

# SynAct Pharma AB

# **Treating Inflammation** through **Resolution Therapy**

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## **Synact Pharma- Treating Inflammation through Resolution Therapy**

SynAct Pharma AB is a clinical stage biotechnology company focused on the resolution of inflammation through the selective activation of the melanocortin system. The company has a broad portfolio of oral and injectable selective melanocortin agonists aimed at inducing anti-inflammatory and inflammation resolution activity in autoimmune and inflammatory diseases to help patients achieve immune balance and overcome their inflammation.

#### VISION

To lead the development of inflammation resolution therapeutics, a new approach to treating inflammatory diseases that does not suppress the immune system and that enables patients to achieve immune balance and live beyond their inflammation.

#### MISSION

SynAct seeks to develop resomelagon (AP1189) and its peptide melanocortin agonists through proof-of-concept Phase 2 clinical studies. SynAct will seek to establish partnerships and collaborations with like-minded parties for Phase 3 studies and beyond

# Synact Pharma – Overview

2013	Company Founded
2016	Listed at Spotlight Stock Market in Sweden
2019	Completes Phase I – AP 1189
2020	Completes Phase II – AP 1189 – in RA
2021	Completes Phase IIa – AP 1189 – COVID
	Completes Phase IIa – AP 1189 – RA (Begin study)
2022	Uplisted to Nasdaq, Stockholm
2023	Acquisition of TXP Pharma
	Completes Resolve and Expand studies – Phase II studies
2024	Replacement of Board and CEO - new focused strategy implemented

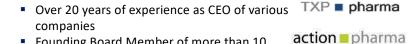
## SynAct Pharma – highly experienced Management Team

#### Jeppe Øvli Øvlesen, MBA – CEO

Thomas Jonassen, MD – CSO, Co-founder

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James Knight, MBA – CBO





Founding Board Member of more than 10 biotech and MedTech companies

Associate Professor at Cardiovascular

Pharmacology, University of Copenhagen

Visiting Professor at WHRI, Barts and London

Co-founder and former CSO of Action Pharma

Over 25 years of experience in the biotech

Strategy and Business Development

industry, ranging from R&D to Commercial

Former VP of Portfolio Strategy at Questcor

• Co-founder of TXP Pharma and ResoTher

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School of Medicine

Former CFO and VP of Business Development at **Action Pharma** 



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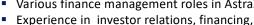
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#### Björn Westberg, MSc – CFO

- Over 25 years of experience within various financial AstraZeneca roles in the pharmaceutical industry Former CFO of Recipharm, Bonesupport, Enea
  - Various finance management roles in AstraZeneca



acquisitions and other business deals



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#### Thomas Boesen, PhD – COO



- TXP pharma Over 20 years of experience in the biotech and pharmaceutical industry
- Inventor on 35 granted patents
- Co-founder of MedChem and TXP Pharma
- Former VP of Discovery at Action Pharma







#### Kirsten Harting, MD & Executive MBA - CMO



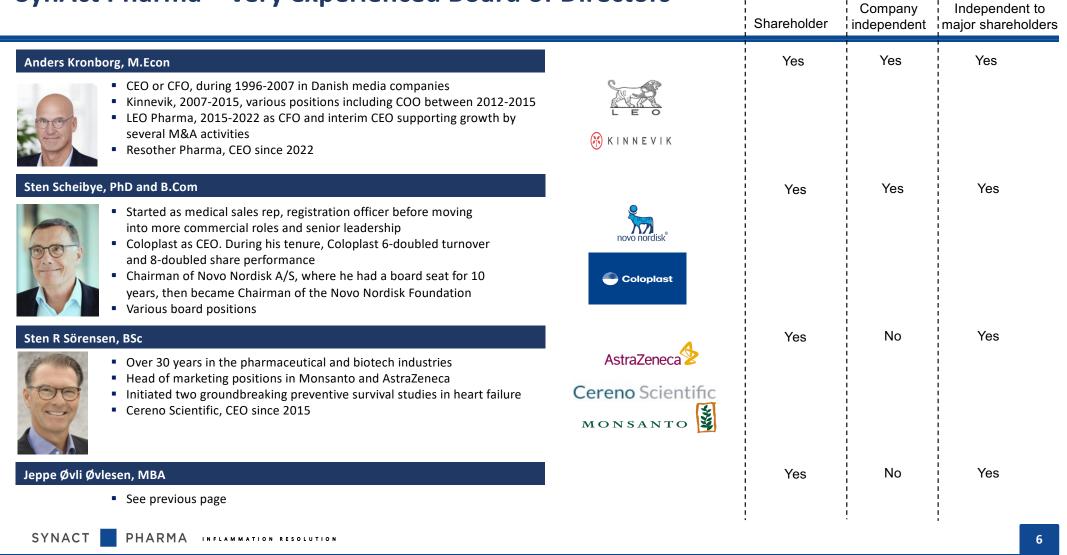
- Over 30 years of experience from the global pharmaceutical industry and biotech
- Senior Vice president & Chief Medical Officer
- Responsible for development and approval of several new innovative drugs
- Global launch of new medicine
- Integrating medical and commercial understanding



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## **SynAct Pharma – very experienced Board of Directors**



## **Business development strategy**

Based on a solid interest from big pharma and big biotech companies in discussing previous studies during 2022-2024 a close interaction will be conducted during 2025.

Regular updates will be ongoing during the next 12 month with the scope to enter into specific partnering discussions from mid 2025.

A wide range of potential deal structures are explored ranging from full acquisitions to licensing deals.

Option to acquire and collaboration agreements are being explored for TXP compounds.

## **Strong Patent Situation**

#### **Resomelagon (AP1189)**

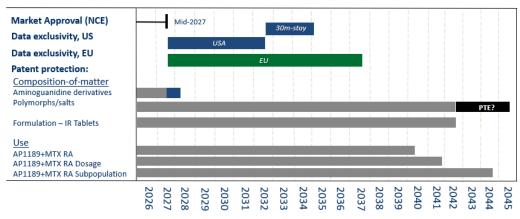
- Multi layer strategy to protect core technology
- Composition-of-matter protection potentially until 2042
- Use patents in key indications until 2044
- Protection in major markets

#### **Peptides**

- BAP technology and melanocortin agonists until 2033
- BAP technology for therapeutic peptides until 2035
- Exedin-4 analogues (GLP-1) until 2041

### Exclusivity Scenario (US/EU)- Current portfolio

AP1189 for treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis (First approval)



• US: 30m litigation stay to delay generic ANDA with FDA under some conditions

 US: 6m pediatric exclusivity can be available to all exclusivities covering AP1189 existing at the time of a pediatric exclusivity approval EU: 6m pediatric exclusivity can be added to the SPC (EU PTE)

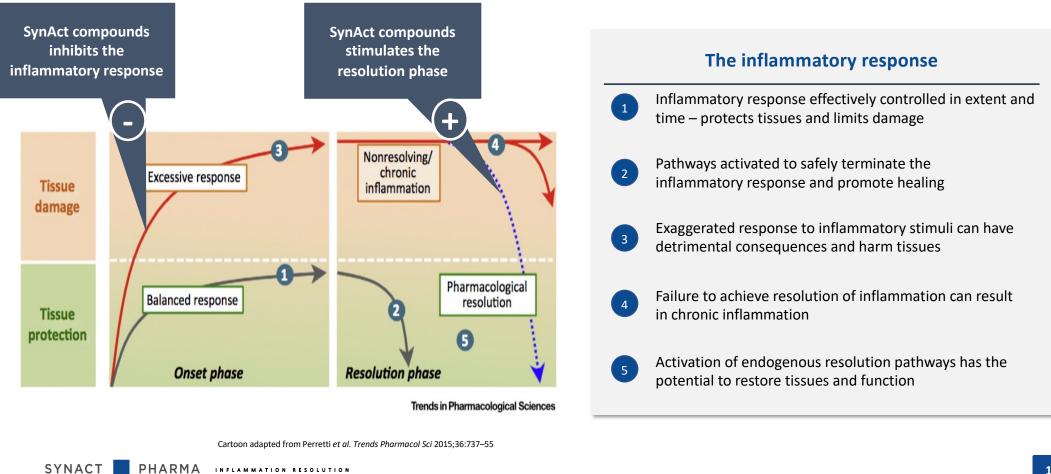
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# **Pipeline - overview**

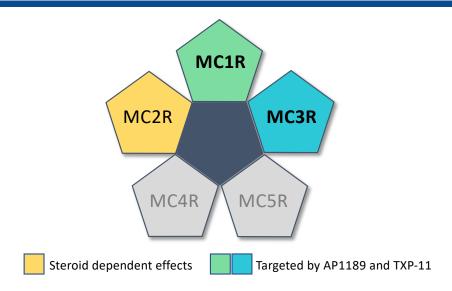
ASSET	INDICATION	PRE-CLINICAL	PHASE 1	PHASE 2A	PHASE 2B	STATUS & NEXT MILESTONE
	Rheumatoid Arthritis					ADVANCE Ph2b study initiated
RESOMELAGON						
(AP1189)	Idiopathic membranous Nephropathy (iMN)					<ul> <li>Ph-2A study – low recruitment rate du to lack of pt</li> </ul>
	Virus-induced hyper-inflammation					<ul><li>Pharmacology program to support</li><li>Ph-2 in target population ongoing</li></ul>
TXP-11	Prevent organ failure in surgery					<ul> <li>Preclinical pharmacology to support Ph1 CTA ongoing – aim to be Ph1 read in 2025</li> </ul>
Next generation	Discovery phase					• Discovery
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# SynAct compounds promotes resolution of inflammation

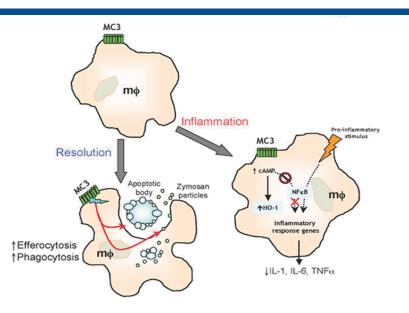
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# SynAct compounds promote resolution of inflammation through stimulation of melanocortin receptors on key cells in the inflammatory system



- Resomelagon induces selective stimulation of melanocortin receptors 1 and 3 (MC1R and MC3R) present on immune active cells promotes direct immunomodulatory effects
- SynActs MCR agonists have no activity against MC2R, present in the adrenal glands, which causes the release of cortisol when stimulated and results in steroid side effects and tolerability issues



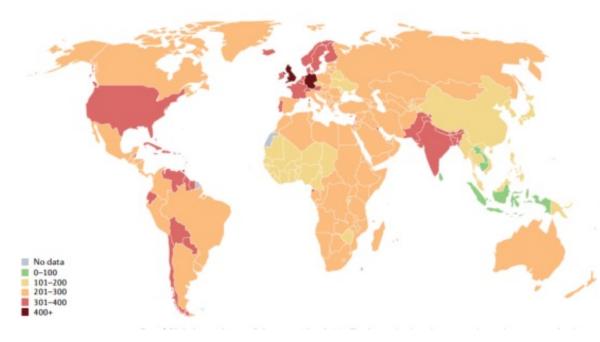
- Exbibits anti-inflammatory activity via MC1R and MC3R stimulation on targets cells – such as lowering the release of proinflammatory cytokines
- Promotes pro-resolution pathways following stimulation of MC1R and MC3R on targets cells – such as increasing efferocytosis in macrophages

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 $\label{eq:ACTH:adrenocorticotropic hormone; MCR: melanocortin receptor$ 

# Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) - Chronic inflammatory (autoimmune) disease

Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is a chronic inflammatory disorder affecting joints. In some pts RA damage a wide variety of body systems, including the skin, eyes, lungs, heart and blood vessels. Uncontrolled disease as associated with severe complications. **No curative treatments** 



#### RA is a global disease

Currently approximately 18 million people worldwide with RA

#### Is Prevalent in Developed Countries

Prevalence is between 0.2-1.0%, larger in industrialized countries

Major Markets: US, GER, UK, SPA, IT, FRA, JP, CN, IN, AUS, BRA, CAN; MEX, ZAF, KOR.

#### Number of newly diagnosed is growing:

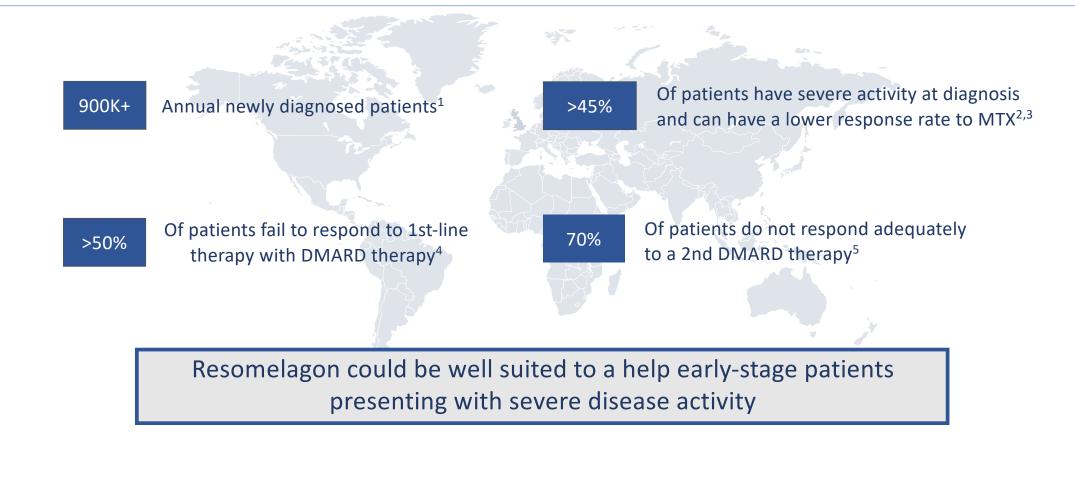
	2024:	2030:	2040:
MM16 Estimates:	920.000	1.000.000	1.200.000
US + Europe 5:	325.000	345.000	385.000

Drivers are population growth, age expectancy, lifestyle, and improved health care.

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Source: Global Burden of Disease Collaborators. Global, regional, and national burden of rheumatoid arthritis, 1990–2020, and projections to 2050: a systematic analysis of the Global Burden of Disease Study 2021. Lancet Rheumatol 2023 Finckh A et al. Global epidemiology of rheumatoid arthritis. Nat Rev Rheumatol 2022. Global Data, 2023

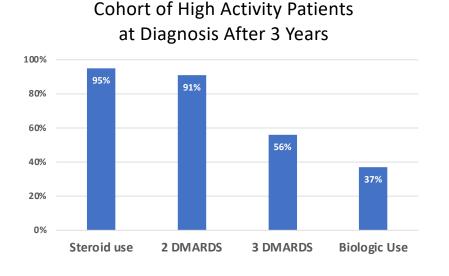
# 1st-line therapies fail most RA patients especially those with severe disease



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1. GlobalData\_RheumatoidArthritisEpidemiologyForecastto2029\_250424; 2) Albrecht and Zink Arthritis Research & Therapy (2017) 19:68; 3. Shpatz et al. IMAJ (2021) vol 23; 4. Baganz et al. Seminars in Arthritis and Rheumatism 48 (2019) 976!982; 4. Baganz et al. Seminars in Arthritis and Rheumatism 48 (2019) 976!982; 5. GlobalData RA custom primary market research studies 2021-2023, on file;

# Patients presenting with high disease activity have a poorer disease prognosis and can be less responsive to MTX



 Highly active disease is the key poor prognostic indicator in ACR and EULAR recommendations<sup>1</sup>

"Damage to joints occurs in the first 2–3 years. There is a narrow window to preserve the joints and the patient's quality of life."<sup>2</sup>

- Highly active patients tend to have lower responses to MTX with 6mo response rates ranging from 33% to 52%<sup>3</sup>
- In newly diagnosed RA patients followed for 3 years:<sup>2</sup>
  - 95% of patients required steroids (avg 15mg/day)
  - 56% had added/cycled with 3 DMARD agents
  - 37% had initiated use of at least 1 biologic

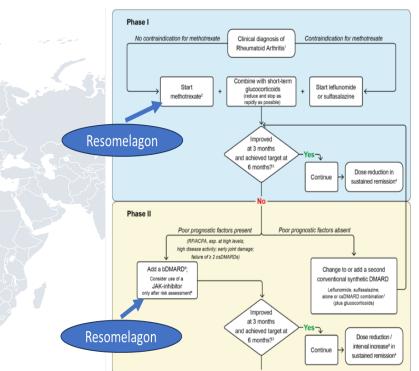
Resomelagon could be well suited to address the needs of patients with high disease activity not fully addressed by MTX therapy alone

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# **Resomelagon (AP1189) in the current treatment roadmap**

- Therapy with cDMARDs, ie MTX should be started as soon as the diagnosis of RA is made
- Treatment should aim at reaching a target of sustained remission or low disease activity in every patient
- GCs should be considered when initiating MTX treatment but should be tapered and discontinued within 3 months (EULAR 2022).
- TNF-blockers are not recommended for first line treatment because of the additional risks of toxicity (ACR 2021)



#### EULAR treatment roadmap for moderate and severe RA

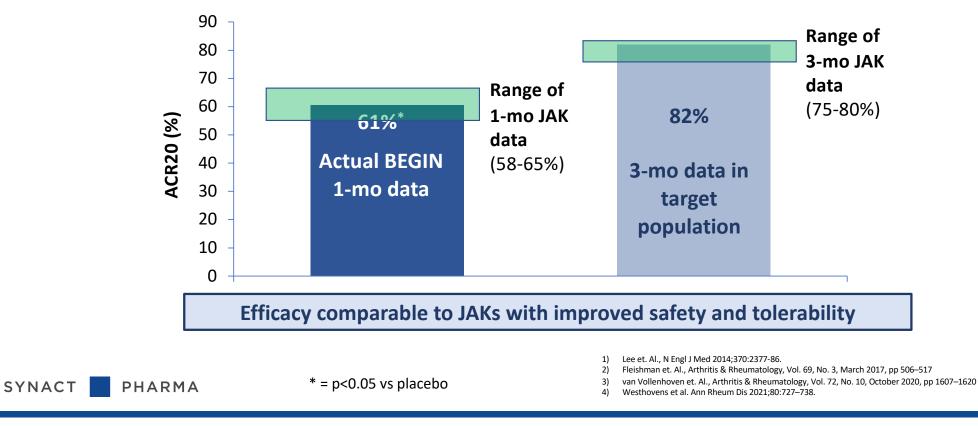
Early intervention with resomelagon (AP1189) could be a novel treatment approach to increase the likelihood of disease control

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**PHARMA** EULAR 2019: Ann Rheum Dis 2020;79:685–699; ACR 2021: Arthritis Care & Research 2021: 73, 7:924–939; EULAR 2022: Ann Rheum Dis 2023;82:3–18.

# Resomelagon (AP1189) – Proven treatment potential in target population of newly diagnosed RA pt with signs of systemic inflammation

Key readouts from clinical studies in target population – The Begin Study – and subgroup of patients in the EXPAND study



# **Resomelagon Complements the Current Treatment Regimen** - Favorable Safety Profile, Early Onset and Ease of Use

#### **Target Product Profile**

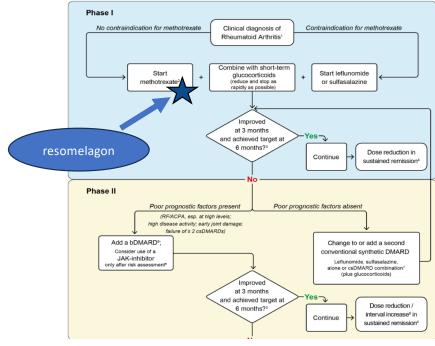
**Once daily oral tablet:** - limits need of training – patient convenient - optimal to enhance patient compliance.

**Safety Profile:** Favorable safety profile, resolution therapy limits risk of immunosuppression – reduced need for safety monitoring and in person consultations, ie positive impact on health care system and patients' well-being.

**Efficacy:** Clinical data support relevant treatment effect in target population newly diagnosed RA patients with high disease activity including signs of systemic inflammation

**Fits Current Guideline:** Increase likelihood to disease control as add on to existing treatment options with potential to reduce use of glucocorticoids or delay or even reduce second line treatments as the bDMARDs.

# EULAR treatment roadmap for moderate and severe RA



Source: Ann Rheum Dis 2023;82:3–18

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# ADVANCE STUDY P2b dose-range study in newly diagnoses treatment naive RA patients with high disease activity - Ongoing.

#### **Patient Population:**

- Newly diagnosed treatment naïve RA pts, eligible for initiation of MTX treatment
- CRP at baseline >3 mg/L
- CDAI >22 at baseline DAS28-CRP >5.1 min of 6 swollen and tender joints
- Glucocorticoids only allowed as rescue medicine

Resomelagon (AP1189) 3 dose levels in combination with MTX

Placebo, combination with MTX

12 Weeks dosing

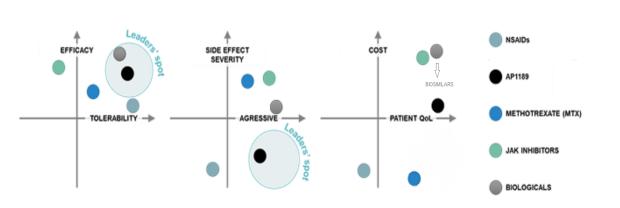
Key Study Parameters	
Dosing and Duration	<ul> <li>12 weeks of once-daily dosing of resomelagon (AP1189) tablet or placebo- conducted at sites in US and Europe</li> </ul>
Study Size and Sites	<ul> <li>Designed to recruit 60 patients per group – dose levels: 40, 70 and 100 mg once daily -</li> <li>Study initiated at sites in US- Expected to initiate the study in Europe in Q4, 2024. – plan for 12 months recruitment period -</li> </ul>
Primary Endpoints	<ul> <li>Safety and Tolerability</li> <li>Change in DAS28 –CRP during the 12 weeks treatment period</li> </ul>
Secondary Endpoints	<ul> <li>ACR20/ACR50/ACR70; CDAI score; HAQ/RAQol</li> </ul>
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# **Resomelagon - Adding efficacy to MTX without adding steroids**

Emerging AP1189 Clinical profile				
Once-Daily Oral Dosing	<ul><li>Once daily oral tablet</li><li>Oral convenience for early lines of therapy</li></ul>			
• High-degree of efficacy	<ul> <li>BEGIN 1-mo responses and EXPAND 3-mo data is newly diagnosed with severe disease activity (with eCRP) were in-line with JAK inhibitors</li> </ul>			
Safe and Well Tolerated	<ul> <li>No emerging safety issues seen thus far in clinical assessment</li> <li>No signs of increased infection rates or other serious safety concerns</li> </ul>			
Steroid-Free MoA	Efficacy in early RA with severe disease without need for steroids			
Compatible with MTX	<ul> <li>Shown to be compatible with MTX</li> <li>No known compatibility concerns with TNF or other biologics</li> </ul>			

- The combination of efficacy, safety and oral once-daily convenience is very well suited for this opportunity
- Preliminary estimates for resomelagon in newly diagnosed patients with severe disease > \$2B annually

## Resomelagon (AP1189) is well positioned to meet the needs in the RA Market



#### **Improved Quality of Life and Reduced Cost**

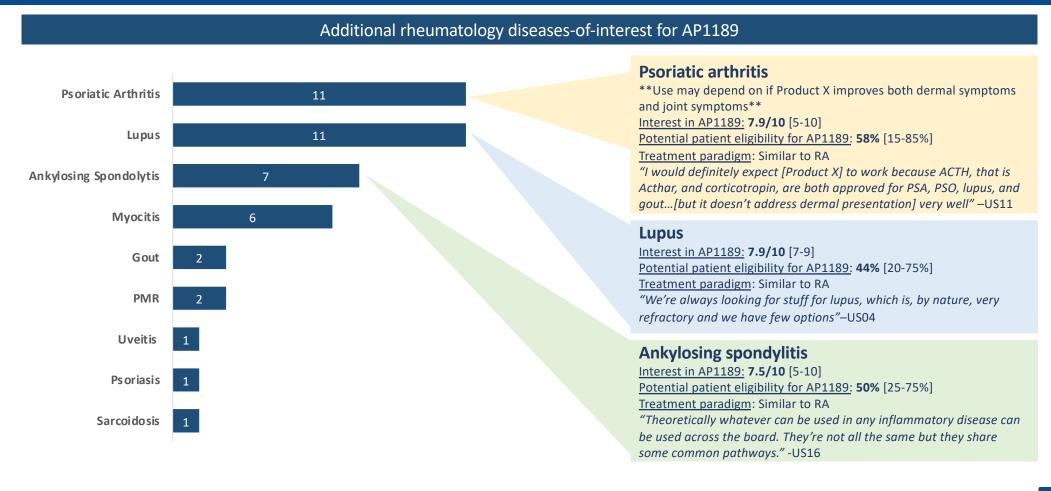
- Fast onset of action and good safety
- Reduced risk of going into more severe stages of RA
- improve ability to keep working and maintain daily life with longer life-time expectancy.
- Society benefits from reduced health care cost, improved productivity.

#### **Benefits Justifies Pricing**

- It is anticipated that AP1189 will be competitively priced with a premium to cDMARDs
- Priced below bDMARDS and JAK inhibitors would increase market access and reduce overall health care cost

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# Resomelagon beyond RA – Rheumatologists express significant Interest for development in additional rheumatology diseases beyond RA





GlobalData RA custom primary market research studies 2021-2023, on file

# **Key milestones 2025**

#### Key milestones 2025 – Full focus

- Drive Phase IIB clinical development of AP 1189 in RA
- Make TXP Compounds Phase I ready
- Business development with the scope to complete commercial deal upon good Phase II data



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