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Oncology Strategy

Improve the safety and efficacy of existing agents which provide the cornerstone for standard of care

Taxanes (>\$2B)

Camptothecins (>\$1B)

Anthracyclines (>\$500M)

XYOTAX

CT-2106

Pixantrone

Develop new agents with unique mechanisms of tumor cell killing without more side effects

TRISENOX®

LPAAT-β inhibitors

Develop significant sales and marketing presence in cancer market segments where leverage is possible

Blood-related cancer market

Consider co-marketing relationship where size matters

Solid tumor indications

Commercial Synergies

Key Products

TRISENOX®

Pixantrone

XYOTAX

CT-2106

Hematology

APL, CML, MDS,
Multiple myeloma

Aggressive NHL
Indolent NHL

Solid Tumors

Breast cancer
Prostate cancer

NSC lung cancer
Ovarian cancer

Colorectal cancer
Small cell lung cancer

Hematology

Commercial opportunity

	<u>2002 Incidence</u>	<u>2002 Prevalence</u>
Total Hematologic	94,850	423,564
TRISENOX®		
APL	1,050	2,535
Myelodysplastic Syndromes	15,200	35,562
Multiple Myeloma	14,600	49,542
Pixantrone		
AML	10,600	18,980
Indolent NHL	24,030	142,625
Aggressive NHL	29,370	174,320

Selected Companies Focused on Hematology Market

<u>Company</u>	<u>Key Products</u>	<u>Market Cap</u>
Genentech	Rituxan®	\$38 B
Berlex*	Campath®, Fludara®, Leukine®	\$10 B
Idec	Zevalin®, Rituxan®	\$6.3 B
Millennium	Velcade	\$4.7 B
Celgene	Thalomid®, Revimid	\$2.7 B
CTI	TRISENOX®, Pixantrone	\$ 518 M ¹

*Schering AG

¹ ProForma market cap

Oncology

Commercial opportunity

	<u>2002 Incidence</u>	<u>2002 Prevalence</u>
Total Oncologic	516,144	3,132,334
XYOTAX		
Advanced NSC lung	137,600	162,352
Ovarian	25,400	145,831
CT-2106		
Small cell lung	34,380	57,983
Colorectal	147,500	930,083
Pixantrone		
Breast	212,600	1,836,085

Companies Focused on Oncology- Chemotherapy Market

<u>Company</u>	<u>Key Products</u>	<u>Market Cap</u>
Pfizer	Camptosar®	\$285 B
Glaxo Smith Kline	Hycamtin®, Navelbine®	\$77 B
Novartis	Femara , Aredia®, Gleevec , Sandostatin®, Zometa	\$156 B
Astra-Zeneca	Arimidex®, Casodex®, Faslodex®, IRESSA®, Nolvadex®, Zoladex®	\$78 B
Eli Lilly	Gemzar®	\$78 B
Bristol Myers	Taxol®, Ifex®, Paraplatin®	\$56 B
Aventis	Taxotere®, Campto®, Genasense	\$42 B
CTI	XTOTAX , Pixantrone	\$348 M

CTI-Novuspharma Merger

Immediate realizable synergies

Pixantrone: commercially attractive phase III product

May qualify for FDA fast track

Potential NDA 2005, market launch 2006

US sales could reach \$150M+

Financially attractive

\$120M in cash

\$18-\$20M in cost savings

Significant operating synergies

Critical mass in global oncology drug development

Increases commercial capabilities and sales potential in EU for expanded TRISENOX® label

Strong Financial Position

Pro-forma end Q1 cash position \$306 million
\$111M cash Q1-2003
\$120M Novuspharma cash Q1-2003
\$75M convertible offering*
Exchange offer 12/02 retired \$60M convertible debt

Merger offers potential for cost synergies
\$18M to \$20M savings in 2004

TRISENOX® U.S. business becoming profitable
Allows ability to grow TRISENOX® sales in EU with new
indication (MDS)

Creates critical mass in cancer drug development and
commercialization

* Gross proceeds

Commercial Growth

TRISENOX®
APL label, > 40 trials

TRISENOX®
Potential MDS label

TRISENOX®
Potential myeloma label

XYOTAX
Phase III trials

XYOTAX
Potential NDA

XYOTAX
Potential NSCLC label

Pixantrone
Phase III trials

Pixantrone
Potential NDA

Pixantrone
Potential aggressive NHL
label

Oncology Pipeline

	Preclinical	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	NDA	Marketed
TRISENOX®	Approved for relapsed or refractory acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL)					
	Multiple myeloma, myelodysplasia, myelogenous leukemia and other cancers					
XYOTAX	Non-small cell lung and ovarian cancers					
Pixantrone	Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma					
CT-2106	Advanced solid tumors					
LPAAT-β inhibitors						

Pixantrone

(from Novuspharma merger)

New DNA intercalator with
improved efficacy and safety

Now in phase III for NHL

DNA Intercalators

Established efficacy

- Cornerstone of chemotherapy for breast cancer, leukemias, and lymphomas
- Standard treatment in blood-borne tumors curative
- Breast cancer highly effective as adjuvant and frontline therapy
- Only therapy for advanced forms of multiple sclerosis

However problems with cardiotoxicity

- Irreversible damage to heart muscle
- Maximum cumulative dose in patient's lifetime
- Prevents use as repeat therapy

DNA Intercalators

with improved efficacy and safety

Novuspharma's approach

Alter chemical groups responsible for free-radical production and cardiac toxicity

Target markets

Unmet clinical need in second-line therapy (NHL)
Replace current DNA intercalators as safer treatment in first-line

Pixantrone

	<u>Doxorubicin</u>	<u>Mitoxantrone</u>	<u>Pixantrone</u>
Efficacy in hematology	+++	++	++++
Efficacy in solid tumors	++/+++	++	++
Safety (esp. cardiac)	+	++	++++

Superior anti-tumor activity in P388 and L1210 murine leukemias vs. Dx and Mitox

Curative in YC-8 murine lymphoma

Wide therapeutic window effective from 1/3 of MTD

Synergism with Cisplatin and Rituxan

Effect of pixantrone and mitoxantrone (MITOX) on survival in the YC-8 lymphoma model (iv/iv + 1,5,9)

Pixantrone

Experimental cardiotoxicity

Pixantrone

Target product profile

Superior safety

- Cardiac toxicity profile superior to existing agents
- Not toxic to tissues, eliminates need for central line
- Less severe nausea and vomiting

Impressive efficacy

- Long lasting complete remissions in heavily treated NHL patients
- As single agent or in combination with chemotherapy

Potential to be used where other anthracyclines cannot

- Breast cancer in combination with Herceptin
- Breast cancer salvage after prior anthracycline therapy
- Late-stage lymphomas

Pixantrone

Extensive clinical trial experience

- >170 patients
- 7 phase I, II trials

Initial market entry into area of high unmet need

- 3rd-line aggressive NHL
- Currently no approved therapies
- Market size ~15,000 patients

Potential label expansion

- Relapsed indolent NHL + Rituxan (phase III)
- 2nd-line combination in high grade NHL (phase II)
- Salvage breast cancer ± Herceptin (planned)

Pixantrone

Impressive single agent activity (NHL)

High response rates in relapsed/resistant aggressive NHL

ORR= >30% (7CRs/5PRs + 5uPRs)

Durable responses: TTP >8 months for responders

Well tolerated

Grade 4 neutropenia 13/33 (40%)

Grade 4 anemia/thrombocytopenia 0-1/33 (<3%)

28/33 (85%) had maximum prior anthracycline exposure

14/33 (42%) received >1,000-1500mg/m² Pixantrone

Encouraging low incidence of cardiac events despite prior anthracycline exposure

Pixantrone

Combination trials

Highly active in combination regimens for relapsed/refractory
NHL replacing doxorubicin

CHOP n=17

13 patients evaluable; 6CRs/1PR

ESHAP n=21

19 patients evaluable; 7CRs/4PRs

Highly active in relapsed/refractory indolent NHL

FND-R n=9

6 patients evaluable; 5CRs/1PR

Preliminary Market Study

*% of physicians who would prescribe Pixantrone
by line of therapy*

	First Line	Second Line	Third Line
Aggressive	47%	100%	100%
Indolent	27%	67%	67%

Almost half of the physicians would try Pixantrone in place of doxorubicin in first line therapy for aggressive patients mostly for patients with cardiovascular risk factors

Last 12 Months in Review

Objective

Status

Acquire late stage or commercial product

Novuspharma merger
Pixantrone in phase III
\$18-\$20m in annual operating synergies
\$120M balance sheet

Reduce burn rate and secure adequate capital to grow commercial operations and see XYOTAX to NDA

\$75M notes offering

Advance discussions toward potential XYOTAX partner

Partnership discussions for XYOTAX ongoing

Initiate pivotal XYOTAX phase III trials

STELLAR-2, -3, -4 trials FDA approved and enrolling

TRISENOX® - profitable operating business

Sales targeted to double to \$24M this year

Highlight clinical data at key scientific meetings

ASH, AACR, ASCO, MM, MDS

Key Objectives

Next 12-18 Months

Gynecologic Oncology Group to initiate phase III study of XYOTAX in ovarian cancer

Complete enrollment of pivotal trials in non-small cell lung cancer

Successful merger with Novuspharma to maximize cost synergies and efficiencies

Initiate pivotal trial of Pixantrone in aggressive relapsed NHL