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PharmaShell® – The high drug load delivery system enabling the next generation long-acting injectables through atomic layer precision





### About Nanexa

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- Nanexa is a fully integrated drug development company specializing in Long Acting Injectables (LAIs) based on the proprietary PharmaShell<sup>®</sup> drug delivery system
- **Positive Proof of Concept** with Phase 1 data on NEX-22, a long-acting formulation of liraglutide for the treatment of type 2 diabetes
- Patent portfolio that encompasses key enablers of producing LAIs using the technology
- Attractive partner for development of long-acting injectables able to supply partner with CTM
- Management team with long experience in pharma

### PharmaShell<sup>®</sup> LAI enables smarter care





PATIENTS

- Convenient for patients
- Reduces side-effects



#### HEALTHCARE

- Improves adherence
- Enhances treatment efficacy



#### PAYERS

- Reduces clinic visits
- More cost-effective treatment



#### **SUSTAINABILITY**

• Fewer injection devices, reducing environmental impact

Drugs with short half-life are transformed into long-acting injectables with improved properties

Drug concentrations are maintained within the therapeutic window for optimal benefit

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### PharmaShell<sup>®</sup>

### Controls the duration of long acting injectables

- The dissolution of the PharmaShell<sup>®</sup> coating controls the duration of the API release, up to several months, regardless of the API's half-life
- The release-profile can be tailored by adjusting coating composition and thickness
- Technology can be used with most APIs, especially suitable for biologics







### PharmaShell<sup>®</sup> technology



- Very dense and uniform over the particle
- Low permeability of liquids and gases and thereby protects the API

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Size 2048	Dwell 2.00 µs	HT 200 kV	Scan fov 549 nm	STEM Mag 182 kx	Pixel size 267.9 pm	Spot 4	100 nm 100 nm DF2	Service and

TEM image of coated particle

### PharmaShell<sup>®</sup> by Atomic Layer Deposition



- ALD is a gas phase technique to coat surfaces
- Operates at low temperatures (near RT) and is a dry process
- Coating thickness in the nanometer range allows for a very high drug load
- Excellent process control enables tailoring of depot length and release profile by adjusting the ALD parameters such as composition and thickness
- No post-process purification steps needed



### Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD)





- ALD's precision and repeatability come from separating and controlling when and where reactions occur.
- Reactions are separated in time to build the coating.
  - 1. Metal reagent reacts on the surface.
  - 2. Metal reagent-covered surface reacts with water to form metal oxide.
  - 3. Reactions are cycled to ensure uniform coating.



### Formulated to minimize injection pain



- Thin Gauge Needles (30 G): Ensures painless self-administration, improving patient comfort.
- Low injection volume (<1 mL): The ultra-high drug load enables low injection volumes, enhancing patient comfort.
- Isotonic Solution: Maintains osmotic balance, reducing discomfort during injection.
- **Physiological pH:** Matches the body's natural pH, minimizing irritation and pain.



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Injectability: Remains uncompromised 

**Redispersibility:** Excellent, confirmed

In vivo pharmacokinetics: No observed impact 

- **One-compartment syringe systems:** Several options have been evaluated

  - Storage stability: High potential indicated by low solubility of formulation components in liquid for suspension (confirmation pending)



Liquids for suspension





### PharmaShell® system achievements





### NEX-22 (liraglutide)

- Once monthly (Q1M) s.c. administration for the treatment of type 2 diabetes
- GLP-1 analogue, 3.7 kDa
  - Binds to GLP-1-receptor, stimulates blood glucose dependant insulin secretion and suppresses glucagon secretion
- API currently approved as once-daily (Q1D) s.c. injectable (RLD Victoza<sup>®</sup>)



H-His-Ala-Glu-Gly-Thr-Phe-Thr-Ser-Asp-Val-Ser-Ser-Tyr-Leu-Glu-Gly-Gln-Ala-Ala-Lys(γ-Glu-palmitoyl)-Glu-Phe-Ile-Ala-Trp-Leu-Val-Arg-Gly-Arg-Gly-OH





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### Long Acting Injectables Improving Adherence

-More Effective Outcomes for GLP-1 Treatment

#### Conclusions from US Clinical Practice (STAY Study)

- **Significantly Greater Adherence:** Weekly GLP-1 treatments show significantly higher adherence compared to daily treatments.
- Improved Glycemic Control: Weekly GLP-1 treatments result in a greater reduction in Glycated Hemoglobin (HbA1c).
- Clinical Benefits: Increased adherence leads to clear clinical benefits.

#### Potential for One-Month Long-Acting GLP-1

- Enhanced Adherence: A one-month long-acting GLP-1 has the potential to further improve adherence.
- Better Clinical Outcomes: Improved adherence is expected to lead to better clinical outcomes.



Adherence defined as proportion of days covered  $\ge 80\%$ 



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### NEX-22 (liraglutide) Phase 1 study



- Type 2 diabetes patients naive to GLP-1 treatment
- Single ascending dose study
  - Doses: 1.5 mg, 4.5 mg, 10 mg, and 30 mg
  - Concentrations: 5, 10, 20, and 50 mg/mL
  - Injection volume: 0.3–0.6 mL
- Primary objective: Pharmacokinetics
- Secondary objective: Safety and tolerability



### NEX-22-01 Dose cohorts







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### NEX-22A Human PK

#### -Compared with RLD





### Elimination of PharmaShell<sup>®</sup> components







No risk for accumulation of zinc Daily dose zinc from NEX-22 < 5% of a recommended daily intake

Low aluminium levels Aluminium exposure does not exceed 5 µg/kg/day\* and stays below 20 ng/mL reference threshold



Al plasma levels after administration of 30 mg NEX-22A in humans

\* FDA-2022-D-2301: aluminium content in parenteral nutrition products

### Outstanding stability (liraglutide)



-PharmaShell® protects API during storage

- NEX-22 shows no difference between refrigerated and Zone II ambient storage conditions
  - Real-time data up to 6 mo in Zone II conditions
  - RLD: 30 mo in 5±3°C, 1 mo in 25–30 °C
- NEX-22 preserves product quality and efficacy without the need for cold storage requirements.





### NEX-22 IVIVC



#### (in vitro in vivo correlation)

- Fundamental assumption: *in vitro* dissolution reflects the *in vivo* plasma profile.
  - Deconvolute the plasma profile using AUC0-t/AUCinf.
- Analyze and compare the deconvoluted plasma profiles with the *in vitro* dissolution profiles.



### NEX-22 IVIVC (cont'd)



#### (in vitro in vivo correlation)

- Modify the time scaling factor until the *in vitro* release and the deconvoluted *in vivo* plasma profiles align closely.
- Implement the time-scaling factor on the *in vitro* dissolution profiles.
- Plot time-matched values from the time-scaled *in vitro* release curve (x-axis) and deconvoluted *in vivo* plasma profile (y-axis).





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### Antibody (mAb) formulation with PharmaShell®

-Reducing injection force by combining solution with coated microparticles

- Coated IgG1 mAb (60% protein, w/w, D<sub>50</sub> 10 μm) was suspended in mAb-containing solution (30 mg/ml, red bars)
- Compared vs solution in His-NaAc buffer, pH 5.5
- 2-mL syringe, fitted with 26 G×13mm hypodermic needle, 180  $\mu$ l/s (5.6 s/mL)
- Suspension in mAb solution vehicle facilitates ultrahigh concentration delivery of API through narrow gauge needles





### Antibody (mAb) formulation with PharmaShell®

-Maintaining affinity after coating

- Affinity to the antigen was measured through enzymatic ligation assay (ELISA) and compared between processing steps
  - Solvent exchange
  - Spray-drying
  - PharmaShell<sup>®</sup>-coating
- Coated mAb was not significantly different from unprocessed mAb
- Disclaimer: Bioavailability may be reduced (inconclusive data)







### PharmaShell<sup>®</sup>

Next-gen injectables with atomic layer precision

#### PharmaShell<sup>®</sup> key attributes

- Controlled Onset and Release: Provides quick and sustained efficacy for weeks to months.
- Ultra-High Drug Load: Allows for low injection volumes, enhancing patient comfort.
- Versatile: PharmaShell<sup>®</sup> technology can control the release of any API. The half-life of the API is irrelevant. No changes to the API structure are needed.
- ✓ **Ease of Administration:** Simple and convenient for users.
- ✓ **Outstanding Stability:** Eliminates the need for cold-chain.





Do you want to know more or initiate partner discussions?

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### Thank you for listening!

