

Biotron *ASX:BIT*

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Milestones Achieved in 2011/2012

- **Clinical Programs:**

- HCV – Completed Phase 2a trial; positive data recorded
- HIV - Phase 2a trial commenced end 2011; data expected 1Q2013
- HIV/HCV co-infected - Phase 2 trial commenced Oct 2012

- **Non-Clinical Programs:**

- Progressed development of next-generation HCV inhibitor
 - BIT314 has increased potency; good safety and druggability characteristics in preclinical tests done to date

Milestones Achieved in 2011/2012

- **Value-adding, supporting R&D activities:**
 - Manufactured 10kg GMP BIT225
 - Developed a capsule formulation for future trials
 - Commenced three-month toxicology/safety studies

- **Other:**
 - Strengthened Biotron's team – new staff and directors
 - Strong financial position after raising \$8 million in Dec 2011

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

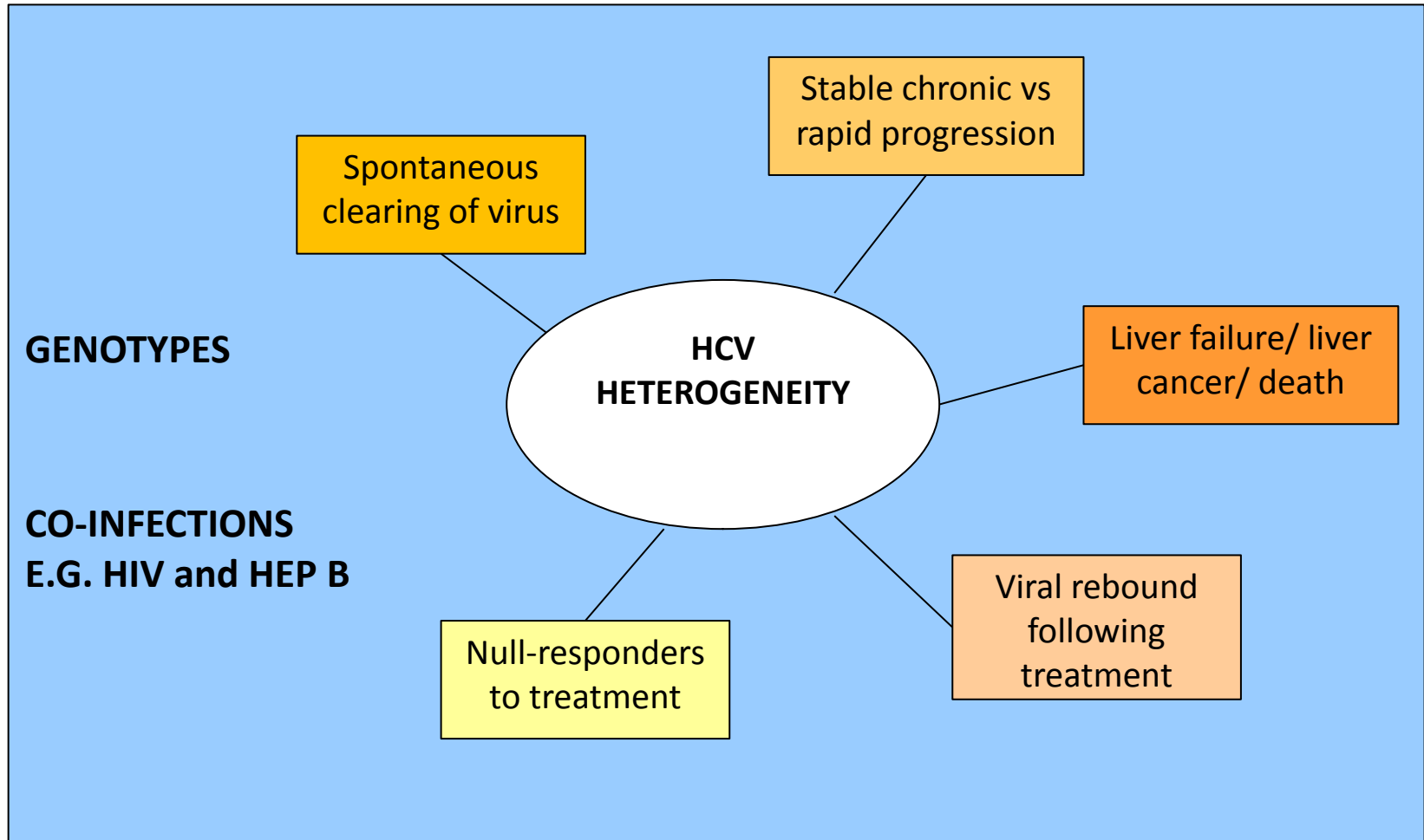
BIT225 has demonstrated clinical efficacy against HCV

- **What does this mean?**
- **Where does BIT225 fit with other HCV programs?**
- **Where to next?**

HCV - Background

- 180 m people infected worldwide (3% world population); 130 m are chronically infected; 4 m patients in US (2.7 m chronically infected)
- Majority of infected patients remain untreated or untreatable
 - Reportedly only 2.6% are treated each year
 - Up to 50% patients don't respond to current treatment
 - Standard of care is interferon and ribavirin
 - Significant side effect profile – high drop out rate
 - Documented need for new, safer, direct-acting antiviral (DAA) drugs

HCV – Complexity of Disease



Direct Acting Antivirals – What's the Story?

- Industry focus is on developing new direct-acting antivirals (DAAs)
- Future treatments expected to be cocktails of different classes of DAAs
 - Remember HIV (multi-drug resistance; evolution of treatment options)
- Likely to be more than one cocktail to cover the wide spectrum of HCV disease

There is unlikely to be just one “winner” in the HCV race

CLASSES IN DEVELOPMENT

Interferon-lambda

NS5B (polymerase)
inhibitors

NS5A inhibitors

NS3 (protease)
inhibitors - NEW

P7 inhibitors
BIT225

NS4B

APPROVED

Interferon-alpha

Ribavirin

NS3 (protease)
inhibitors

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Direct Acting Antivirals – Race isn't over

***BIT225**

	NS5B** (polymerase)	NS5A	NS4B	Entry Inhibitors	NS3 (protease)	p7
Phase 1	5	6	1	1	1	0
Phase 2	11	0	0	0	8	1*
Phase 3	1	1	0	0	3	0
Phase 4 (approved)	0	0	0	0	2	0

Source – clinicaltrials.gov (Nov 2012)

****Over 12 NS5B drugs have failed or been withdrawn since 2007**

- including Ph2 BMS/Inhibitex drug bought for \$2.5 billion in Jan 2012

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Future for HCV Treatment

- In the absence of a crystal ball, but based on latest data and key opinions at AASLD:
 - Likely to have a NS5B polymerase and a NS3 protease at its core
 - Likely to include ribavirin
 - At least one, and most likely two, other classes of drugs
 - Ideally, one of these will be BIT225
 - There will most likely be a number (maybe 2-4) different combinations to treat the whole spectrum of HCV disease, for example:

NS5B	NS3
RBV	p7

NS5B	NS3
RBV	NS5A

NS5B	NS3
NS4B	p7

Factors Affecting Treatment Options

Complex disease which will require a range of treatment options, including different combinations of DAAs

- What will determine treatment selection?
 - Price
 - Side-effect profile
 - Interaction with other drugs
 - Disease status
 - Efficacy (genotype, responder status, etc)
 - Evolution of treatment options as new drugs come to market
 - Commercial interests



Where are the Treatment Gaps?

- Despite recent encouraging data from various trials, significant gaps remain
- Hard-to-treat groups include:
 - Genotype 1a
 - Null-responders
 - Partial responders
 - HCV/HIV co-infected population

BIOTRON'S ANTIVIRAL PROGRAM UPDATE

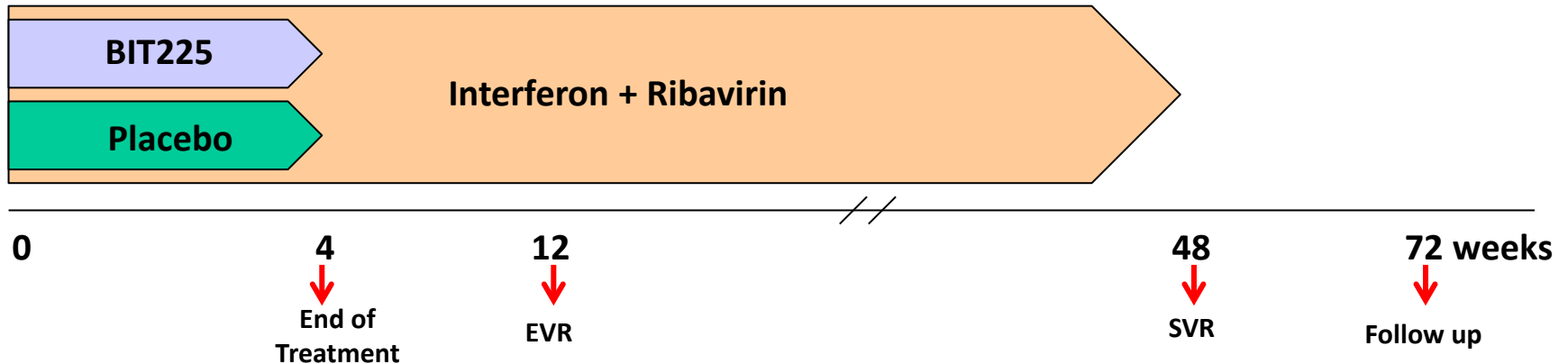
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BIT225 and HCV

- ✓ Only one of its class (p7 inhibitor) in clinical trials
- ✓ Works at later stage of virus life cycle to other classes of drugs
- ✓ Doesn't readily generate resistance
- ✓ Synergistic with HCV polymerase inhibitors in laboratory studies
- ✓ Active against hard-to-treat genotype 1a
- ✓ Potential for use in HCV/HIV co-infected patients

HCV Phase 2 Trial Design & Results



Treatment	12 WEEKS Early Response*	48 WEEKS Sustained Response*
400 mg BIT225 + SOC	86%	100%
200 mg BIT225 + SOC	88%	88%
Placebo + SOC	63%	75%

*virus levels below limit of detection i.e. 50 IU/ml

HCV Phase 2 Trial Results

- Clear demonstration that this first in class, direct-acting antiviral drug has good antiviral activity in treatment-naïve genotype 1 patients
 - Includes difficult to treat genotype 1a
- Well tolerated at the doses selected in trial
- Confirmed preclinical findings that BIT225 is synergistic with IFN and ribavirin
- Potential to combine with new classes of DAAs
 - Preclinical efficacy studies demonstrated synergism with NS5B polymerase inhibitors

BIT225 and HIV

- Current international focus on strategies for elimination or cure of HIV

BIT225 Prevents production of infectious virus in reservoir cells

Potential to eliminate this long-lived source of virus in the body

- Commenced a Phase 1b/2a trial in HIV-positive patients in September 2011
 - 24 patients, HIV+, treatment-naïve, high viral loads, healthy CD4 counts
- Biotron has a unique position as BIT225 works on both HIV and HCV
 - No other drugs target both viruses

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HCV/HIV Co-Infected Background

- 20 – 40% HIV-infected patients are also infected with HCV in the US
- Significantly worse prognosis than mono-infected
- Faster HCV disease progression
- Trials in progress:

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	NS5B (polymerase)	NS5A	NS3 (protease)	p7
Phase 1	0	0	0	0
Phase 2	0	0	0	1*
Phase 3	0	1	2 (new) 2 (approved**)	0
Phase 4 (approved)	0	0	0	0

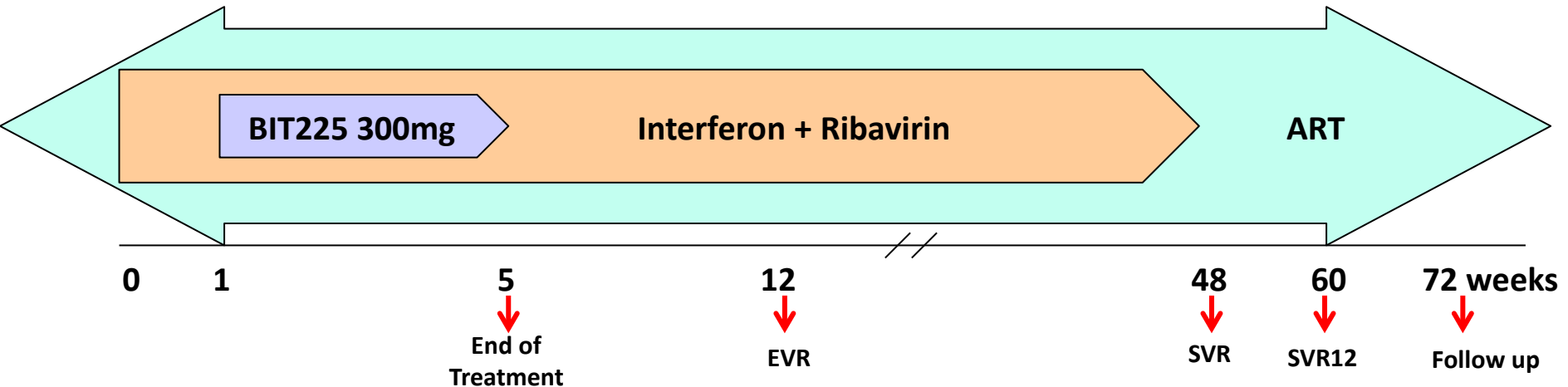
**Approved for HCV (not HIV/HCV)

Potential for adverse drug-drug interactions

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HCV/HIV Phase 2 Trial Design



- 12 patients
 - HIV+, on antiretroviral treatment (ART) with stable disease
 - HCV+, treatment-naïve
 - Genotypes 1, 2 and 3
- Commenced October 2012
- Expected to run through 1H2013

BIT225 - Supporting Activities Update

- Completed manufacture of 10 kg of GMP BIT225
 - Demonstrated robustness and reproducibility of manufacturing process
 - Sufficient for current and anticipated near-future clinical trials
- Completed development of an improved, capsule formulation of BIT225
 - Important for ease of use, handling, and patient compliance in future larger scale trials
- Commenced three-month toxicology/safety studies
 - Essential for longer-term clinical trials
- These are critical activities in BIT225's development path, and central to achieving a successful commercial outcome for BIT225.



BIT314 – Next Generation for HCV

- Designed as a follow-on from BIT225
- Increased potency against p7
- Favourable safety and druggable characteristics in preclinical testing to date
- Undergoing extensive pharmacological analyses

- Anticipate moving BIT314 to manufacture and formal preclinical tox/safety studies in 1H2013, and into first-in-human studies in the 2H2013

STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR BIOTRON'S ANTIVIRAL PROGRAM

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BIT225 – Potential Future

- **Hepatitis C**
 - Part of combination cocktail with polymerase and protease inhibitors
 - Unique mode of action
 - Good drug-drug interaction profile
 - Limited alternative classes for combinations
- **HIV**
 - Add-on to anti-retroviral treatment to clean out underlying reservoirs
- **HIV/HCV**
 - Part of combination cocktail with either IFN/RBV and/or other new DAAs

BIT225 – What are the Next Steps?

- Other DAA HCV trials moving to at least 3 month dosing
 - Need 3 month human data with BIT225 before can be considered for combination with other new DAAs
 - Require 3 month tox/safety studies for these longer duration human studies
- Proof-of-concept in the clinic against HIV
- Activity against HCV in HIV/HCV co-infected population
- Development of next-generation inhibitors
 - Validates Biotron's ability to design and develop clinically-relevant inhibitors of viroporin proteins found in a range of viruses

Multiple shots on goal driving asset value

Activities/Milestones for 2012/13

Clinical Activities:

- Complete Ph 2a HIV trial (1Q2013)
- Complete Ph 2 HIV/HCV co-infected trial (1H2013)
- Conduct bioequivalence study in healthy volunteers with new BIT225 capsule formulation (1H2013)
- Commence three-month Phase 2b HCV trial (2H2013)

Non-Clinical Activities:

- Complete the three-month toxicology studies (1H2013)
- Progress BIT314 through process development, scale-up activities, and preclinical toxicology studies (1H2013)

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