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#### Investor Presentation May 2013

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## Agenda

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- Strategy
- Clinical trials
  - TBI trial
  - Rett Syndrome trial
  - Fragile X Syndrome trial
  - Concussion trial
- Shareholding and financial position
- Expected news flow

## **Company Snapshot**

- Origins
  - Created in 2004 by merger of two companies formed around University of Auckland IP
  - Listed on the ASX in February 2005
- Leadership
  - Richard Treagus, Executive Chairman
  - Larry Glass, CEO & Managing Director
  - Joe Horrigan, VP for Clinical Development & Medical Affairs
  - CFO Melbourne-based as of Q3-2013
- Key strategic relationships
  - US Army Medical Research & Materiel Command
  - International Rett Syndrome Foundation
  - Fragile X Drug Validation Initiative
- Operations
  - Finance and shareholder relations relocating to Melbourne
  - Clinical development consolidating in the US

#### **Investment Thesis**

- Lead clinical stage molecule has unique biology directly applicable to many key CNS conditions
- ~US\$26m in non-dilutive funding from the US Army supports two clinical trials, funded development of the oral form of NNZ-2566
- Strong patent portfolio: composition of matter, formulation, methods of use
- Clinical trials in four distinct therapeutic areas provide multiple opportunities for success
- Rare, orphan, under-served conditions accorded regulatory flexibility with faster path to approval
- Development costs for rare/orphan conditions are lower fewer trials, fewer subjects per trial
- Cost to progress from preclinical efficacy to clinical proof of concept is modest – significant increase in value with clinical proof of concept
- Execution further enhanced by organizational restructuring
- Capacity to wait for optimum timing on partnerships increases shareholder value

## **Scientific Foundation**

- IGF-1 is one of the primary growth factors in the CNS
- Glypromate is a key part of the brain's response to injury and stress
- NNZ-2566 is a synthetic analogue of Glypromate



- Addresses pathology underlying acute and chronic CNS conditions and disorders – not just targeting symptoms
  - Inflammation
  - Microglial function
  - Synaptic plasticity (inter-neuronal communication)
  - Neuronal loss due to apoptosis (programmed cell death)
  - Abnormal electrical activity (e.g., seizures)
- One molecule potentially treats a wide range of poorly treated CNS conditions at the cellular and molecular level

## **Intellectual Property**

- Robust patent estate
- No royalty burden on lead molecules
- NNZ-2566 and other GPE analogues
  - 7 issued patents covering composition, oral formulation and methods of use
  - 7 pending applications covering composition, oral formulations and methods of use
  - Broad method of use claims (TBI, stroke, non-convulsive seizures, autism spectrum disorders, cognition, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, Huntington's, neurodegeneration, neuropathy, MS, diabetes)
  - Remaining patent life between 9 and 15 years
  - Additional market exclusivity may be available via Orphan and Pediatric Drug designations
- NNZ-2591 and other bicyclic analogues
  - 3 issued patents covering composition, formulation and methods of use
  - 3 pending applications covering composition, formulation and methods of use
  - Broad method of use claims (neurodegeneration, Parkinson's, neuropathy, cognition)
  - Remaining patent life between 11 and 15 years

## Strategy

- Build on the unique biology of NNZ-2566 to pursue multiple indications and commercial opportunities
- Expand therapeutic focus to include both acute and chronic conditions
- Criteria for selecting therapeutic targets
  - Significant unmet need with no approved drugs
  - Opportunity to be first in class; limited clinical-stage competition
  - Regulatory advantages eligible for Fast Track, Orphan Disease, Breakthrough Therapy
  - Clear, accelerated pathway to approval
  - Strong support from advocacy groups and other stakeholders
  - Clinical endpoints tied directly to known biology and results in animal models at clinical doses

#### Realising value

- Eliciting a clinical signal
- Advancing the CMC package
- Strengthening the IP portfolio
- Maintaining dialogue with potential partners

# Key Programmes

### TBI and concussion: rationale

- NNZ-2566 inhibits inflammatory cytokines, pathological microglial activation, apoptosis and necrosis
- NNZ-2566 improves functional recovery, preserves cognitive function, inhibits post-injury seizures
- > 1.5 million head injuries annually in the US alone; >75% are mild or concussion
- Leading cause of death and disability, especially in young people and the elderly
- Partnership and ~\$26 million in non-dilutive funding by US Army
- Only late-stage competition is progesterone
- \$4+ billion estimated global market potential

# TBI (INTREPID-2566)

- Phase II randomized (2:1), placebo-controlled, fixed dose escalation, safety and efficacy study
- 260 subjects, ages 16-75 with moderate to severe TBI (Glasgow Coma Scale 4-12)
- NNZ-2566 IV solution or placebo administered within 8 hours of injury as a 20 mg/kg bolus followed by 72 hours of infusion at 1, 3 or 6 mg/kg/hr (30, 30 and 200 subjects, respectively)
- Endpoints: safety, functional status at 1 and 3 months, cognitive and neuropsychological function at 1 and 3 months, non-convulsive seizures and biomarkers in the first 5 days
- 2 protocols: Legally Authorized Representative consent and Exception from Informed Consent
- Goal: 18 Level I and II US trauma centers with 10 under EFIC
- 109 subjects enrolled to date

## Concussion (TBI-003)

- Phase II randomized (1:1:1), placebo-controlled, fixed dose safety and efficacy study
- 132 subjects, 18-55 with mild TBI (Glasgow Coma Scale 13-15) and a pre-injury computerized neurocognitive assessment
- NNZ-2566 oral solution or placebo administered within 24 hours of injury at 35 or 70 mg/kg twice daily for 7 days
- Endpoints: safety, change from baseline cognitive function and time to return to pre-injury baseline cognitive function assessed at 1, 2, 4 and 8 weeks
- Sites: 2-3 US military training facilities
- Start date to be determined

## Neurodevelopmental disorders: rationale

#### Rett Syndrome

- NNZ-2566 increases dendritic length and branching
- NNZ-2566 improves signal transmission between neurons and improves survival
- Cause of profound disability and huge financial burdens for >50,000 patients and families
- No other sponsor-led trials
- \$2+ billion estimated global market potential

#### Fragile X Syndrome

- NNZ-2566 normalizes activation of pathways controlling signal transmission between neurons
- NNZ-2566 reverses core molecular, cellular, anatomic and behavioral deficits
- Leading genetic cause of intellectual disability in >100,000 people worldwide
- Significant big pharma interest and participation
- \$4+ billion estimated global market potential

## Rett Syndrome Phase II (RTT-001)

- Phase II randomized (2:1), placebo-controlled, dose escalation, safety and efficacy study
- Up to 60 (48 complete) female subjects ages 16-40 years with a diagnosis of Rett Syndrome
- Subjects stratified 1:1 based on mutation (correlates with severity)
- NNZ-2566 oral solution or placebo administered for 14 days following 3 days of dose titration up to 35 or 70 mg/kg b.i.d.
- Endpoints: safety, seizure activity, cardiac and respiratory irregularities, caregiver and clinician assessments of symptom severity and behaviour
- Sites: Rett Syndrome Centers at Baylor College of Medicine and University of Alabama
- 3 subjects enrolled to date

## Fragile X Syndrome (FXS-001)

- Phase II randomized (1:1:1), placebo-controlled, fixed dose, crossover, safety and efficacy study
- Up to 60 (48 complete) male subjects ages 16-40 years with a diagnosis of Fragile X Syndrome
- NNZ-2566 oral solution or placebo administered for 28 days at 35 or 70 mg/kg twice daily with cross-over to active for subjects initially receiving placebo
- Endpoints: safety, seizure activity, caregiver and clinician assessments of symptom severity and behavior
- Sites: Fragile X Syndrome clinical centers

#### NNZ-2591

- Lead preclinical molecule in cyclic dipeptide portfolio
- Synthetic analog of naturally occurring neurotrophic factor
- 100% orally bioavailable candidate for chronic, oral therapy
- Manufacturing development for preclinical R&D nearing completion
- US Army working on mechanism of action under Cooperative R&D Agreement
- Testing in Fragile X model underway at FraX-Drug Validation Initiative

## **Shareholding and Financial Position**

- Shares outstanding: 1.2b
- Options outstanding: 274m
- Closing price (20 May 2013): \$0.058
- Market capitalization: \$69m
- Current cash (30 April 2013): NZ\$4.24m
- Top 20 shareholders: 57% (approximate)
- Institutions: 9%; directors: 6%; substantial: 20%; retail: 65%
- 52 week range:
  \$0.021 \$0.074



### **Expected News Flow**

•	Initiate Fragile X Phase 2	2H-2013
•	Complete enrollment in Rett Phase 2	1H-2014
•	Top-line results for Rett Phase 2	2H-2014
•	Complete enrollment in Fragile X Phase 2	2H-2014
•	Complete enrollment in INTREPID-2566	2H-2014
•	Top-line results for Fragile X Phase 2	1H-2015
•	Top-line results for INTREPID-2566	1H-2015