

# New Strategic Direction: Increasing Focus on Rare Metabolic Diseases

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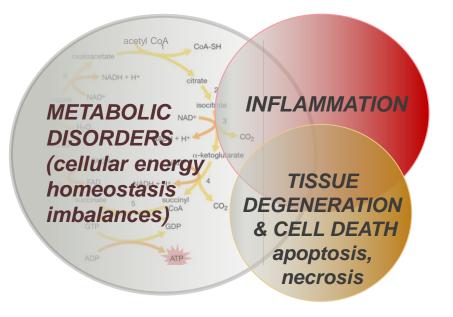
# Agenda

Торіс	Speaker		
Introduction & Strategy	Thomas Kuhn, Poxel CEO		
Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD) Overview	<ul> <li>Marc Engelen, MD, PhD (English)</li> <li>(Pediatric) Neurologist</li> <li>Department of Neurology and Pediatrics</li> <li>Amsterdam University Medical Centers</li> <li>Amsterdam Leukodystrophy Center</li> <li>Ben Lenail (French)</li> <li>Co-founder and Board member of ALD Connect</li> </ul>		
Patient Perspective	Ben Lenail <i>(French and English)</i> Co-founder and Board member of ALD Connect		
Scientific Rationale, Data for '065/'770 Development Plan for ALD	David Moller, MD, Poxel CSO Pascale Fouqueray, MD, PhD, Poxel EVP Clinical Development and Regulatory Affairs		
Closing Remarks	Thomas Kuhn, Poxel CEO		
Q&A	All, joined by: Noah Beerman, Poxel EVP, BD, President US Anne Renevot, Poxel CFO		



# **Poxel's Mission and Vision**

To discover, develop and commercialize innovative therapies for patients suffering from **serious chronic and rare diseases** with underlying **metabolic** pathophysiology





# Poxel's Increasing Focus on Rare Metabolic Diseases

A New Strategic Direction Building upon Recent Achievements

- Following the recent approval of TWYMEEG® (Imeglimin) in Japan and associated potential future revenues, Poxel to accelerate and expand rare metabolic disease programs
- In rare metabolic diseases, first leveraging our internal platforms: dTZD and direct AMPK activators
- Plan to advance 1 program in ALD into a pivotal study
- Initiating PXL065 and PXL770 Phase 2a clinical Proof-of-Concept (POC) studies in adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD) in early 2022; Data expected Q4 2022
- Faster-to-market strategy with goal to launch an additional rare disease development program in 2022
- Continued commitment to non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH)
- Plan to advance 1 program in NASH into a pivotal study
- Patient screening is finished and enrollment in DESTINY Phase 2 trial with PXL065 is now expected to complete Q3 2021; Results anticipated Q3 2022
- Future development of PXL770 in NASH to be evaluated pending PXL065 DESTINY Phase 2 data in NASH and Phase 2 POC results in ALD

# TWYMEEG<sup>®</sup> (Imeglimin): Approved in Japan

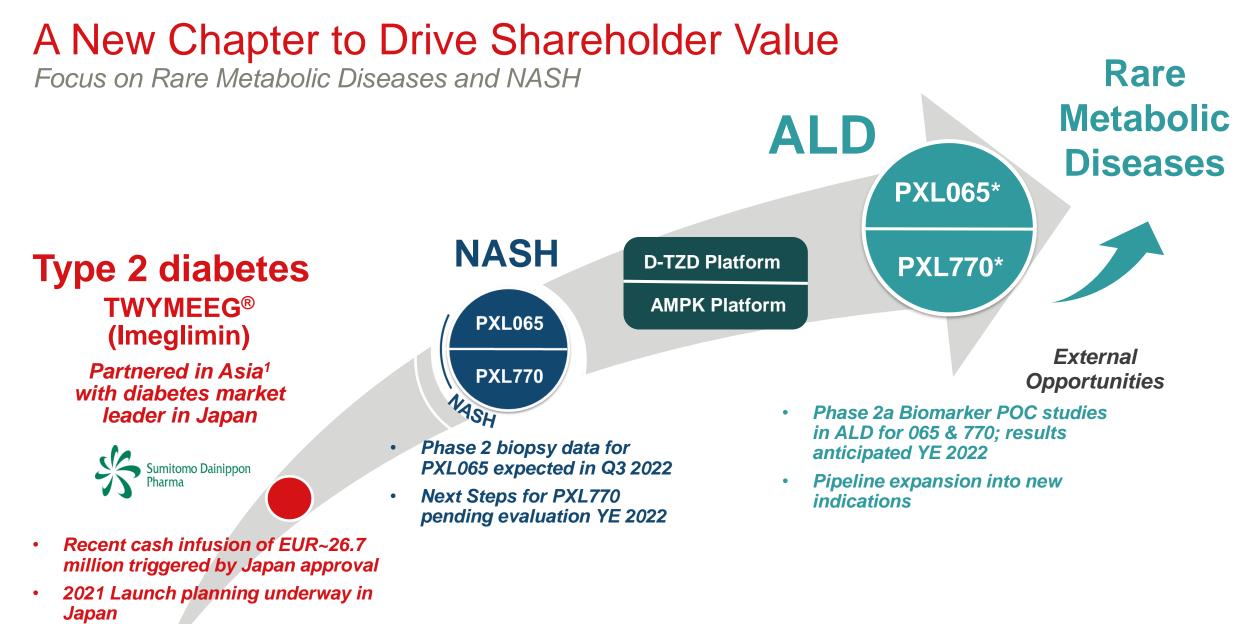
Partnered in Asia<sup>1</sup> with Diabetes Market Leader, Sumitomo Dainippon Pharma

- June 23<sup>rd</sup> Approval in Japan triggered:
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> and final tranche of **EUR 13.5 million** from IPF loan received June 30, 2021
  - Milestone payment of ~EUR 13.2 million (USD 15.8 million)<sup>2</sup> from Sumitomo in Q3
- Target launch expected in 2021
- Future potential development milestone payments and sales-based payments of up to approx. EUR 200 million (USD 230 million)<sup>3</sup>, and double-digit escalating royalties

#### **Business Opportunity Japan: Maximize Product Profile**

- Sumitomo #1 diabetes franchise; Guidance FY20 USD 900 million<sup>4</sup>
- DPP4i's are prescribed to 80% T2D patients<sup>5</sup>
- Limited treatment options for selected populations, including elderly and patients with renal impairment
  - elderly patients account for ~60% of T2D in Japan
- TIMES program observed to show robust efficacy with favorable safety and tolerability profile
  - as Monotherapy and as an Add-on Therapy



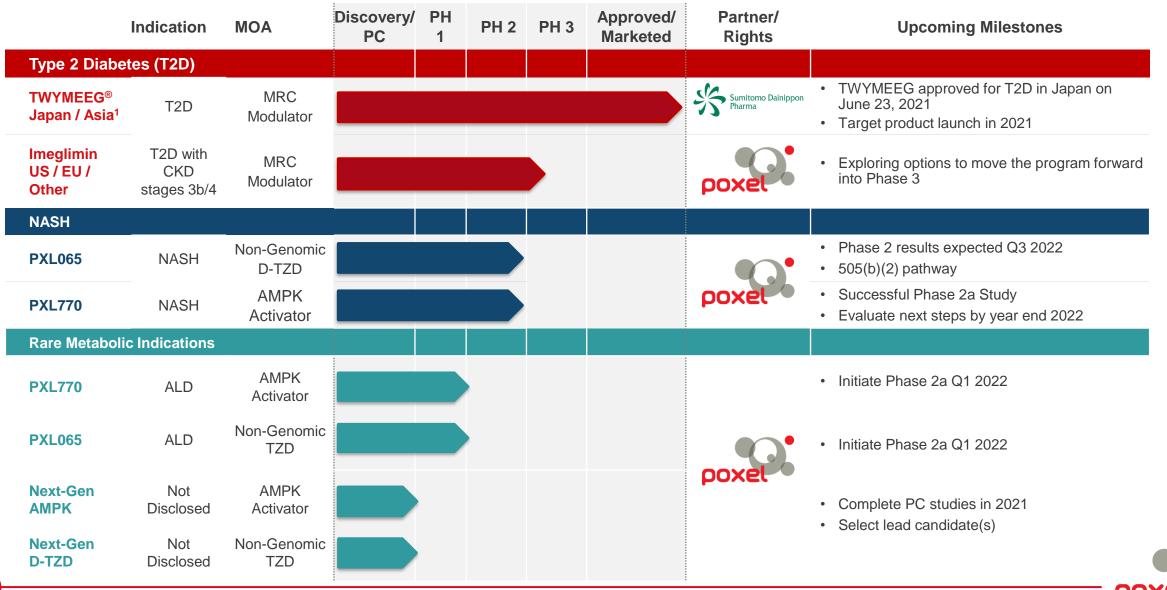


Potential for future milestones, sales-based payments & royalties



# Robust Mid-to-Late Stage Metabolic Pipeline

Focus on Rare Metabolic Diseases and NASH



1. Including: China, South Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Myanmar, Cambodia, and Laos.

# X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD): pathophysiology and clinical features



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**Amsterdam Leukodystrophy Center** 

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### X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD): a not so rare orphan disease

#### Genetics

- Monogenic, mutations in *ABCD1* gene on the X-chromosome
- Gene encodes ALD protein, a transporter present in peroxisomes required for metabolism of very long chain fatty acids (VLCFA)
- Men and women are affected, but clear differences in symptomatology and disease progression

#### Prevalence



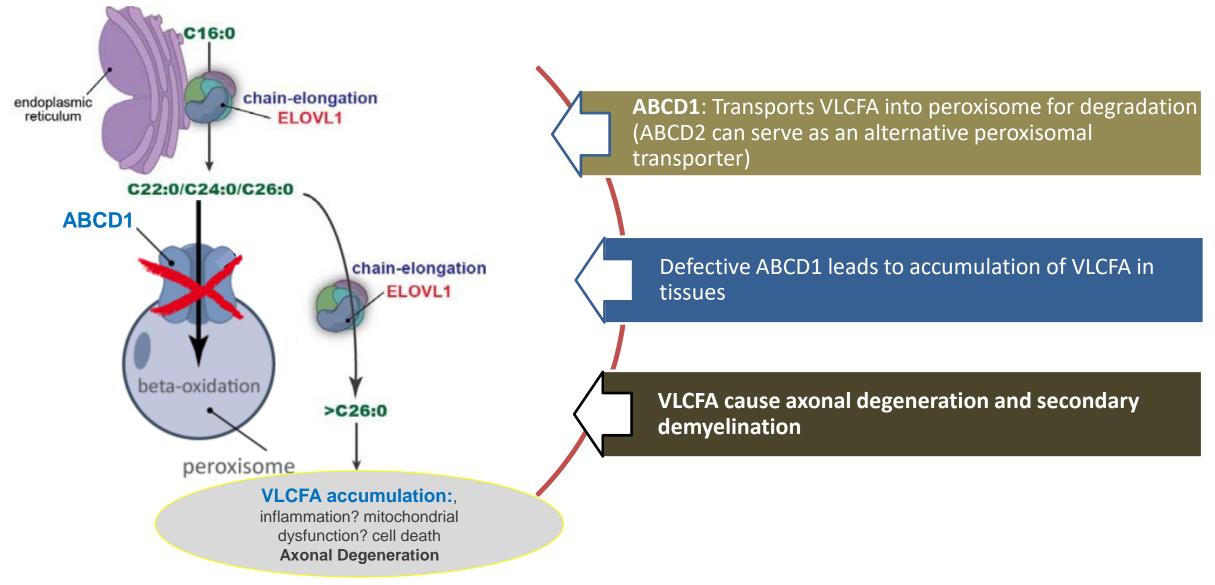
Estimated Global Prevalence\* 444,000 – 644,000





\* Moser 1993 Bezman 2001 Kemper 2017 Schmidt 2020

### ALD: pathophysiology



Pujol et al. Hum Mol Genet 2004 Foucade et al. Am J Physiol Endo Metab 2009 Bergner et al. Glia 2021

Kemp & Wanders Mol Genet Metab 2007

### ALD: diagnosis





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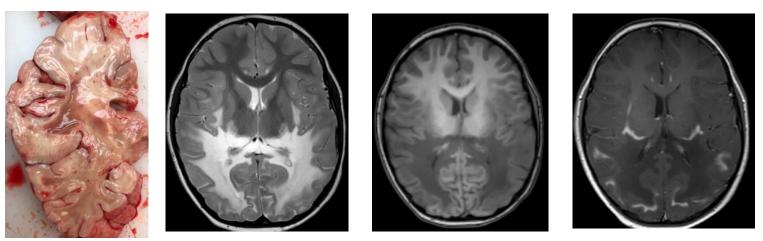
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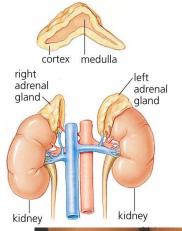
Kemp et al, Nature Reviews Endo, 2016 Huffnagel et al, Mol Genet Metab, 2017

### ALD: clinical features

#### Leukodystrophy: Cerebral ALD (C-ALD)



#### **Adrenal Insufficiency**



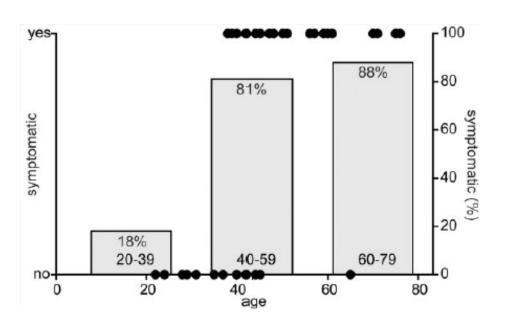


#### Spinal cord disease : adrenomyeloneuropathy (AMN) Normal **ALD** Degeneration of dorsal columns Sensory ataxia , Degeneration of dorsal root Gait disorder Degeneration of ventral root Spasticity Degenration of Powers et al, 2000 anterior/lateral corticospinal tract Huffnagel et al, 2019

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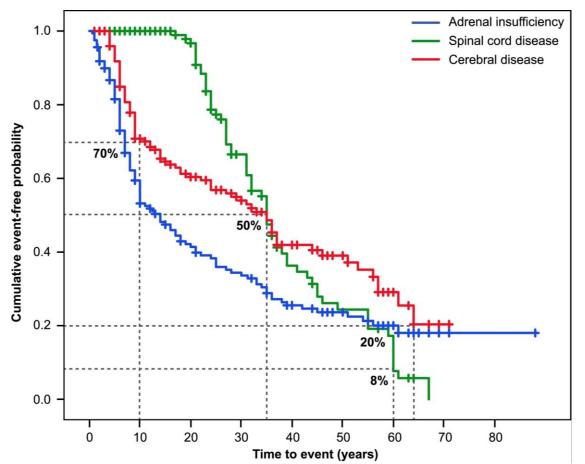
### ALD: clinical features

- Women by > 60:
  - $_{\circ}$  ~90% have spinal cord disease
  - adrenal failure and cerebral disease are very rare

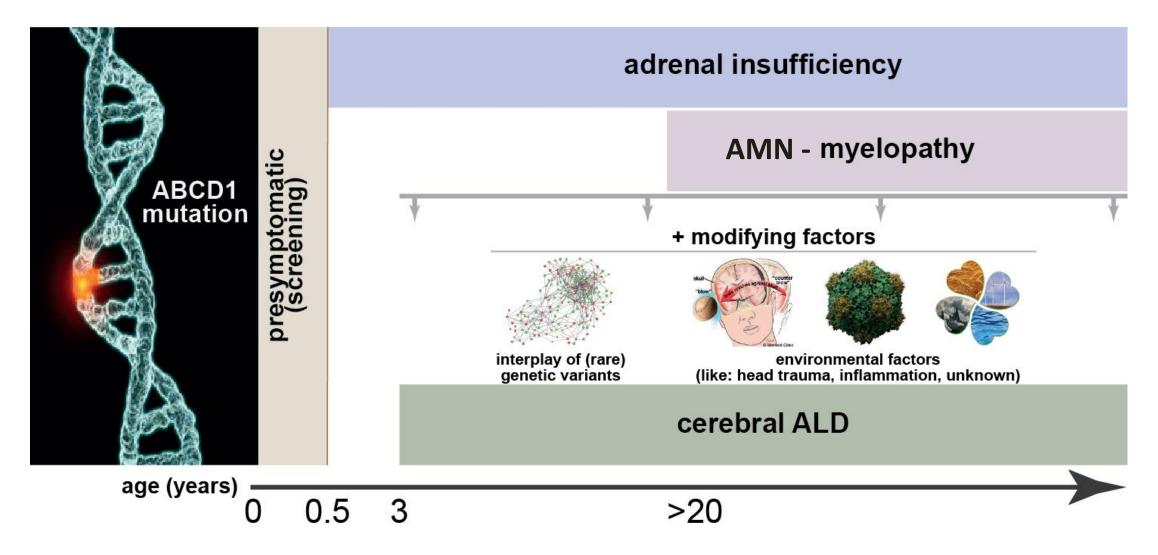


Engelen et al, Brain, 2014 Huffnagel et al, J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2019

- Men by age 65:
  - >90% have spinal cord disease
  - $_{\circ}$  80% have developed cerebral disease



### Adrenoleukodystrophy: clinical features

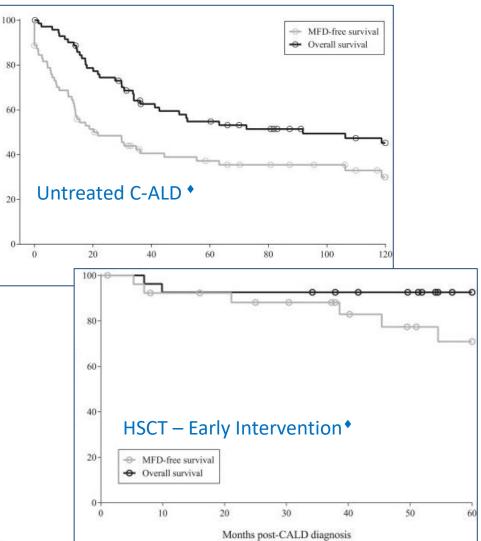


#### ALD: treatment

- Adrenal insufficiency → glucocorticoid replacement therapy
- Early stage (early onset) C-ALD → HSCT or *ex-vivo* Lenti-viral gene therapy (SKYSONA<sup>™</sup> Bluebird Bio<sup>Δ</sup>)
   HSCT does not prevent spinal cord disease ("AMN")
- Advanced or later onset C-ALD  $\rightarrow$  only supportive care
- AMN:
  - supportive care only
  - major target for future therapies

<sup>A</sup> Positive EMA-CHMP opinion May 2021 https://bluebirdbio.com/news-releases

♦ HSCT Data from Raymond GV. Biol Blood Marrow Trans
2019; 25:538-48. Early intervention = Neuro function score
<1; LOES score 0.5-9</li>





### Towards objective outcome measures for clinical trials

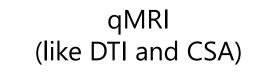
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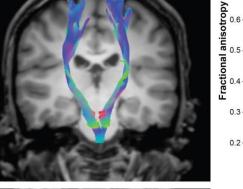
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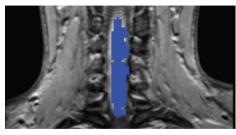
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Non-Invasive Biomarkers

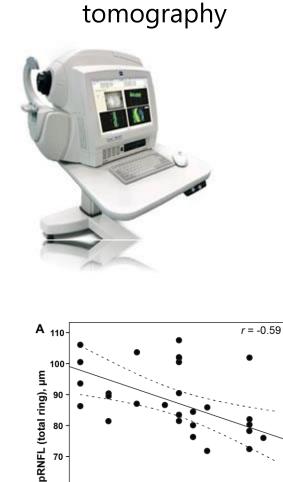
- VLCFA
- Neurofilament Light Chain
- Others







Huffnagal et al. Neurology 2019 van Ballegoij et al. Front Physiol 2020 van Ballegoij et al. Ann Clin Trans Neurol 2020 van der Stadt et al. J Inherit Metab Dis 2020 van Ballegoij et al. Ann Clin Trans Neurol 2021



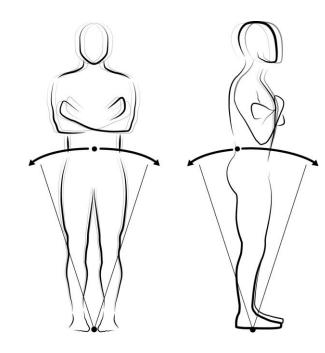
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**Optical coherence** 

Postural Body Sway



### ALD: treatment development and unmet needs

- AMN:
  - Slowly progressive severe and disabling disease; no disease modifying therapy available
  - Delay progression of spinal cord disease
  - Prevent loss of mobility, bladder and bowel dysfunction
  - Improve quality of life
  - Both men and women
- Cerebral ALD:
  - Faster progression; causes disability and death 2 3 years after onset in most cases; in many cases diagnosis too late for HSCT
  - $_{\rm o}$  Prevent onset and progression in adults
  - $_{\circ}$  Delay or obviate need for HSCT (or gene therapy) in childhood new onset C-ALD

# ALD –

# A Patient Perspective

**Ben Lenail** 



# Poxel ALD Program

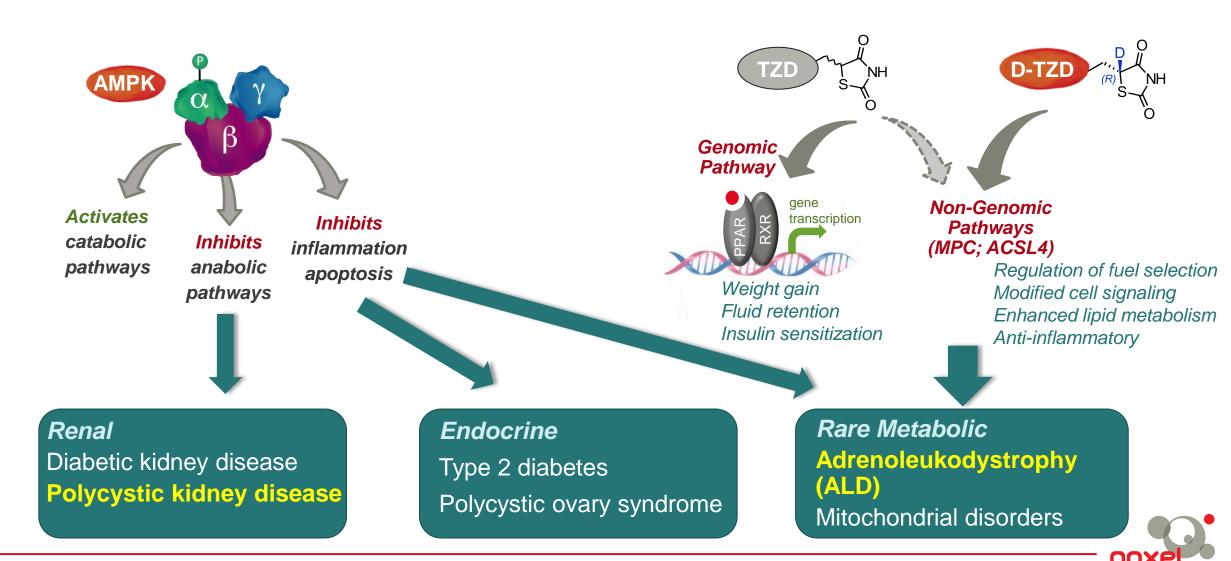
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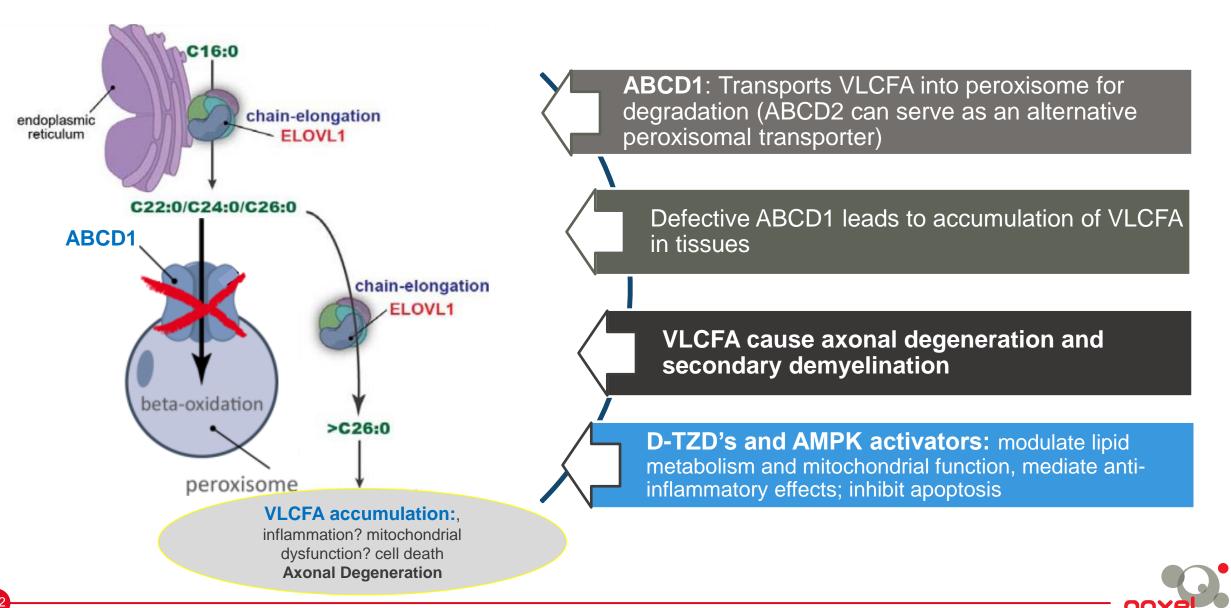


# Harnessing AMPK and D-TZD Platforms to Address Rare Diseases with Metabolic Pathophysiology

Two Programs Approaching Clinical Development for ALD



# Poxel Platforms – Potential to Target ALD Pathophysiology



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# Two First-in-Class Advanced Lead Molecules

#### PXL065

- Deuterium stabilized *R*-stereoisomer of pioglitazone\*
- Preclinical:
  - $_{\circ}\,$  no (PPAR $\gamma$  –driven) weight gain/fluid retention
  - metabolic and anti-inflammatory efficacy
- Clinical
  - completed Phase I
  - confirmed selective *R*-pio exposure
  - good safety profile in >130 human exposures (Phase I plus ongoing Destiny 1 NASH trial)
- Composition of matter IP
- 505(b)(2) regulatory path; open IND in ALD/AMN

\*approved Type 2 diabetes therapy (Actos); Jacques V et al. Hep Comm 2021; implicated in ALD - Brain 2013;136:2432-43



#### PXL770

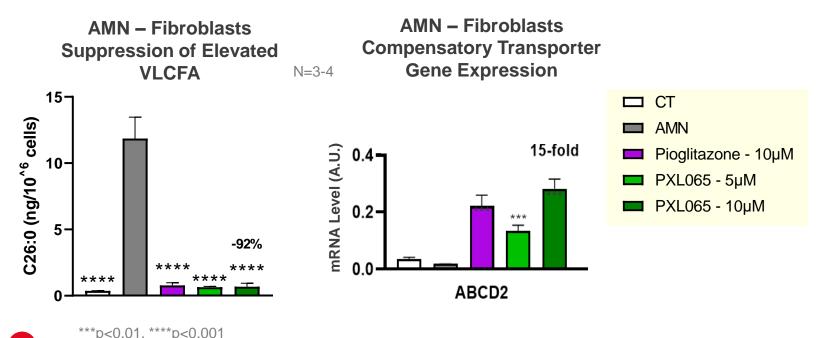
- Proprietary direct allosteric AMPK activator\*
- Preclinical:
  - Metabolic, anti-inflammatory, cytoprotective efficacy in NASH, diabetes, kidney, CV models
- Clinical
  - orally bioavailable; once daily PK profile
  - human target engagement and efficacy demonstrated (diabetes and NAFLD)
  - >200 human exposures for up to 12 weeks
  - well tolerated with favorable safety profile
- Composition of matter IP



\* Gluais-Dagorn et al. Hep Comm 2021 (in press); implicated in ALD – Weidling I J Neurochem 2016

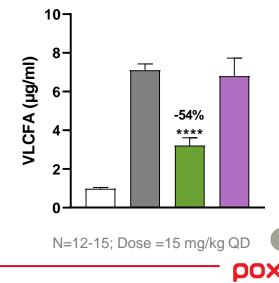
# D-TZD's: Rationale and Strong Preclinical Data

- Pioglitazone attenuates neuroinflammation and confers neuroprotection:
  - non-human primates with Parkinson's disease<sup>1</sup>
  - rodent acute brain ischemia<sup>2</sup>, spinal cord injury<sup>3</sup>
- Pioglitazone efficacy achieved in ABCD1-null mice<sup>4</sup>
- MPC inhibition implicated as a therapeutic approach in neurodegeneration5,6
- PXL065 is active in ALD/AMN patient-derived cells and in ABCD1 null mice:



J Neuroinflamm 2011; 8:91 Exp Neurol 2009; 216:321-Exp Neurol 2017; 293:74-4. Brain 2013;136:2432-43 5. Sci Trans Med 2016; 8:368ra174 6. Neural Regen Res 2017;12:1807-8

ABCD1 Null Mouse Model Spinal Cord Suppression of Elevated VLCFA (C26:0)





# D-TZD's: Clinical Results Support Pursuit of ALD/AMN

Leriglitazone - Human PoC with PPAR $\gamma$  - Related AEs

- Phase 2/3 trial in adult AMN patients (n=116; 96 week)<sup>∆</sup>
- Primary Endpoint: 6 min walk test *Failed (*differences "observed in early symptomatic pts")
- Secondary / Exploratory: Body Sway Significant (p=0.036; p=0.003) improvements
   SSPROM & EDSS Positive effect
   Cerebral ALD Positive effect

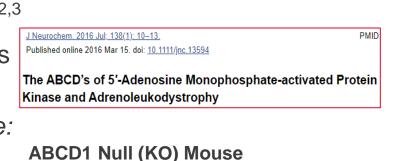
	Pioglitazone	CH CH CH CH CH CH CH CH CH CH	PXL065	
МоА	PPARγ agonist & Non-genomic effects (MPC, other)*	PPARγ agonist & MPC inhibition**	Minimal PPARγ activity Non-genomic effects (MPC, other)*	
Relationship to Pio	Parent molecule	M-IV metabolite of Pio	R-Pio (1/2 of pio mixture)	
Known or expected side effects (PPARγ)	weight gain (≈3 kg), edema, & risk of bone fracture	weight gain (5.8 kg <sup>∆</sup> ), edema <sup>∆</sup>	No significant PPARγ–related side effects expected	

PXL065 and other D-TZD's: Potential for superior efficacy with reduced side effects <sup>A</sup>Minoryx press release Feb. 2021; Am Acad Neurology 2021 presentation; \*Both Pio isomers have similar mitochondrial pyruvate carrier (MPC) activity; \*\*in-house data and results reported in Minoryx patent WO 2019/234690

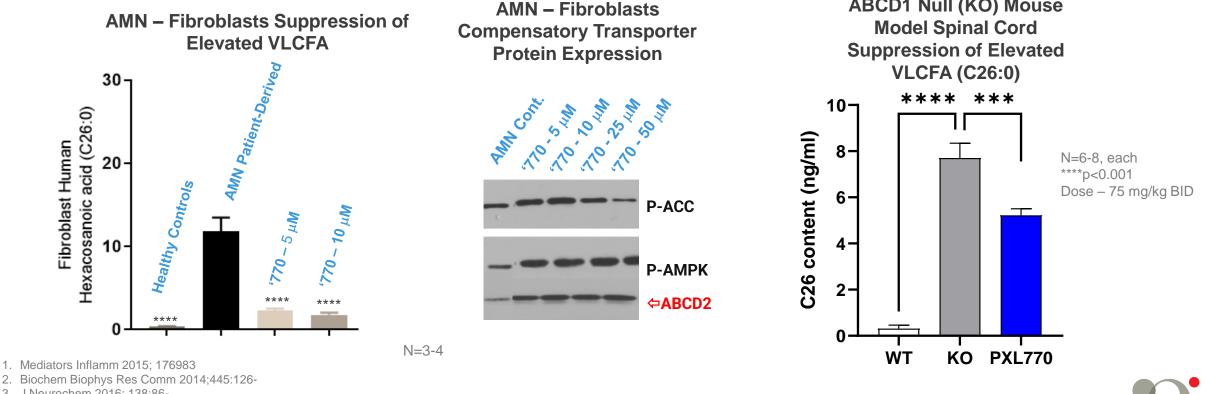


# AMPK: Scientific Rationale and Strong Preclinical Data

- Deletion of AMPK in glial cells of ABCD1-null mice  $\rightarrow$  mitochondrial dysfunction / low ATP<sup>1</sup>
- Reduced AMPK in patient-derived cells and brain tissue from ALD patients<sup>2,3</sup>
- AMPK activation with metformin\* elevates ABCD2 levels in patient cell lines and ABCD1-null mice<sup>3,4</sup>



• PXL770 is active in ALD/AMN patient-derived cells and in ABCD1 null mice:



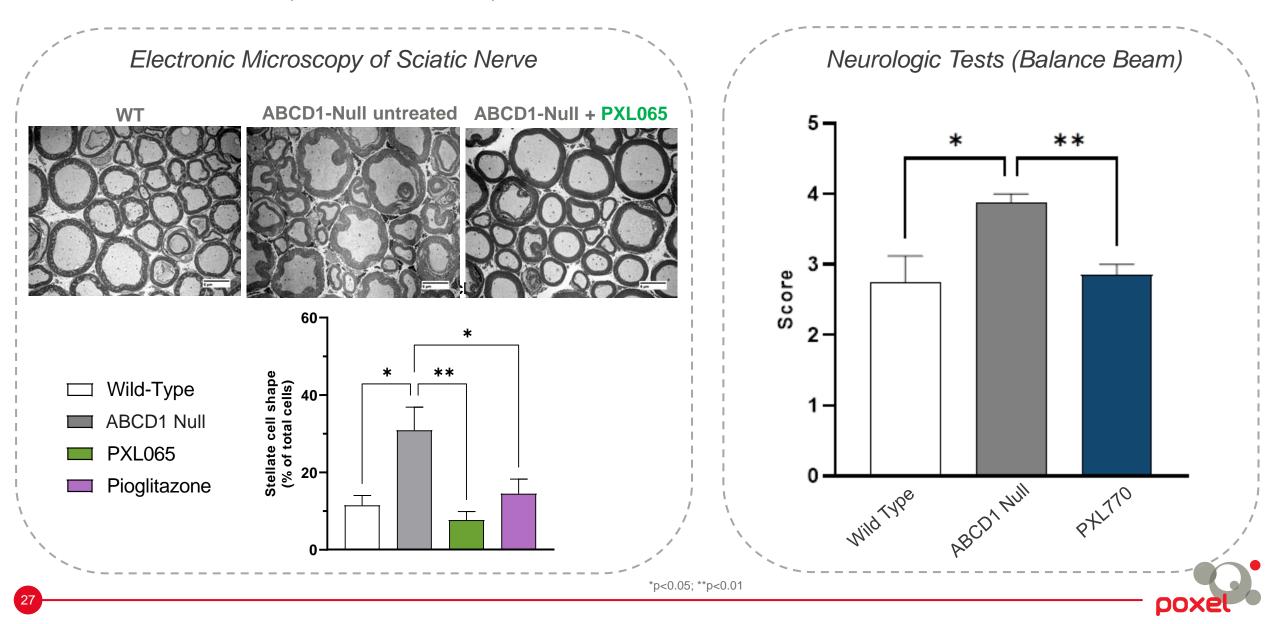
3. J Neurochem 2016; 138:86-

4. J Neurochem 2016; 138:10-

\* well accepted indirect AMPK activator; requires metformin concentrations >> clinical exposure levels

# Both PXL065 and PXL770 Mediate Neurologic Benefits

ABCD1-Null Mouse (12 wk Treatment)



## Poxel Lead Molecules vs. Selected Competitors

Advanced Drug Candidates with Potential for Superior Clinical Results

		PXL065	PXL770	Leriglitazone*	VIKING VK0214	ABX-002*
	Mechanism	Non-genomic D-TZD	AMPK activator	PPARγ (+ other TZD)	Thyroid receptor $\beta$	Thyroid receptor β
	Stage	Ph2a – Ready	Ph 2a – Ready	Ph 2b/3	Ph 1b	Preclinical
	Human ALD Cells	<ul> <li>↓↓↓VLCFA</li> <li>☆ ABCD2</li> <li>☆ mitochondrial respiration</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>↓↓↓ VLCFA</li> <li>☆ ABCD2</li> <li>☆ mitochondrial respiration</li> </ul>	No VLCFA or ABCD2 effects reported	VLCFA not reported	Not reported
	Biomarker Signal	↓↓ VLCFA - plasma, brain, spinal cord	♣♣ VLCFA - plasma, brain, spinal cord	↓ VLCFA spinal cord     (plasma not reported)	♣ VLCFA plasma, spinal cord	VLCFA plasma, brain; spinal cord not reported
	Neuro Histology	Improved	Improved	Improved	Not reported	Not reported
	Neuro- Behavior	Improved	Improved	Improved	Not reported	Not reported
	Other Comments	Clinical safety: >130 exposures plus 505(b)(2)	Clinical safety: (>200 exposures)	+ results in Ph2b/3 weight gain, edema	Phase I completed	No clinical experience

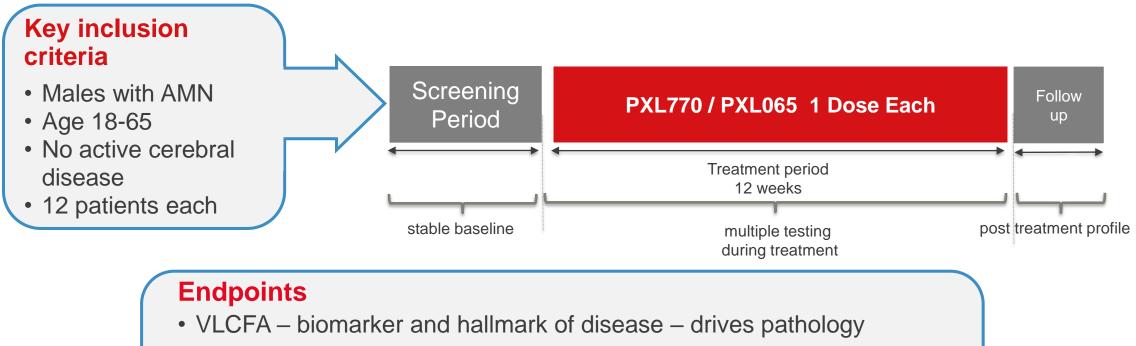
\* Rodriquez-Pascau Science Trans Med 2021; Am Acad Neuro (AAN) oral presentation 2021; Minoryx 2021 press release <sup>V</sup> Viking corporate presentation 2021; \*Autobahn AAN Poster 2021



In Vivo ABCD1 Null Mice

# Planned Phase 2A Studies in ALD/AMN

PXL770 and PXL065 in Two Separate Identical Studies



- Neurofilament light chain validated biomarker of neuronal damage
- Other / exploratory biomarkers
- PK
- Safety

Phase 2A initiation 1Q22 – completion 4Q22 Phase 3 Pivotal trial(s) to begin in 2023



# **Upcoming Milestones**

**Thomas Kuhn, CEO** 



### Near-Term Milestones to Drive Poxel's Growth



1 Currency exchange rate at the date of the approval (23 June 2021)

# Summary and Investment Highlights

#### • Strategic Focus on rare metabolic indications and NASH

- ALD: PXL065 and PXL770 Phase 2a biomarker Proof-of-Concept results by year end 2022; potential to advance into pivotal trial
- NASH: PXL065 Phase 2 results anticipated Q3 2022; option to advance either PXL065 or PXL770 as oral, first-in-class addressing large market opportunity

#### • **TWYMEEG®** (Imeglimin) Approved for T2D in Japan

- Sumitomo, #1 diabetes company in Japan, expecting to launch 2021
- Up to EUR 200 million (~USD 230 million)<sup>1</sup> in future potential milestone and sales-based payments and double-digit escalating royalties
- US/Europe: exploring options to move the program forward into Phase 3
- Cash & Cash Equivalents: EUR 32.8 million (USD 38.4 million) as of 3/31/2021
  - Additional EUR 13.5 million from IPF Loan in June and EUR 13.2 million<sup>2</sup> approval milestone in Q3 from Sumitomo
- **Highly Experienced Management Team** with extensive metabolic R&D and business expertise & track record in US, EU and Japan



## **Question & Answer Session**

# **Concluding Remarks**

