

#### *In situ* regenerative medicine based on leading science

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## **Herantis Pharma Plc**

- Herantis is a public drug development company advancing **two highly differentiated** clinical assets for unique market opportunities
  - CDNF therapy for Parkinson's Disease, with potential in treating other neurodegenerative diseases
  - Lymfactin<sup>®</sup> gene therapy for secondary lymphedema
- Both programs originate from scientific discoveries made by **world-leading researchers** at the University of Helsinki, Finland
- Currently funded through clinical PoC, expected in the next 18 months
- Evaluating further financing options

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# Neuroprotective factor CDNF for stopping the progression of Parkinson's disease



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# Parkinson's disease (PD)

- PD is the second most common neurodegenerative disease impacting estimated 7 million people
  - Common first symptoms include tremors, slowed movement
- Available therapies only alleviate motor symptoms of PD
  - current PD drug market is approximately \$3 billion
- Estimated financial burden of PD in Europe: **€13.9 billion**
- Disease-stopping therapy would save the society over **\$400,000** per patient\* in the USA



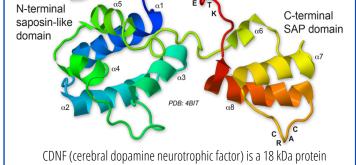
\*University of Pennsylvania's National Parkinson Foundation



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# **CDNF is a potent neuroprotective factor that promotes neuronal survival**

- CDNF is an endogenous protein **promoting the survival and differentiation of neurons**, and the **maintenance of neuronal functions** 
  - Protects and recovers dopaminergic neurons from Endoplasmic Reticulum (ER) stress
  - Inhibits formation of toxic  $\alpha$ -synuclein oligomers
  - Suppresses neuroinflammation
  - Increases transcription of several genes involved in dopamine synthesis and metabolism

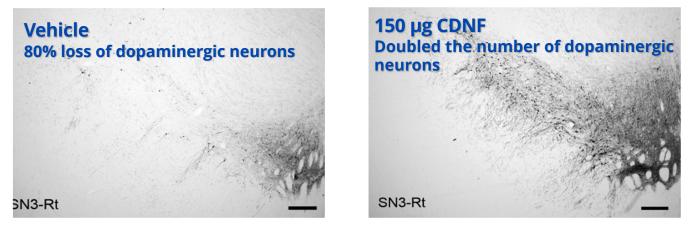


- Based on broad preclinical data CDNF relieves both motor and non-motor symptoms and shows potential to even stop disease progression
- CDNF is very distinct from and **superior to conventional neurotrophic factors**



#### CDNF protects and recovers dopaminergic neurons in nonhuman primate model of PD

- MPTP neurotoxin induced lesions in rhesus monkeys resulted in 80% loss of dopaminergic neurons in the substantia nigra
- Staining: Tyrosine hydroxylase-staining of lesion-side substantia nigra sections from vehicle and CDNF-treated monkeys
- Dark color indicate dopaminergic neurons



Gross motor functions were improved by 53% (MPDRS\*) at three months of dosing compared to vehicle control
Improvement in fine motor functions (recovery in the use of the affected-side hand in the mMAP\*\* test)

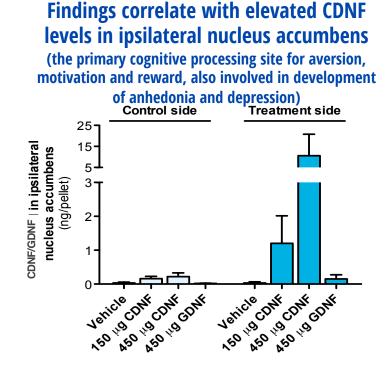
\*monkey Parkinsonian disability rating scale \*\*monkey movement analysis panel



Research collaboration with University of Pittsburgh funded by Michael J. Fox Foundation

# CDNF improves non-motor symptoms in non-human primate model of PD

- MPTP neurotoxin induced PD model in rhesus monkeys
- CDNF-treated monkeys showed significantly reduced depressive behavior (Human Intruder Test)
  - First treatment that has shown a reduction in depressive behavior in this unilateral model of PD
- Improved motivation (Wisconsin General Apparatus)
  - Reduced motivation post-MPTP lesion associated with motor dysfunction
  - GDNF\* group showed no improvement
  - CDNF-treated groups showed significant improvement in motivation



\*GDNF = Glial cell-derived neurotrophic factor

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#### Robust science: in vivo data demonstrating MoA

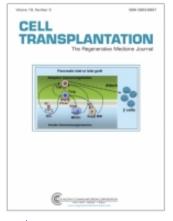


Vol 448, 5 Jul 2007; Lindholm et al **Novel neurotrophic factor CDNF protects and rescues midbrain dopamine neurons** *in vivo* 

#### A Experimental Neurology

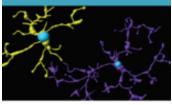


Vol 228, Issue 1, 2011; Voutilainen et al Chronic infusion of CDNF prevents 6-OHDA-induced deficits in a rat model of Parkinson's disease



Vol 21, Issue 6, 2012; Airavaara et al **CDNF protects the nigrostriatal dopamine system and promotes recovery after MPTP treatment in mice** 

#### Journal of Neuroinflammation



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Vol 11, Issue 6, 2012; Nadella et al **Transient transfection of human** *CDNF* **gene reduces the 6hydroxydopamineinduced neuroinflammation in the rat substantia nigra** 

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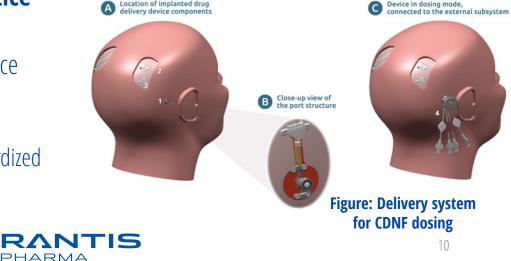


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### **CDNF is in a randomized clinical PoC study**

- Randomized, placebo-controlled Phase 1-2 in PD at esteemed centers in EU
  - 18 patients with PD of moderate severity, randomized to 6 on placebo, 12 on the active
  - Topline data expected by end of 2019
- The study is funded by a prestigious Horizon 2020 EU grant: "Leading science, greatest potential to advance clinical practice"

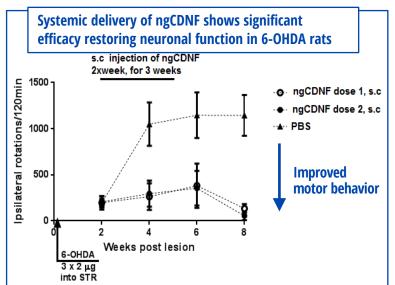
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- CDNF is administered intracranially once monthly using sophisticated delivery device
  - CDNF does not permeate the BBB
  - A clinically tested drug delivery system (Renishaw Plc) is implanted in a standardized surgery and used for monthly dosing



# Next generation, non-invasive CDNF ('ngCDNF')

- Professor Saarma's group at the University of Helsinki have **discovered a non-invasive ngCDNF** 
  - Restoration of normal motor function shown in vivo in 6-OHDA PD model with subcutaneous peripheral delivery
  - Cytoprotective effects of ngCDNF shown
  - Enormous potential beyond PD: Alzheimer's disease, ALS, stroke
- Herantis has an exclusive, worldwide ngCDNF license
  - Non-invasive development program was initiated in Q3/2018





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# Lymfactin<sup>®</sup> gene therapy for curing secondary lymphedema



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#### Secondary lymphedema: Disease, Market and Awareness



- Lymphedema (LE) is a chronic, progressive swelling of tissue caused by a dysfunction of the lymphatic vasculature
  - Lymphatic system is unable to return interstitial fluid to bloodstream
  - Estimated **140 million people** worldwide have LE; there is no cure
  - Estimated treatment cost **\$10,000 per year** in the USA
- Secondary lymphedema is caused by e.g. disease, trauma, or surgery
  - Disabling and disfiguring disease, which severely affects quality of life
- Lymphedema awareness is rapidly increasing

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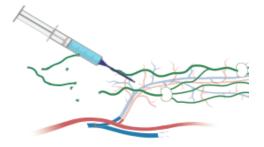
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 Hollywood superstar, lymphedema advocate Kathy Bates is among the strong LE spokespersons working with the active patient advocacy group LE&RN



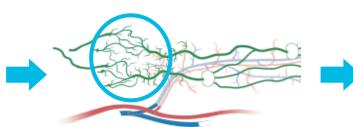
#### Lymfactin<sup>®</sup> gene therapy is designed to repair the cause of secondary lymphedema

- Lymfactin<sup>®</sup> is a recombinant replication deficient **Adenovirus type 5 gene transfer vector**
- Delivers human VEGF-C growth factor gene to **specifically promote lymphangiogenesis**
- VEGF-C is produced by the human cells in the damaged area where Lymfactin® is administered
- Single-dose treatment with **local and transient VEGF-C expression** for about two weeks

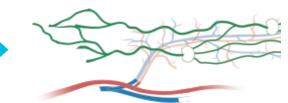


1. Lymfactin® administration

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2. VEGF-C expression in the damaged tissue → lymphangiogenesis HERANTIS

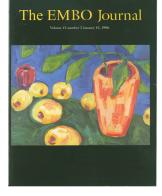


3. Functional lymphatic network

#### **Robust science:** from VEGF-C discovery to adenoviral VEGF-C gene therapy

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# Lymfactin<sup>®</sup> development

- Currently developed in breast cancer associated secondary lymphedema (BCAL) in combination with lymph node transfer
- **Phase 1 completed** in 15 patients with BCAL: Lymfactin<sup>®</sup> is safe and well tolerated - Promising quality-of-life changes observed; however those are uncontrolled data
- Randomized, placebo-controlled **Phase 2 study ongoing** 
  - 12 months efficacy data expected by end of 2020
- Estimated **\$600M market** in the current indication in USA+EU5\*
- Significant potential in other forms of secondary lymphedema
- Naive market with no competitive products

\*Market research, Back Bay Life Science Advisors, 2017



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### **Investment opportunity**



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**Next step:** funding for pivotal / Phase 2-3 of both programs, as well as expanding in further indications and next generation CDNF

Significant disease modifying potential in large and well-defined markets

Herantis is considering options for further financing such as a US IPO in addition to current listing on Nasdaq First North Helsinki

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# **Herantis Pharma summarized**

- Herantis' two lead clinical programs are targeting disease modification and addressing significant unmet medical needs **in large and well-defined markets** 
  - **CDNF protein therapy provides a ground-breaking treatment** with broad potential for disease modification in Parkinson's Disease and other neurodegenerative diseases
  - Lymfactin® gene therapy serves an under-appreciated and significant market need
- Company is well positioned to reach significant value inflection points in 18 months





# Thank you

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