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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 6-K**

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**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

May 2023

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Commission File Number: 001-41386

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**OKYO Pharma LTD**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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**9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
107 Cheapside  
London  
EC2V 6DN**  
(Address of registrant's principal executive office)

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### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

#### OKYO Pharma LTD

Date: May 3 2023

By: /s/ Keeren Shah

Name: Keeren Shah

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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**Exhibit 99.1**



# Targeting Dry Eye Disease with OK-101



Corporate Presentation

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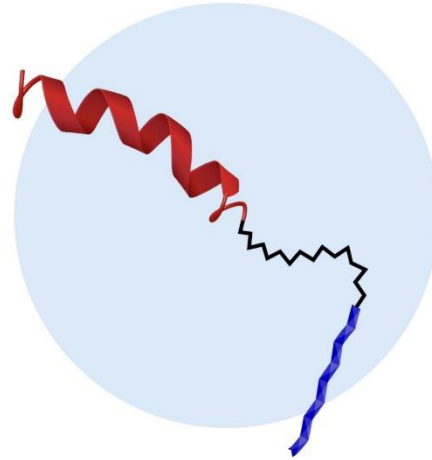
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### OK-101

New Chemical Entity Targeting both Inflammation and Ocular Pain in Dry Eye Disease

## Pipeline Focus: OK-101 to Treat Dry Eye Disease



\*Start of Phase 2 Trial Announced on May 2, 2023



## OK-101 Phase 2 Trial Start in DED Patients Announced on May 2, 2023

- » Pre-IND Meeting Held February 2022; FDA Concurrs First-in-human Trial to be Phase 2
- » FDA Agrees on Pre-Specified Co-primary Endpoints (Signs and Symptoms) for Phase 2 Trial
- » IND on OK-101 to treat DED patients cleared by FDA in December 2022
- » OK-101 Phase 2 Trial Top-line Data Anticipated before End of 2023



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## Dry Eye Disease: Overview



### Ocular Surface Damage

*Inadequate or unstable tears resulting in lack of moisture and progressive damage to the ocular surface*

### Inflammation & Pain: Key Symptoms of Dry Eye

*Tear film instability triggers chronic inflammation which leads to symptoms of pain, itchiness, burning, and blurry vision*

**700,000,000**  
Worldwide patients

**49,000,000**  
US patients

**Up to 35%**  
+50 yrs old affected

### Risk & Growth Factors

*Age 50 or older, Female, Wear contact lenses, Digital screen time*



Sources: Papas et al. Ophthalmic Physiol Opt. 2021; 41:1254; Paulsen et al. (2014) AJO 157: 799-806  
Farrand et al. AJO. 2017;182:90. Dana et al, AJO 2019, 202:47; Gayton et al. (2008) Clinical Ophthalmology; 3 405-412

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## Limits of Current Standard of Care

5 FDA Approved Drugs on Market With Inadequate Efficacy, Slow Onset of Action, and Numerous Side Effects

	API	<sup>1</sup> Limitations
<b>Restasis</b> Allergan	0.05% cyclosporine	Delayed response, up to 6 months to improve symptoms, burning sensation when instilled <b><sup>2</sup> 70% patients do not refill Rx at Month 12</b>
<b>Xiidra</b> Novartis	5% LFA-1antagonist	Eye irritation and burning sensation, change in taste <b><sup>2</sup> 70% patients do not refill Rx at Month 12</b>
<b>Cequa</b> Sun Pharma	0.09% cyclosporine	Burning, pain upon instillation, blurry vision, UTI (side effects on label)
<b>Eysuvis</b> Alcon	0.25% loteprednol	Short-term treatment only (maximum 2 weeks)
<b>Tyrvaya</b> Viatris	0.03 mg / inhalation Varenicline	Sneezing, cough & throat irritation (side effects on label)



<sup>1</sup> Side Effect profiles from Drug Labels

<sup>2</sup> White DE, (2020) Ocular Surgery News: Issue February 25, 2020

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## Global DED\* Market Expected to Reach ~\$6.5 Billion by 2027



» ~\$3.8 Billion Annual Healthcare Costs\*

» ~\$50 Billion Annual Costs of Managing DED to US Economy†

» Current Treatment Options Inadequate

» More Effective Treatment May Increase Market Size



\*Market Research Report, Dry Eye Syndrome Market, FBI102413, Dec. 2020

†Yu J et al, Cornea. 2011; 30: 379

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## OK-101: A Lipid-Conjugated Chemerin Peptide

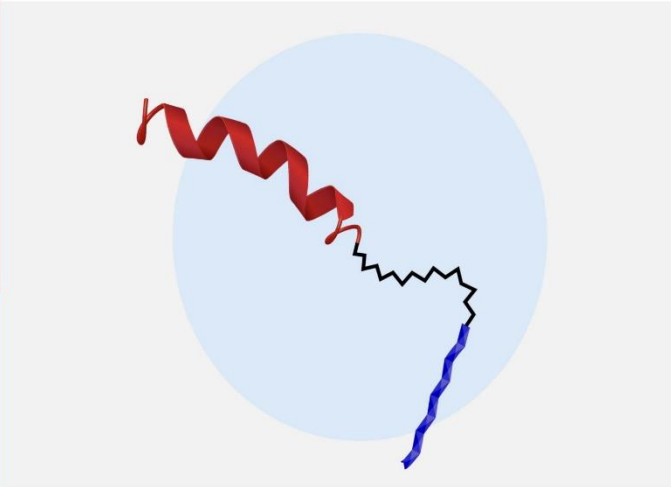
First-in-class drug candidate with anti-inflammatory and ocular pain reducing property

Lipid conjugated peptide chemistry minimizes drug washout and enhances the potency

Preservative free, EDTA free

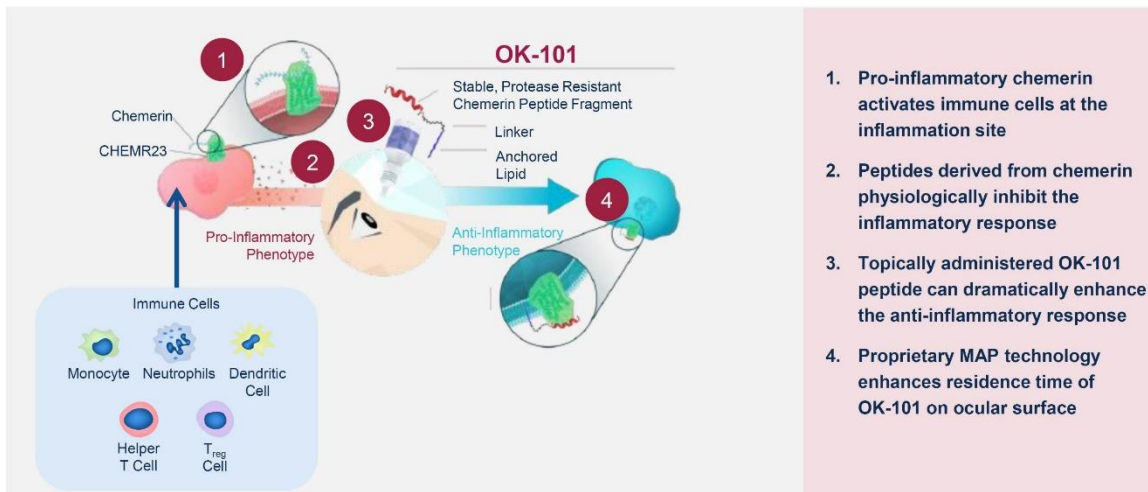
Simple, stable formulation

OKYO has exclusive license for OK-101, a novel membrane-anchored chemerin peptide from OTTx Therapeutics (Boston, MA)



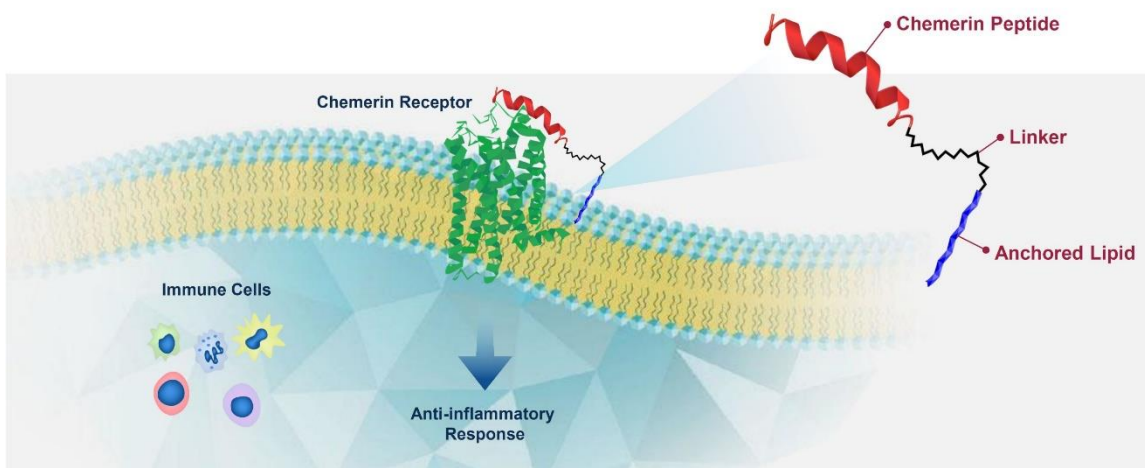
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## Chemerin Derived Peptide: A Potential Regulator of Inflammation & Pain



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## OK-101: Targeting Chemerin Receptor

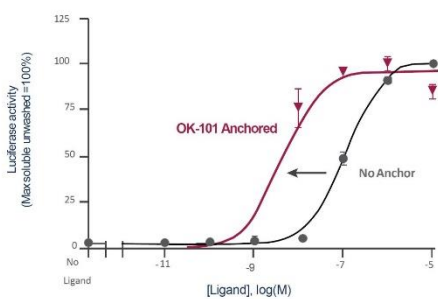


## Membrane Anchoring Improves Potency, Durability

\*In-vitro studies

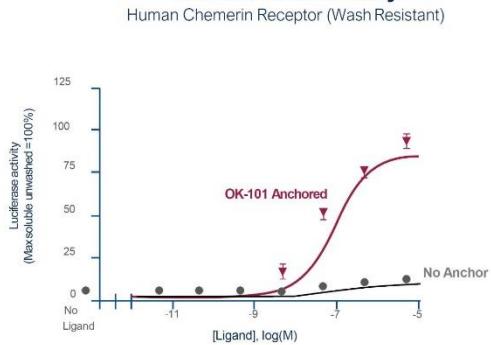
### Enhanced Potency

Human Chemerin Receptor



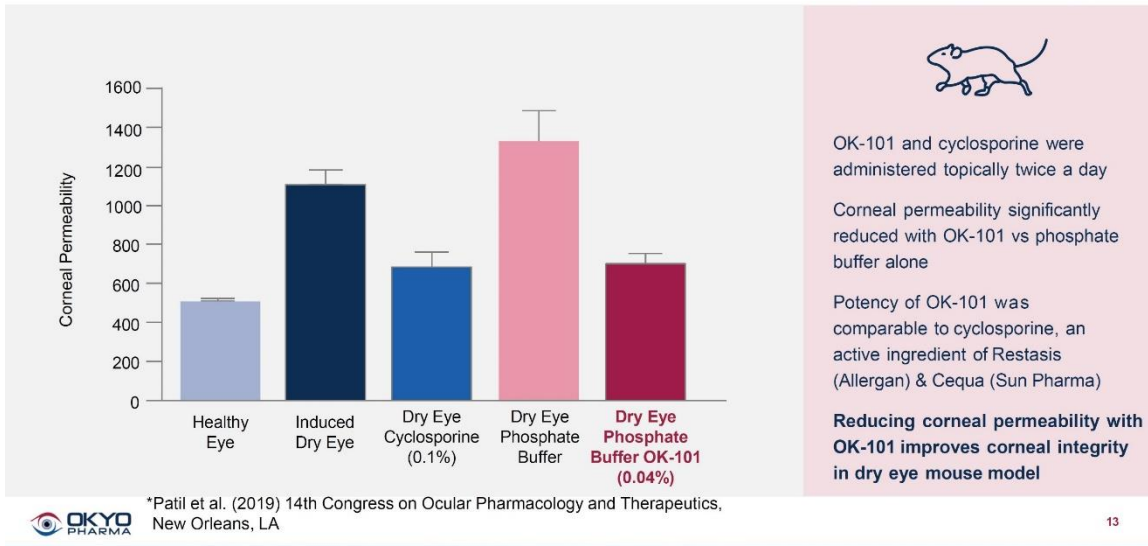
### Increased Durability

Human Chemerin Receptor (Wash Resistant)

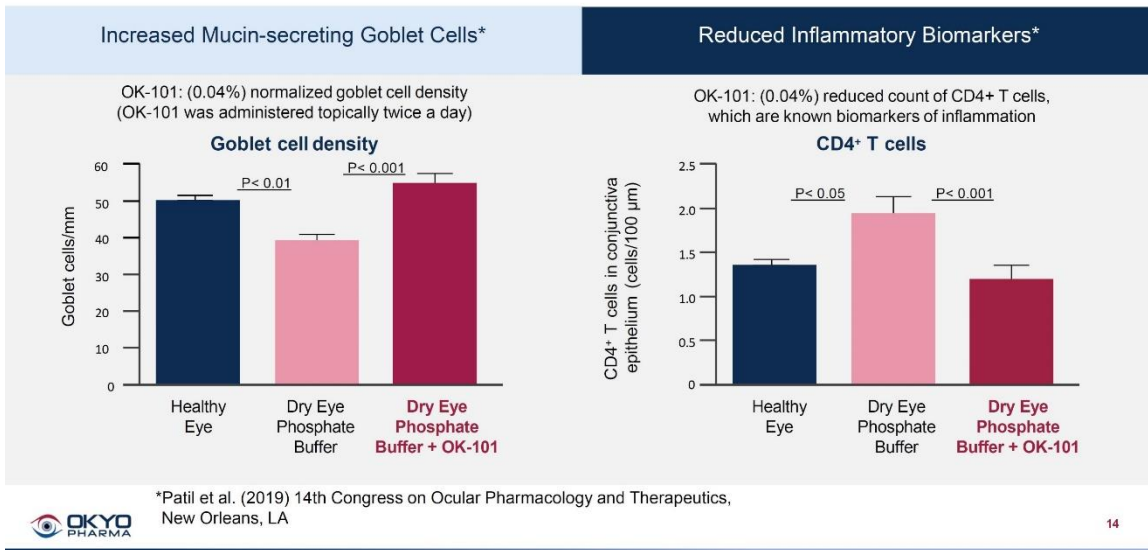




## Validation: OK-101 Efficacy in Dry Eye Mouse Model



## OK-101 Normalized Goblet Cells & Reduced Inflammatory CD4 T Cells



## Corneal Neuropathic Pain in Dry Eye Disease



Dry-eye patients suffer from corneal neuropathic pain, making their condition more resistant to anti-inflammatory drugs

No FDA approved topical treatment for ocular pain

ChemR23 receptor on leukocytes targeted by OK-101 is **also** expressed on neurons and glial cells in the dorsal root ganglion and spinal cord

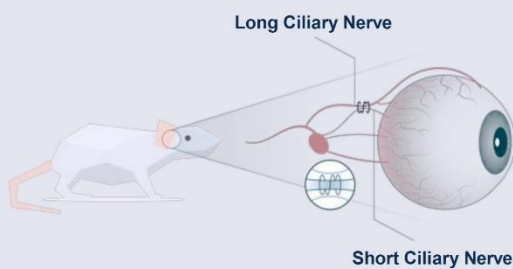
Such patients would benefit from a drug that comprises anti-inflammatory and neuropathic pain reducing characteristics

OK-101: a promising candidate for the treatment of both inflammation *and* pain

## OK-101 Reduced Corneal Neuropathic Pain in Mouse Model

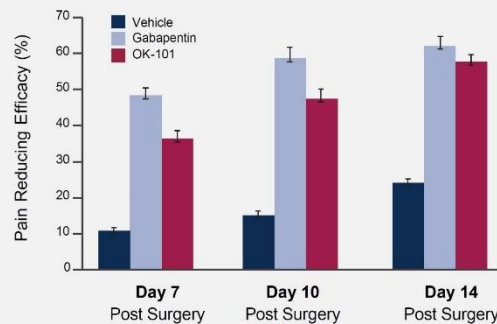
### Ciliary Ligation Model\* Illustrates OK-101 Potential to Reduce Ocular Pain

Ciliary nerve ligation surgery to create the corneal neuropathic pain (CNP) model



\* Collaboration with Dr. Pedram Hamrah, Tufts Medical Center, Boston (Kenyon B, ARVO Abstract 4085, 2020)

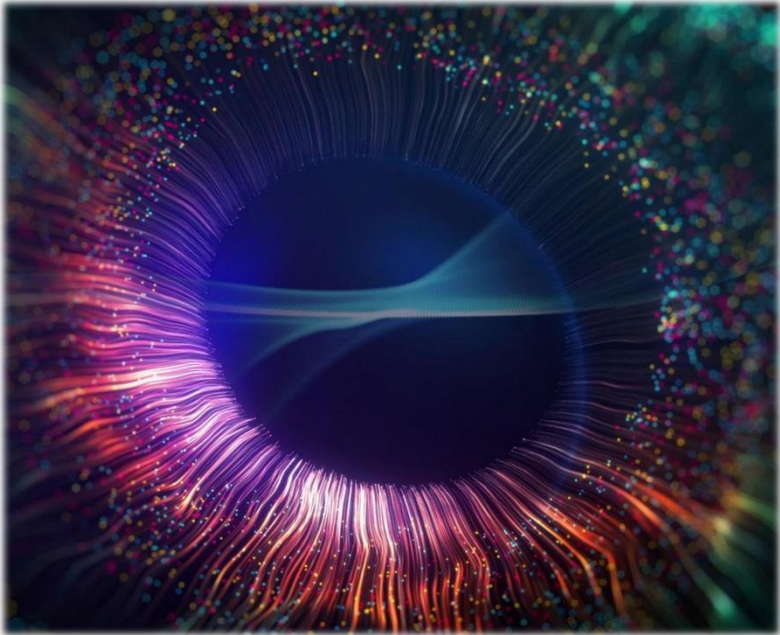
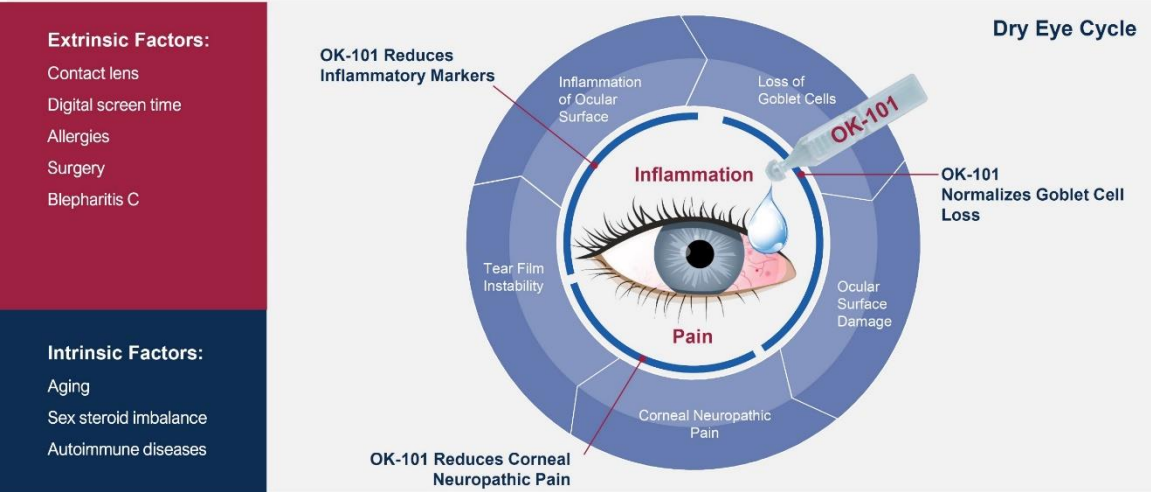
### OK-101<sup>1</sup> Reduced Corneal Pain Response Similar to Gabapentin<sup>2</sup> (GBP)



<sup>1</sup> Topical administration (0.04%)

<sup>2</sup> Administered by intraperitoneal injection, 100 mg/kg once at Day 4, 7, 10, and 14

# OK-101 Addresses Inflammation and Pain Components of Dry Eye



**OK-101**  
Clinical Development

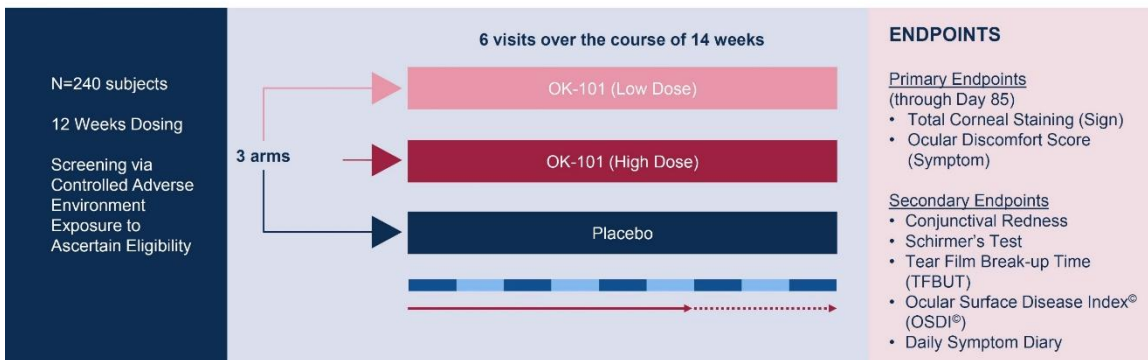
## OK-101 Development Timeline



## Phase 2 Trial Design

### Primary Objective:

Compare safety and efficacy of OK-101 to placebo for the treatment of the signs and symptoms of dry eye



## Patent Protection up to 2039

OK-101 Technology:	OK-201 Technology:
Composition of Matter: US 10,233,219	Composition of Matter: US 10,899,796
Issued in US to 2034 with potential patent term extension up to 2039	Issued in US to 2036 (+70 days of *PTA) with potential patent term extension up to 2042
Dry Eye	Dry Eye, Pain, Inflammation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Method of Use: US 11,197,906</li> <li>Issued in US to 2037 with potential patent term extension up to 2041</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Method of Use: US 10,899,796</li> <li>Issued in US to 2036 (+70 days of *PTA) with potential patent term extension up to 2042</li> </ul>
Neuropathic Pain	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Method of Use: US11,254,720</li> <li>Issued in US to 2034 (+187 days of *PTA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issued European Patent on Comp. of Matter and Use for neuropathic pain, ocular pain, ocular inflammation, or dry eye: EP3373947</li> </ul>

## Comparable Companies

### M&A Transactions

Target	Acquirer	Date	Purchase Price	Target's Drug Candidates
Aerie Pharmaceuticals	Alcon (ALC)	Transaction closed on 11/22/2022	• \$770 million in cash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ROCKLATAN® and RHOPRESSA® for glaucoma</li> <li>AR-15512 – Ph3 candidate for DED</li> <li>Additional pipeline of ophthalmic candidates</li> </ul>
Oyster Point Pharma	Viatis (VTRS)	Transaction announced on 11/9/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~\$300m – \$350m (approximately 27m shares outstanding)</li> <li>A potential increase of \$2 per share for performance targets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TYRVAYA® nasal spray for DED</li> <li>Ph2 nasal spray for Neurotrophic Keratopathy Stage 1</li> </ul>
Kala Pharmaceuticals	Alcon (ALC)	Transaction announced on 07/11/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$60 million in upfront cash</li> <li>Undisclosed additional payments upon achievement of certain commercial milestones</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EYSUVIS® for short-term treatment to mitigate DED</li> <li>INVELTYS® for post-operative inflammation and pain following ocular surgery</li> </ul>

### Public Comps

Company	Ticker	Market Cap <sup>1</sup>	Designation	Stage / Candidates
Aldeyra Therapeutics	Nasdaq: ALDX	\$355 million	Ocular and retinal disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ph3 candidate for DED and allergic conjunctivitis</li> <li>Ph3 injection for Proliferative Vitreoretinopathy</li> <li>Ph2 injection for Retinitis Pigmentosa</li> </ul>
Palatin Technologies, Inc.	Nasdaq: PTN	\$25 million	DED and retinal disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ph3 candidate for DED</li> </ul>
Ocular Therapeutix	Nasdaq: OCUL	\$316 million	Ocular and retinal disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ph1 candidate for retina disease and diabetic retinopathy</li> <li>Ph2 candidate for glaucoma and ocular hypertension</li> <li>Ph2 candidate for DED</li> </ul>

1) Market Cap data from CapitalIQ as of January 18, 2022



## Experienced Team With Considerable Drug Development Expertise

### Management

#### Gary S. Jacob, PhD

##### Chief Executive Officer and Director

Co-inventor and developer of Synergy's FDA-approved drug Trulance, currently marketed by Bausch Health, Inc. 35 years of experience in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries.

#### Raj Patil, PhD

##### Chief Scientific Officer

30 years of academic/pharmaceutical R&D experience and leadership experience at Alcon, Novartis and Ora, all leaders in Ophthalmology

#### Keeren Shah

##### Chief Financial Officer

20 years of experience in controllership, financial planning and analysis, IPO offering and variety of finance positions at Visa Inc, Arthur Andersen, BBC Worldwide, Tiziana Life Sciences and Accustem Inc



### Board

#### Gabriele Cerrone

##### Chairman, Founder

Extensive experience founding, financing, restructuring, and listing multiple micro-cap biotechnology companies in oncology, infectious diseases, and molecular diagnostics.



#### Gary S. Jacob, PhD

##### Chief Executive Officer and Director

35 years of experience in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, R&D, operations, business development and capital financing activities

#### Willy Simon

##### Non-Executive Director

International banking experience gained in senior leadership positions at multiple financial institutions.



#### Bernard Denoyer

##### Non-Executive Director

Extensive financial management experience as Senior Vice President of Synergy Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Also served as Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President of META Group, Inc.



#### John Brancaccio

##### Non-Executive Director

Financial executive with extensive international and domestic experience in pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies



## Investment Highlights

- >> Novel Molecule Targets Both Ocular Inflammation and Pain, Two Major Symptoms Underserved by Current Dry Eye Therapies
- >> Addressing Unmet Need in ~\$5.5 Billion Market in Dry Eye Disease
- >> Start of Phase 2 Trial announced on May 2, 2023. Anticipated Top Line Data in Q4 2023
- >> Patent Protected until 2039
- >> Experienced Leadership





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