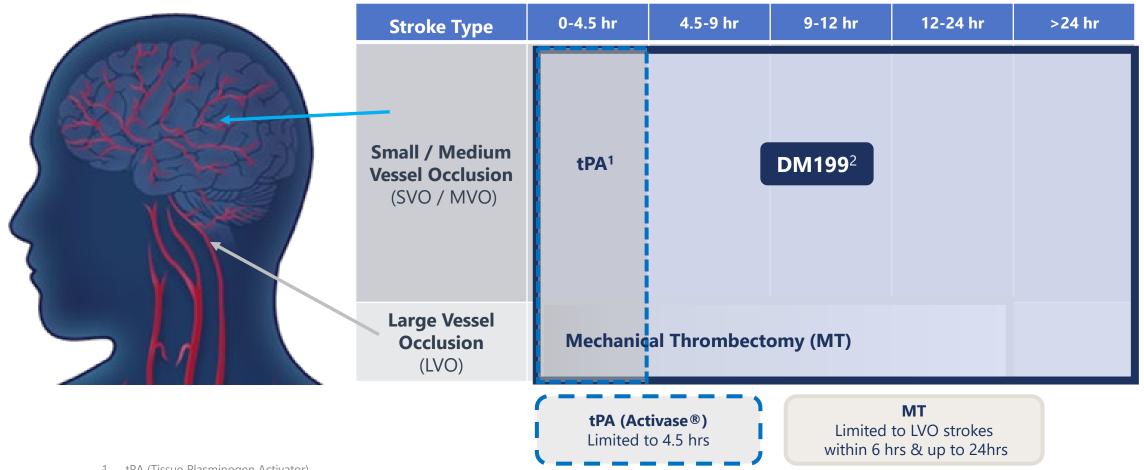
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# **DM199 Future Frontline Therapy Opportunity**

Potential safe treatment option for all stroke patients (ischemic & hemorrhagic)<sup>3</sup>

### tPA & MT Together Treat Less Than 20% of AIS Patients



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- 3. In ruptured intracranial aneurysm patients, Urinary KLK1 reduced morbidity and mortality https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/brb3.1060. Also, reduced vasospasm in preclinical study https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/01616412.2015.1110305

# **DM199 ReMEDy Phase 2 AIS Study**

### Design built upon on approved Kailikang®, human urinary KLK1 studies

Design	Randomized, double blind, placebo controlled		
Sample Size & Treatment	N=92 (Evaluable N=91) First dose IV (1 μg/kg) <b>within 24 hours of stroke</b> symptoms onset followed by 3 weeks SC (3 μg/kg) dosing every 3 <sup>rd</sup> day		
Treatment Period	21 days treatment, primary endpoint at 90 days		
Inclusion Criteria	Moderate stroke severity: NIHSS score 6 to 24; mRS<4 Age 18+, confirmed acute ischemic stroke via CT scan or MRI Allowed pretreatment with MT (for large vessel occlusion strokes) and/or tPA - 44 participants received MT prior to enrollment		
Exclusion Criteria	Hemorrhagic stroke mRS>4		
Primary Endpoint	Safety and tolerability		
Secondary & Exploratory Endpoints	NIHSS at day 90 Modified Rankin Score (mRS) and Barthel Index (BI) Stroke recurrence Kidney function (eGFR)		
Biomarkers	KLK1 levels, nitric oxide, prostaglandins, C-reactive protein		

# **DM199 ReMEDy Phase 2 AIS Baseline Characteristics**

	Placebo (N=45)	DM199 (N=46)
Age (Years)		
Mean	71.7	69.9
Range	31-95	38-95
Sex n (%)		
Male	28 (62%)	25 (54%)
Female	17 (38%)	21 (46%)
NIHSS Baseline Score		
Mean	12.2	11.3
Median	10	10
Administered		
tPA + MT	12 (27%)	5 (11%)
MT	12 (18%)	16 (35%)
tPA	8 (18%)	13 (28%)

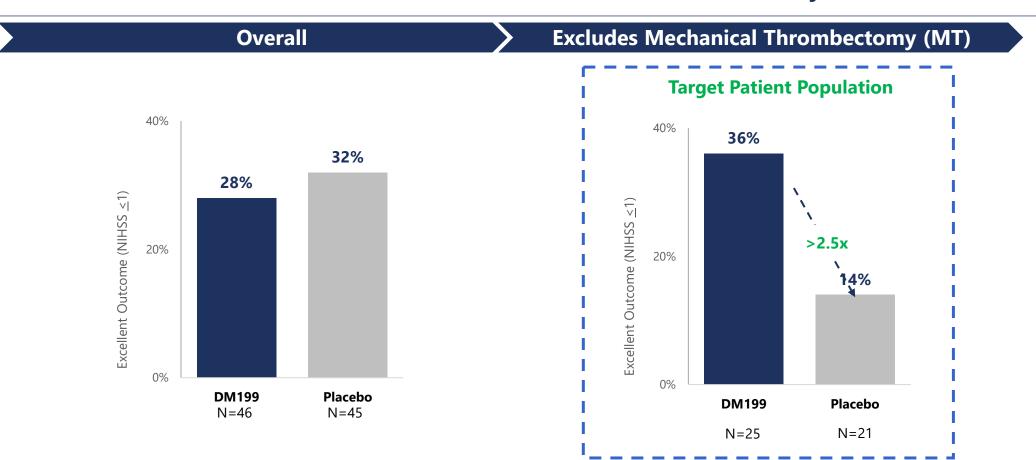
# **DM199 ReMEDy Phase 2 AIS Safety Profile**

- No serious adverse events related to DM199 (2 possible/ 1 probable)
- No discontinuations or dosing interruptions due to tolerability
- No hypotension difference compared to placebo
- Most common related adverse events observed, all of which self-resolved:
  - o Constipation DM199 28; Placebo 14
  - o Nausea DM199 9; Placebo 4
  - Headache DM199 7; Placebo 5

### **ReMEDy Phase 2 AIS Excellent Outcomes (NIHSS≤1)**

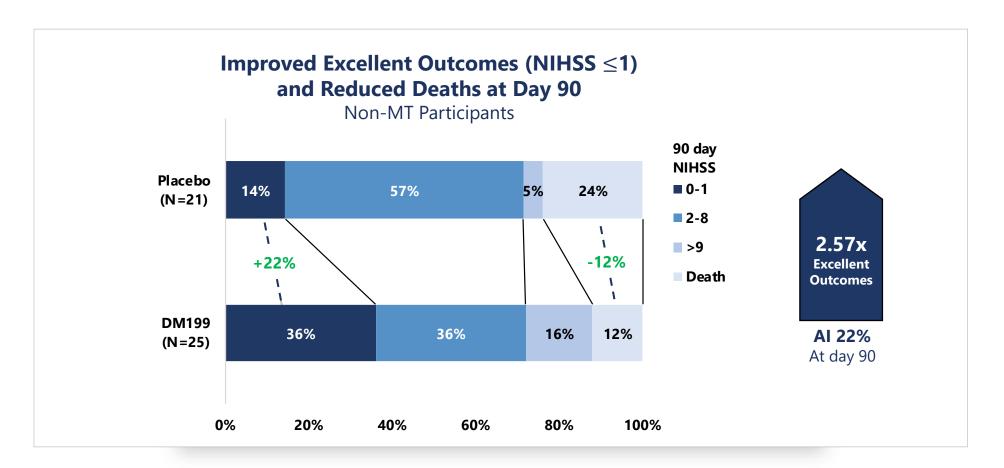
DM199 target patient population - excluding MT participants, patients with large vessel occlusion

### **DM199 Excellent Outcomes** (NIHSS ≤1) **at 90 Days**



# DM199 > 2.5x Improvement in Excellent Outcomes in ReMEDy Study

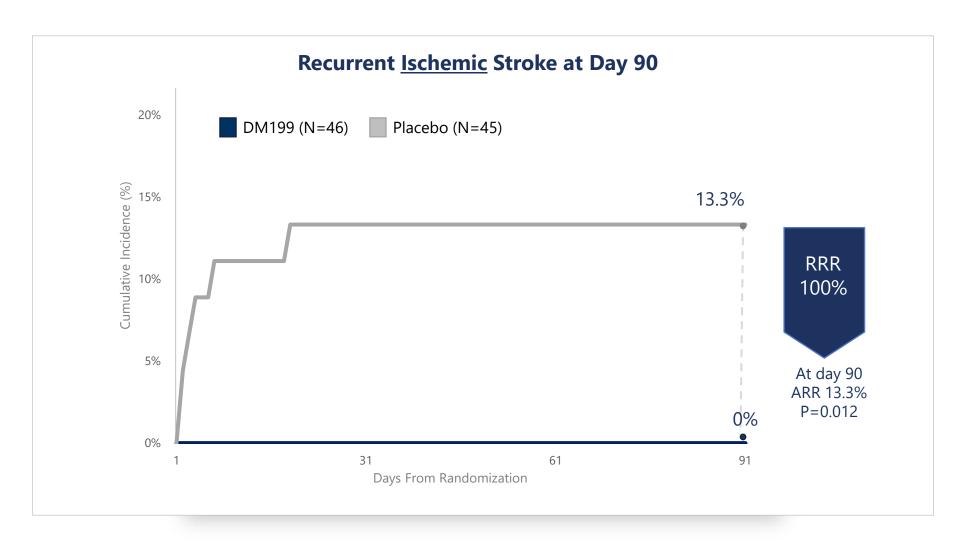
Consistent Signals for Clinical Benefit Observed



22% Absolute Increase in Excellent Outcome (NIHSS ≤1) and 12% Absolute Decrease in Deaths vs. Placebo
With 24 Hour Treatment Window

AI – Absolute increase

# DM199 Significant Reductions in Recurrent <u>Ischemic</u> Stroke in ReMEDy Study



### **Need for New AIS Treatment Options for Stroke and Stroke Recurrence**

- DM199 may address the lack of innovation in stroke and stroke recurrence research
  - Novel approach to improving blood flow to the brain
- Expand treatment window to 24 hours for the majority of stroke AIS
- Encouraging signals in Phase II study vs placebo with excellent safety profile
  - Excellent outcomes improvements 22% increase
  - Stroke recurrence reduction 13% absolute reduction
- Low clinical bar for meaningful clinical efficacy
  - o tPA (Activase®) 11% excellent outcomes with 3-hour treatment window
  - o Brillinta® 1.1% absolute stroke recurrence reduction label expansion November 2020



# DM199 ReMEDy2 Phase 2/3 AIS Trial

### Preparing to Commence Enrollment Summer 2021

Design	Randomized, double blind, placebo controlled, parallel groups		
Sample Size	~350 participants First dose IV (1 $\mu$ g/kg) <b>within 24 hours of stroke</b> symptoms onset followed by 3 weeks SC (3 $\mu$ g/kg) dosing (2x weeks, )		
<b>Treatment Period</b>	Up to 22 days treatment, primary endpoint at 90 days		
<b>Adaptive Study Design</b>	Interim analysis planned with potential to adjust study sample size, if necessary		
Inclusion Criteria	Moderate stroke severity: NIHSS score 5 to 20 Age 18+, stroke confirmed via CT scan or MRI		
Exclusion Criteria	Large vessel occlusion (excludes MT) tPA (alteplase®) Hemorrhagic stroke		
Primary Endpoint	Excellent Outcomes, mRS=0-1 at day 90		
Secondary Endpoints	Stroke recurrence mRS shift, NIHSS and Barthel index Deaths		
Biomarkers	KLK1 levels, nitric oxide, prostaglandins, C-reactive protein		



# DM199 ReMEDy2 Phase 2/3 Builds Upon ReMEDy Phase 2 Findings

Targeting the ~80% of patients with no treatment option

Items	ReMEDy Phase 2/3	ReMEDy Phase 2	
Patients	~350	91	
Sites	~75	12	
SC Dosing frequency	2x week	Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> day	
NIHSS Inclusion	5-20	6-24	
Large Vessel Occlusion / MT	No	Yes	
tPA (Activase®)	No	Yes	
Average time to first dose	Anticipate 12 hours	~18 hours	



# DM199 ReMEDy2 Phase 2/3 Interim Analysis Plan Proposed

### **Potential Outcomes**

Stats Plan

- ~350 participants
- 90% power at 15% absolute improvement in excellent outcomes

Interim Analysis

- Comparison of DM199 to placebo when 40% patients complete 90 days follow-up
- <u>DiaMedica will remain blinded to data</u>, DSMB will provide one of three outcomes below

Potential Outcomes from DMC

- 1. Continue as planned
- 2. Increase sample size
- 3. Futility inadequate improvements in excellent outcomes and stroke recurrence

Regulatory

- Preparing to file application for fast track designation
- Plan to request FDA meeting to discuss path and powering for stroke recurrence

Upcoming Milestones

- IND Filing Q1 2021
- First Patient Dosed Summer 2021





### **Stroke: Major Unmet Need for Treatment Options**

Up to 80% of AIS Patients Have no Treatment Options

### Acute Ischemic Stroke (AIS)

# Blockage of blood flow in brain



- Leading cause of adult disability
- 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death worldwide
- Recurrent strokes 25% of strokes
  - More disabling, costly & fatal<sup>1</sup>

**15 million** strokes per year globally



800,000 strokes per year in US

87% acute ischemic strokes



- ~550,000: DM199 US initial target market
- >\$10B estimated annual U.S. revenue opportunity



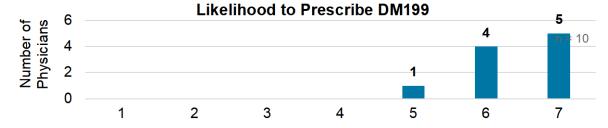
Stroke and chronic kidney disease closely linked: 34% of Stroke Patients have CKD



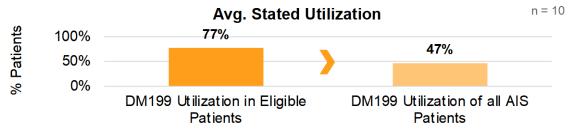
### **AIS Physician Primary Research Readout**

### Reaction to DM199—Physician Adoption

Physicians are excited about DM199 and expect to use it in most eligible patients, especially if DM199 is recommended by guidelines and is approved by their hospital Pharmacy and Therapeutics committee.



**Q.** How likely are you to prescribe Product X? (On a scale of 1 to 7, where 7: extremely likely and 0: extremely unlikely.)



**Q.** If the product met endpoints and was approved by the FDA, what percent (%) of your AIS patients would get this product?





### Reactions of market stakeholders to AIS target product profile

Neurologist and Payer views on the DM 199 profile in AIS

# Neurologist reactions to DM 199 AIS product profile

- √ 24-hour window for treatment eligibility
- Compelling efficacy and safety
- ✓ Novel MOA
- ✓ Provides treatment for patients without other options
- No drug-to-drug interactions with SOC
- Does not require specialized training or patient monitoring

### Payer reactions to DM 199 AIS product profile

- Payers believe DM199 meets a significant unmet need for patients who are ineligible for tPA and thrombectomy
- ✓ Payers would be required to cover DM199 with no restrictions and regardless of cost if initial treatment is in the hospital







Q&A