A 52 Week Randomized, Double-Blind Phase 2 Study of Intra-Articular, Wnt Pathway Inhibitor (SM04690) for Osteoarthritis

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## Knee osteoarthritis (OA), the Wnt pathway, and SM04690

- The Wnt pathway is upregulated in OA.<sup>1,2</sup> Inhibition may regenerate and protect articular cartilage
- SM04690 is a small-molecule Wnt pathway inhibitor for potential treatment of knee OA. In preclinical studies:
  - Inhibited inflammation and cartilage degradation, regenerated cartilage<sup>3</sup>
  - Demonstrated sustained local exposure and no systemic toxicity<sup>3,4</sup>
- A phase 1 study suggested a single SM04690 injection had potential for improving symptoms and maintaining joint space in knee OA subjects<sup>4</sup>
- Results from a 52 week, phase 2 study are presented
- 1. Rudnicki JA and Brown AM. (1997) Dev Biol.
- 2. Thomas RS, et al. (2011) Arthritis Res Ther.
- Deshmukh V, et al. (2017) Osteoarthritis Cartilage.
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### SM04690-OA-02: Phase 2 study design

2mL Injection at Day 1



Primary objective: Change from baseline in WOMAC pain at Week 13

- **Clinical Assessments:** WOMAC Function, Pain; Patient and MD Global Assessment; SF-36
- Imaging: Fixed flexion knee X-ray with QuAP™ positioner
- ··· Safety Assessments: Adverse events (AEs), Vital signs, Physical exam, Lab panels

# SM04690-OA-02: Demographics (ITT analysis set)

		0.03 mg	0.07 mg	0.23 mg	Placebo	All subjects
Ν		112	117	110	116	455
Age at Consent (Years) [Mean (SD)]		59.0 (9.0)	60.0 (8.2)	61.3 (8.7)	60.7 (8.9)	60.3 (8.7)
BMI (kg/m²) [Mean (SD)]		29.8 (4.8)	30.8 (4.7)	29.6 (4.5)	29.2 (4.4)	29.9 (4.6)
Female [n(%)]		68 (60.7%)	60 (51.3%)	68 (61.8%)	72 (62.1%)	268 (58.9%)
Race [n(%)]						
	White	92 (82.1%)	102 (87.2%)	96 (87.3%)	102 (87.9%)	392 (86.2%)
	African-American	18 (16.1%)	14 (12.0%)	12 (10.9%)	10 (8.6%)	54 (11.9%)
	Asian	1 (0.9%)	0	2 (1.8%)	0	3 (0.7%)
KL Grade 3 [n(%)]		74 (66.1%)	74 (63.2%)	70 (63.6%)	74 (63.8%)	292 (64.2%)
Unilateral Symptomatic OA [n(%)]		45 (40.2%)	35 (29.9%)	45 (40.9%)	39 (33.6%)	164 (36.0%)

# Incidence of Adverse Events ([AE], safety analysis set)

AE(s) Reported* >2% [#AE / N(%)]	0.03 mg	0.07 mg	0.23 mg	Placebo	All Subjects
Arthralgia	16 / 13 (11.7)	14 / 13 (11.4)	13 / 9 (8.7)	12 / 10 (9.3)	61 / 49 (10.8)
Joint swelling	5 / 3 (2.7)	4 / 4 (3.5)	2 / 2 (1.9)	6 / 5 (4.6)	17 / 14 (3.1)
Upper respiratory tract infection	5 / 5 (4.5)	2 / 2 (1.8)	1 / 1 (1.0)	3 / 3 (2.8)	12 / 12 (2.7)
Hypertension	0 / 0 (0.0)	4 / 4 (3.5)	4 / 4 (3.8)	3 / 3 (2.8)	11 / 11 (2.4)
Nasopharyngitis	4 / 4 (3.6)	3 / 3 (2.6)	3 / 3 (2.9)	0 / 0 (0.0)	11 / 11 (2.4)
Osteoarthritis	4 / 3 (2.7)	2 / 2 (1.8)	3 / 3 (2.9)	5 / 3 (2.8)	14 / 11 (2.4)
Headache	0 / 0 (0.0)	6 / 3 (2.6)	2 / 2 (1.9)	4 / 4 (3.7)	13 / 10 (2.2)
Joint effusion	5 / 4 (3.6)	2 / 2 (1.8)	1 / 1 (1.0)	2 / 2 (1.9)	10 / 9 (2.0)
Sinusitis	1 / 1 (0.9)	2 / 2 (1.8)	1 / 1 (1.0)	5 / 5 (4.6)	9 / 9 (2.0)
Urinary tract infection	2 / 2 (1.8)	2 / 2 (1.8)	3 / 2 (1.9)	3 / 3 (2.8)	10 / 9 (2.0)
	0.03 mg	(n=111) 0.07 m	ng (n=114)	0.23 mg (n=104)	Placebo (n=108)
Subjects Reporting AE(s) [N(%)]	61 (5	5.0) 65	(57.0)	47 (45.2)	53 (49.1)
Subjects Reporting No AE(s) [N(%)]	50 (4	5.0) 49	(43.0)	57 (54.8)	55 (50.9)
Subjects Reporting SAE(s) [#AE / N(%)]	7/5 (4	4.5) 12/	4 (3.5)	5/4 (3.8)	3/3 (2.8)

No SAEs were deemed related to study drug by PI

### SM04690-OA-02: Analysis groups

- Intention-to-treat population (ITT, n=455): all randomized subjects
  - 'Unilateral symptomatic' population (UNI, n=164):
    - Pre-specified, investigator designated target knee with most pain
    - Determined per protocol on patient history and examination
    - Contralateral knee pain threshold not limited at enrollment
- KL: Non-target knee ≥ target knee in 91% of subjects
  - KL grade distribution between UNI and bilateral symptomatic subjects was similar
- Missing data imputed using multiple imputation

#### WOMAC Pain [0-50] Actual scores (mean) and ladder plots comparing mean (± 95%CI) to placebo

ITT



**Unilateral Symptomatic** 

\*Denotes P<0.05. Comparisons from Baseline-adjusted ANCOVA versus Placebo. †MCID: Minimal Clinically Important Difference: 10% (5 points) of WOMAC Pain subscore.

# WOMAC Function [0-170]

ITT

Actual scores (mean) and ladder plots comparing mean (± 95%CI) to placebo



\*Denotes P<0.05. Comparisons from Baseline-adjusted ANCOVA versus Placebo. ‡MCID: Minimal Clinically Important Difference defined as 10% (17 points) of WOMAC Function subscore.

Cooper C, et al. (2013) Curr Med Res.

**Unilateral Symptomatic** 

# Medial joint space width ([mJSW], mm)

ITT

Actual measurements (mean) and ladder plots comparing mean (± 95%CI) to placebo

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\*Denotes P<0.05. Comparisons from Baseline-adjusted ANCOVA versus Placebo. §MDD: Minimal Detectable Difference defined as 0.13 mm of medial joint space width.

Dupuis DE, et al. (2003) OAC.

**Unilateral Symptomatic** 

### Discussion

#### This proof-of-concept study

- Did not meet primary objective for ITT population
- Identified a potential target population
  - UNI subjects probably discriminated target knee WOMAC outcomes better than bilateral symptomatic subjects<sup>1</sup>
  - We hypothesize treated, relatively unloaded UNI knees provided enhanced environment for SM04690 to improve cartilage regeneration<sup>2,3</sup>
- Identified a potential therapeutic dose, SM04690 0.07 mg
  - Non-linear dose response observed
- Study limitations: no formal sample size, small subgroups

# Summary

This phase 2 trial demonstrated

- SM04690 appeared safe and well-tolerated
- Clinically meaningful improvements in WOMAC Pain and Function for all subjects at all time points compared with baseline
- Unilateral Symptomatic 0.07 mg SM04690 subgroup showed significant WOMAC Pain, Function, and mJSW improvements compared with PBO at 52 weeks

A Phase 2b study to confirm target population and dose is ongoing (NCT03122860)

# Thank you