

PARADIGM

BIOPHARMA

---

CLINICAL TRIAL SYMPOSIUM | MARCH 16, 2023  
DR. DONNA SKERRETT | CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

# Disclaimer

---

This document, together with any information communicated by Paradigm Biopharmaceuticals Ltd ASX:PAR (known as “Paradigm”, “Paradigm Biopharma” or “the Company”), in any presentation or discussion relating to this document (collectively, “Information”) is confidential, and has been prepared by the Company on the condition that it is for the exclusive information and use of the recipient. The Information is proprietary to Paradigm and may not be disclosed to any third party or used for any other purpose without the prior written consent of the Company.

The Information is based upon management forecasts and reflects prevailing conditions, which are accordingly subject to change. In preparing the Information, the Company has relied upon and assumed, without independent verification, the accuracy and completeness of all information available from public sources, or which was otherwise reviewed by it. In addition, the analyses are not and do not purport to be appraisals of the assets, stock or business of the Company. Even when the Information contains a kind of appraisal, it should be considered preliminary, suitable only for the purpose described herein and should not be disclosed or otherwise used without the prior written consent of Paradigm. The Information is provided on the understanding that unanticipated events and circumstances may occur which may have significant valuation and other effects.

This Company presentation contains forward-looking statements, including statements regarding anticipated commencement dates or completions dates of preclinical or clinical trials, regulatory developments and regulatory approval.

These forward-looking statements are not guarantees or predictions of future performance, and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are beyond our control, and which may cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the statements contained in this presentation. Readers are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking statements. The rate and timing of enrolment of our clinical trials and the timing of top-line results of our clinical trials should be regarded as forward-looking statements and the actual dates could differ materially from the expectations and projections set forth in Company presentations or statements especially during a pandemic.

# About Paradigm

Paradigm Biopharmaceuticals Ltd is an Australian public company founded in 2014 that listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (PAR.ASX) in 2015.

SAS – Special Access Scheme  
EAP – Expanded Access Program  
ADL – Activities of Daily Living  
PGIC – Patient Global Impression of Change



Proven  
Molecule

## Pentosan polysulfate sodium for subcutaneous use (PPS, iPPS)

- PPS is a **non-opioid** with a 60-year track record treating pain, inflammation, and thrombosis in humans.



Lead  
Programs

## Osteoarthritis (OA) ZILOSUL®

- Zilosul® is a **phase 3 asset** being studied to treat pain & function, inflammation, and cartilage degeneration in OA.
- OA program granted FDA Fast Track.
- Globally harmonized protocol to secure simultaneous approval in all key jurisdictions.



Established  
Safety &  
Efficacy

## Mucopolysaccharidosis (MPS I & VI)

- Phase 2 asset in ultra rare disease.
- PPS has demonstrated potential to treat residual musculoskeletal symptoms in MPS as adjunct to standard of care therapy.

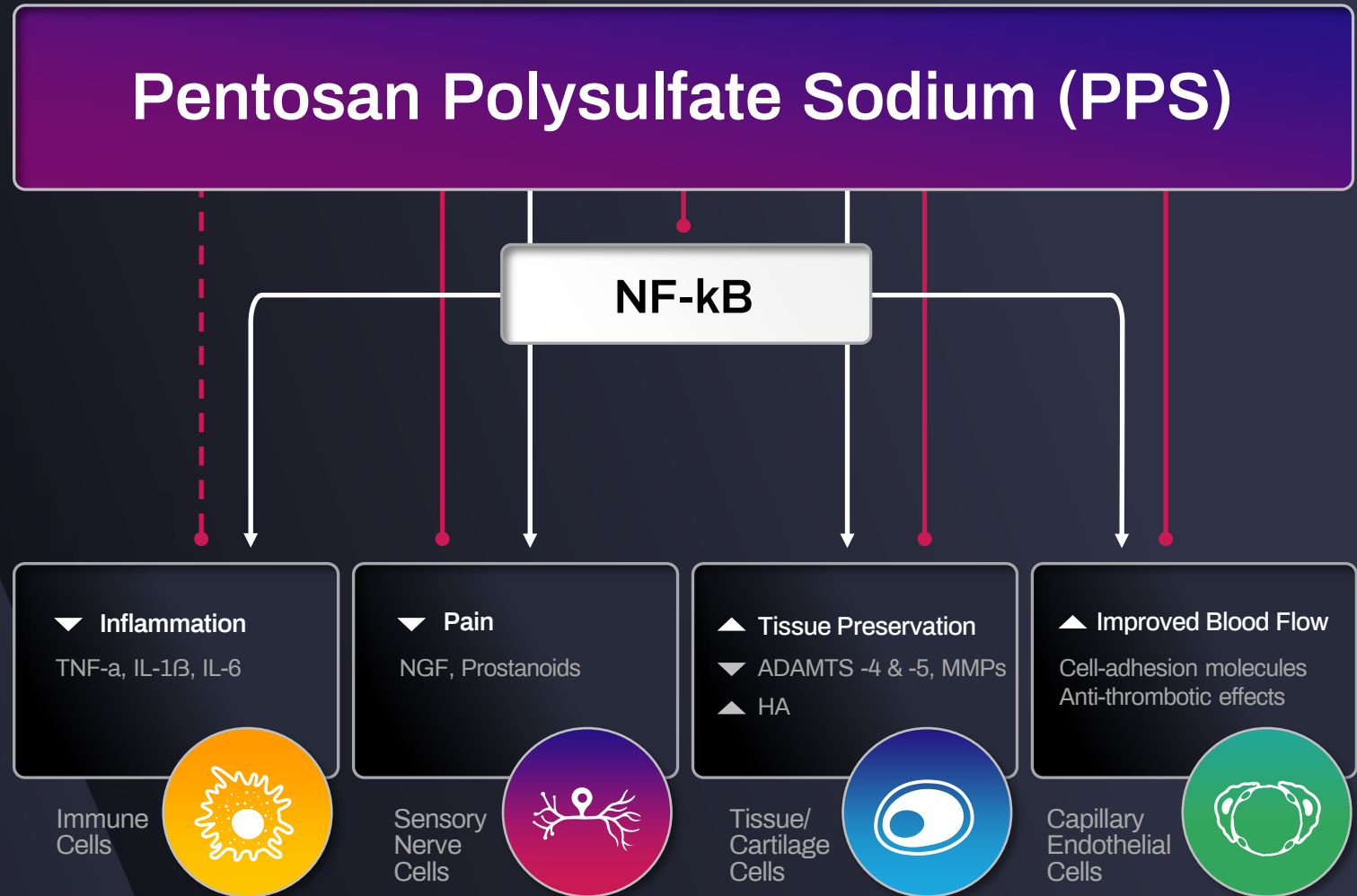
- Phase 2 OA trial provided encouraging evidence of **meaningful treatment effects** compared to placebo overall for pain, ADL, and PGIC.
- Real world evidence with 700+ OA patients treated via SAS in Australia and EAP in the US.

# Mechanism of action

Pentosan polysulfate sodium (PPS), a semi-synthetic macromolecular carbohydrate that resembles glycosaminoglycans, has several proposed mechanisms of action (Figure 1.)

- Inhibition of transcription factor NF-κB-mediated activation of the inflammatory cytokines, IL-1β and TNF-α (Sunaga et al, 2012; Bwalya et al, 2017)
- Reduce expression of NGF, a pain mediator, in osteocytes in subchondral bone (Stapledon et al, 2019)
- Inhibition of cartilage-degrading enzymes known to play a key role in progression of OA (Troeberg and Nagase, 2012; Troeberg et al, 2012)
- Mild antithrombotic activity, which acts to improve blood flow in subchondral bone (Kutlar et al, 2012), which is thought to help reduce the size of bone marrow lesions

Figure 1. Proposed pentosan polysulfate sodium mechanism of action



ADAMTS = a disintegrin and metalloproteinase with thrombospondin motif; ARGS = aggrecan amino acids alanine, arginine, glycine, and serine; β NGF = beta nerve growth factor; C2C = c-terminal telopeptide; COMP = cartilage oligomeric matrix protein; CTX-II = Type II collagen; IL = Interleukin; TNF-α = tumour necrosis factor alpha; TIMP-1 = tissue inhibitor matrix metalloproteinase 1.


# Pentosan Polysulfate Sodium

---

## Osteoarthritis (OA)



- Proof of concept - rodent model demonstrates biological activity of PPS in collagen-induced arthritis (CIA) model (Wijekoon et al, 2019).
- Translational - canine model of naturally occurring OA demonstrates improved pain and function (Read et al, 1996).
- In two clinical studies, PPS has been shown to reduce pain and improve joint function in patients with knee OA (Ghosh et al, 2005; Kumagai et al, 2010).



Paradigm Biopharma is developing injectable PPS (iPPS) for the treatment of OA pain and as a potential disease modifying treatment for OA

# Proof of Concept – Wijekoon et al, 2019

## Anti-arthritic effects of pentosan polysulfate in rats with collagen induced arthritis

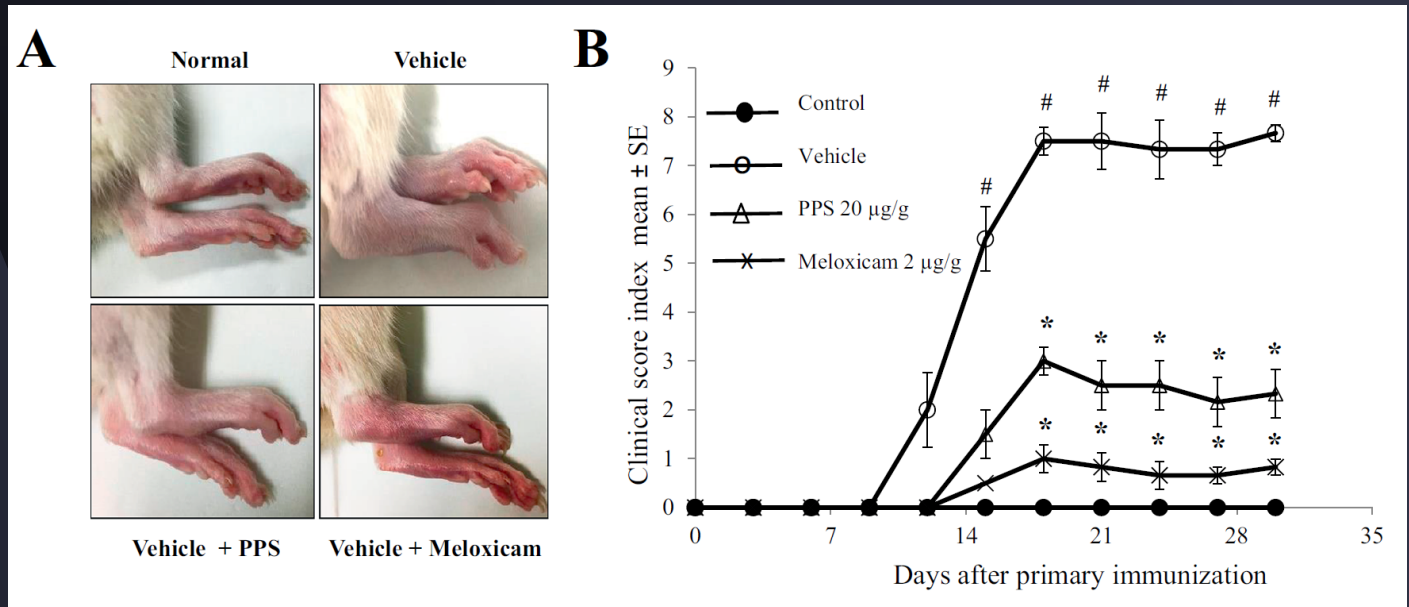
### METHODS

- Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) induced in female rats by intradermal administration of Type II collagen (CII) in incomplete Freund's adjuvant.
- Drug administration and model induction at Day 0.
- Two drug approaches were studied:
  - iPPS administration 20 mg/kg SC (human equivalent dose [HED] 3.22 mg/kg).
  - Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) meloxicam 2mg/kg.
- RA symptoms were monitored visually (A) and using Clinical Score Index (B).

### RESULTS

- PPS and meloxicam significantly ( $p < 0.05$ ) delayed the onset of arthritis and reduced ankle swelling, deformity and ankylosis (Figure 2A).
- Both drugs significantly ( $p < 0.05$ ) reduced the magnitude of arthritic effects measured by a clinical score index (Figure 2B).

Figure 2. Visual Effects (A) and Clinical Score Index (B) in Rats Treated with PPS



# Proof of Concept – Wijekoon et al, 2019

## Anti-arthritic effects of pentosan polysulfate in rats with collagen induced arthritis

### RESULTS

- PPS and meloxicam prevented cartilage degradation, bone erosions, and reduced inflammatory markers in synovial membranes (Table 1).
- Proof of in vivo mechanism of action of PPS was shown by reduction of markers of joint inflammation such as cathepsin k (CTK), tartrate-resistant acid phosphatase (TRAP) and cytokines, IL-1 $\beta$ , TNF- $\alpha$  in synovial membrane of rats.

### CONCLUSIONS

- In this translational study, PPS showed potential disease-modifying effects on collagen-induced arthritis in Sprague-Dawley Rats.
- PPS was shown to be well tolerated and effective in this rat model of arthritis.
- Optimization of PPS dose is required.

Table 1. Histological Score in Rats Treated with PPS and Meloxicam

| Histological score of rats.   |                    |                   |                      |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Histological parameter  | Vehicle<br>(n = 6) | PPS<br>(n = 6)    | Meloxicam<br>(n = 6) |
| Synovial mononuclear infiltrate<br>(0-3)  | 2.8 $\pm$ 0.20     | 0.5 $\pm$ 0.22**  | 0.16 $\pm$ 0.30**    |
| Synovial hyperplasia (0-3)  | 2.8 $\pm$ 0.20     | 0.83 $\pm$ 0.30** | 0**                  |
| Pannus extension (0-3)  | 2.8 $\pm$ 0.20     | 0.16 $\pm$ 0.16** | 0**                  |
| Synovial fibrosis (0-3)   | 2.4 $\pm$ 0.24     | 0.83 $\pm$ 0.30** | 0.16 $\pm$ 0.16**    |
| Cartilage erosions (0-3)  | 2.4 $\pm$ 0.40     | 0.1 $\pm$ 0.16**  | 0.6 $\pm$ 0.33**     |
| Cartilage degradation (0-3)<br>(Based on safranin-O<br>staining of proteoglycans) | 2 $\pm$ 0.31       | 0.8 $\pm$ 0.30*   | 1.16 $\pm$ 0.30      |
| Bone erosions (0-3)   | 2.8 $\pm$ 0.20     | 0.16 $\pm$ 0.16** | 0.16 $\pm$ 0.16**    |

# Translation – Read et al, 1996

## Systemic use of pentosan polysulfate in the treatment of osteoarthritis

### METHODS

- Subcutaneous PPS in naturally occurring OA in dogs
- Dose-response analysis in a double-blind study using 1-5 mg/kg PPS SC, 4 injections at 1-week intervals.

### RESULTS

- PPS 3 mg/kg effectively reduced lameness and joint pain upon manipulation.
- PPS improved body condition, and willingness to exercise.
- Orthopedic score was reduced by >50% 3-8 weeks post-PPS administration (\* $p < 0.05$  vs baseline; Figure 3).
- Pain scores were significantly reduced from 3-weeks post PPS-administration (\* $p < 0.05$  vs baseline; Figure 4).

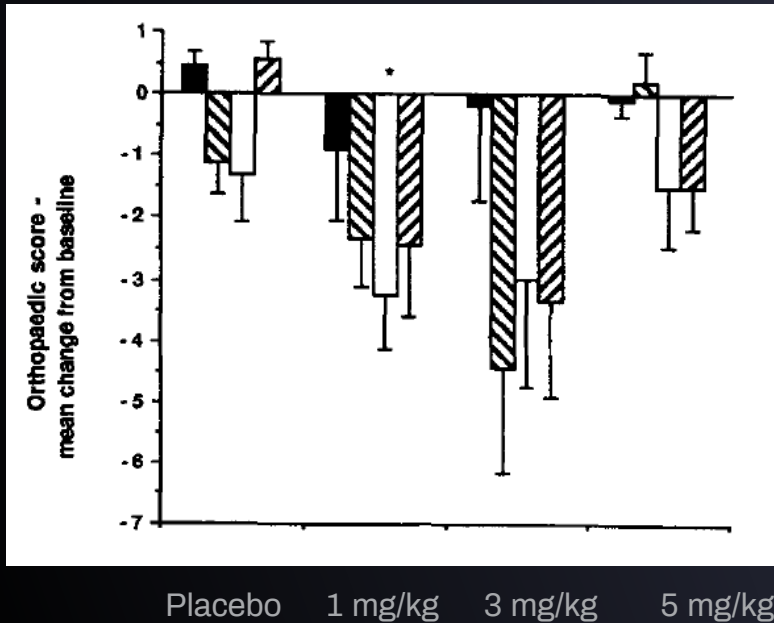


Figure 3.  
Orthopaedic  
Scores

#### Legend

- Week 2
- ▨ Week 3
- Week 4
- ▩ Week 8

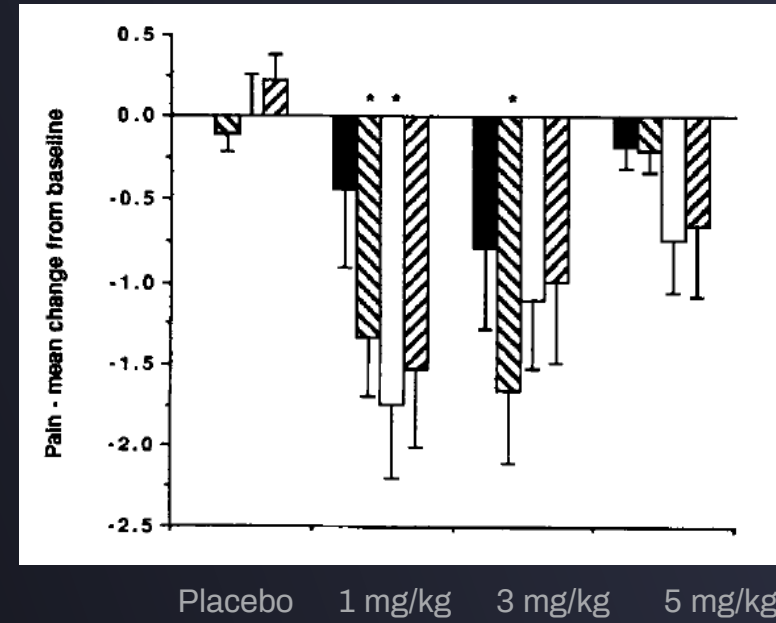


Figure 4.  
Pain  
Scores

#### Legend

- Week 2
- ▨ Week 3
- Week 4
- ▩ Week 8



# Pilot Trial – Ghosh et al, 2005

## Effects of pentosan polysulfate on osteoarthritis of the knee

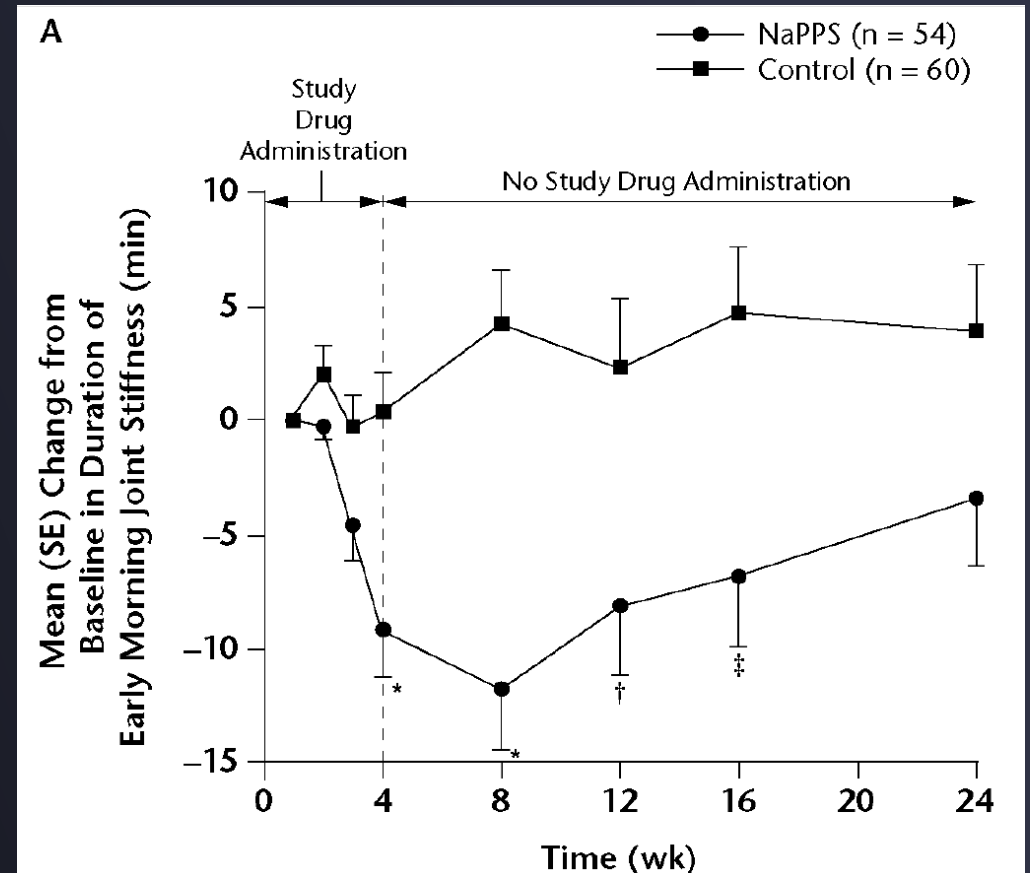
### METHODS

- A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study.
- Patient inclusion criteria:
  - $\geq 18$  years
  - OA of 1 or both knees
  - Score  $\geq 4$  on a 10-point Visual Analog Score (VAS) scale.
- Clinical trial design - PPS 3 mg/kg intramuscular once weekly for 4 weeks - clinical score was assessed at enrolment and weekly during the 4 weeks of treatment and at weeks 8, 12, 16, and 24.

### RESULTS

- Reduced stiffness with long duration (Figure 5).
- Reduced pain with long duration (Figure 6).
- Global assessment improved for 20 weeks after 4 weeks dosing- durable improvement (Figure 7)

Figure 5. Change from Baseline in Early Morning Joint Stiffness

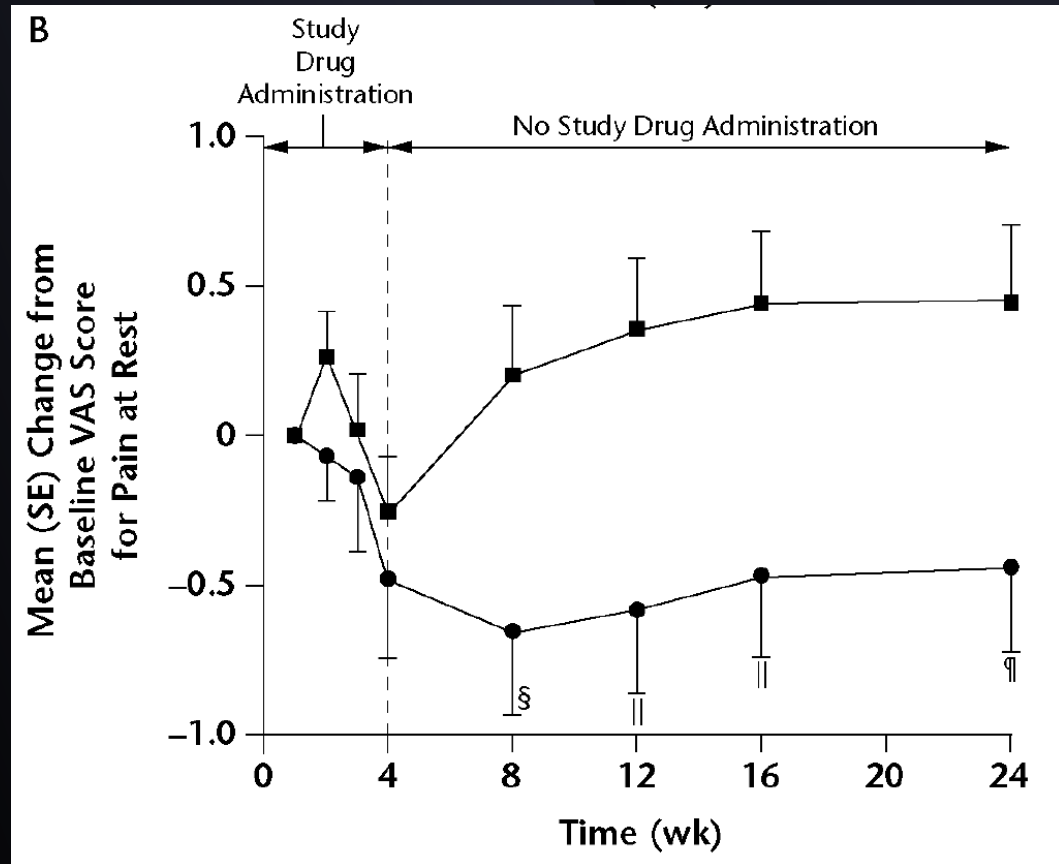


Min = minutes; NaPPS = pentosan polysulfate sodium; SE = standard error; wk = weeks. P versus control group: \* $< 0.001$ ; † $=0.015$ ; ‡ $=0.008$ .

# Pilot Trial – Ghosh et al, 2005 contd.

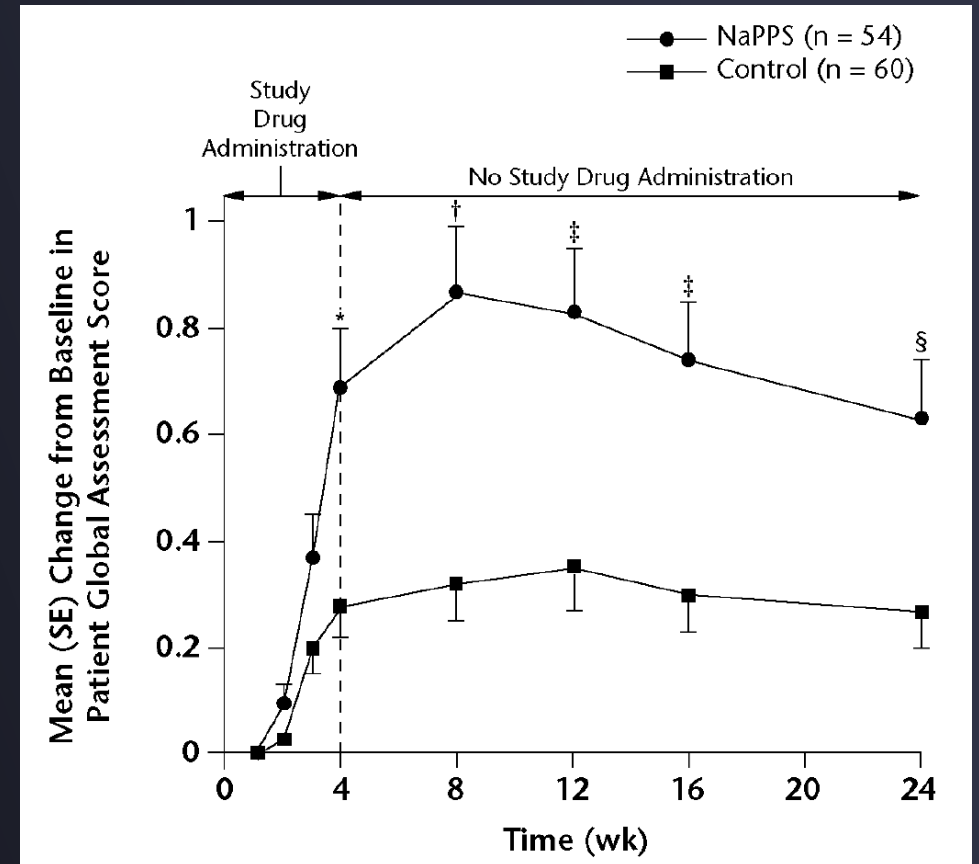
## Effects of pentosan polysulfate on osteoarthritis of the knee

Figure 6. Change from Baseline in Visual Analog Scale for Pain



NaPPS = pentosan polysulfate sodium; SE = standard error; VAS = visual analog scale; wk = weeks. P versus control group: §=0.016; ||=0.014; ¶=0.017.

Figure 7. Change from Baseline in Patient Global Assessment



NaPPS = pentosan polysulfate sodium; SE = standard error; wk = weeks. P versus control group: \* = 0.002; † < 0.001; ‡ = 0.001; § = 0.006.

# Study design

## PARA\_OA\_005

### Evaluating the effects of iPPS in subjects with knee OA and subchondral bone marrow lesions

- A phase 2b randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study.
  - 112 participants received placebo or iPPS 2 mg/kg twice weekly for 6 weeks.
  - Follow-up period out to 24 weeks.

---

| Study population                          |      |
|---|------|
| Participants (N)                          | 112  |
| OA history (years; mean)                  | 10.0 |
| K-L Grade 3 or 4 (%)                      | 81   |
| Baseline KOOS score (mean) – all subjects | 45   |
| iPPS                                      | 44   |
| Placebo                                   | 47   |
| Baseline NRS score 4–6 (n)                | 79   |
| Baseline NRS score 7–8 (n)                | 33   |

---

iPPS = injectable pentosan polysulfate sodium; K-L = Kellgren-Lawrence; KOOS = Knee Injury and Osteoarthritis Outcome; NRS = Numeric Rating Scale; OA = osteoarthritis

# PARA\_OA\_005

## Phase 2 Clinical Study

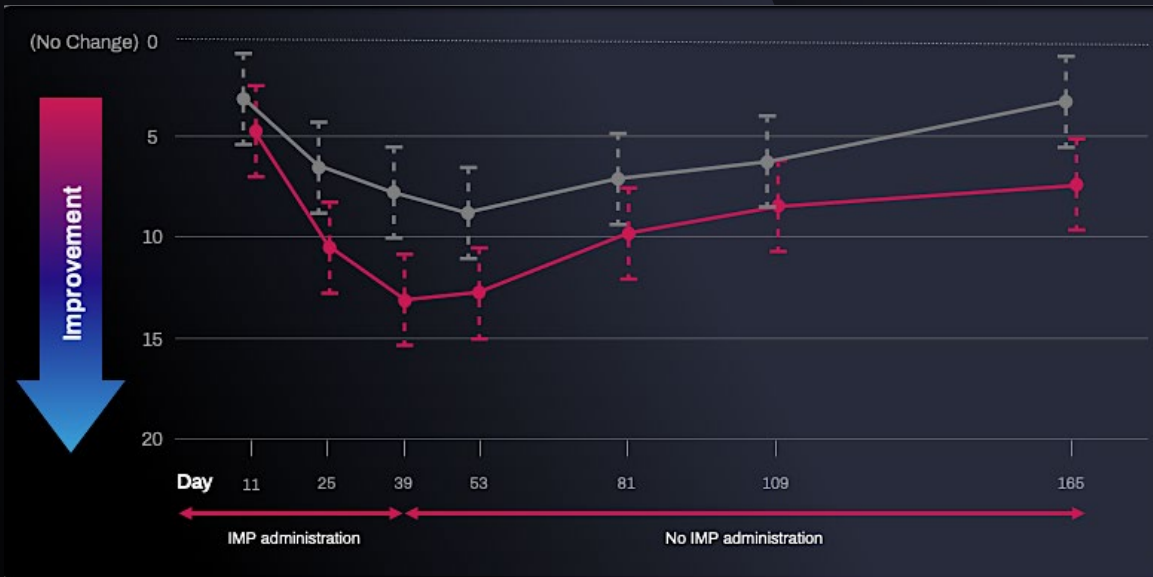
### TREATMENTS:

- 2 mg/kg SC twice weekly for 6 weeks.
- Placebo SC twice weekly for 6 weeks.
- Randomized 1:1.

# 1

### Pain Reduction (KOOS)

Adjusted Mean Change From Baseline (N=112)



LS mean change +/- standard error

IMP = investigational medical product; KOOS = Knee Injury and Osteoarthritis Outcome

Placebo   
 iPPS

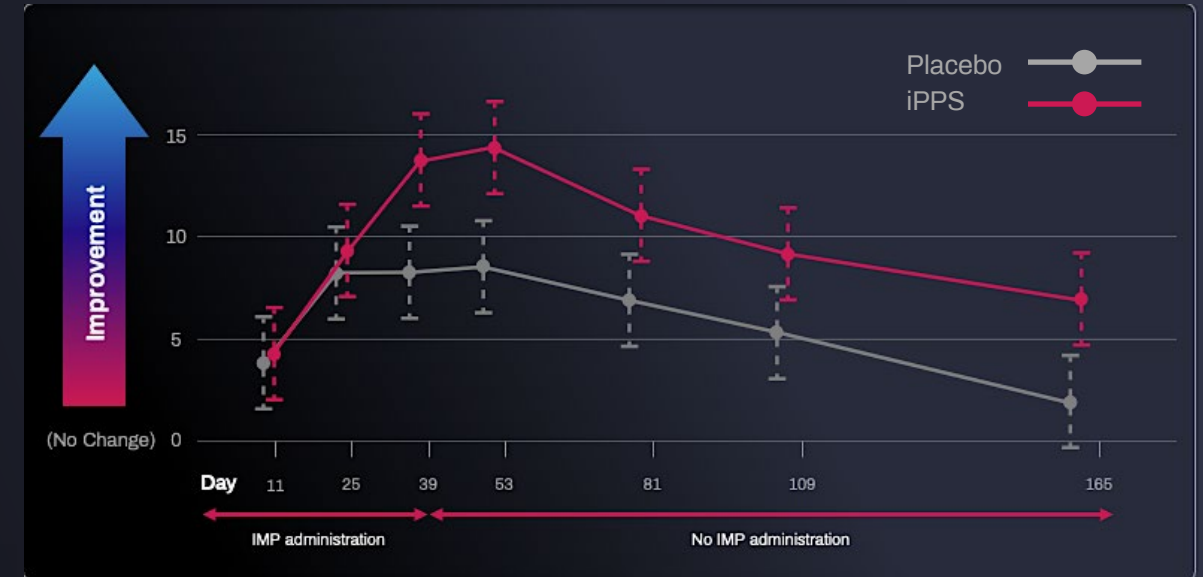
### ASSESSMENTS:

- Knee Injury and Osteoarthritis Outcome (KOOS) Pain and Function
- Patient Global Impression of Change (PGIC) - Mean PGIC significantly higher in the PPS group at Day 53.

# 2

### KOOS Function (ADL)

Adjusted Mean Change From Baseline (Overall FAS Population)



LS mean change +/- standard error

ADL = Activities of Daily Living; FAS = Full Analysis Set; IMP = investigational medical product; KOOS = Knee Injury and Osteoarthritis Outcome

FAS = Full analysis set

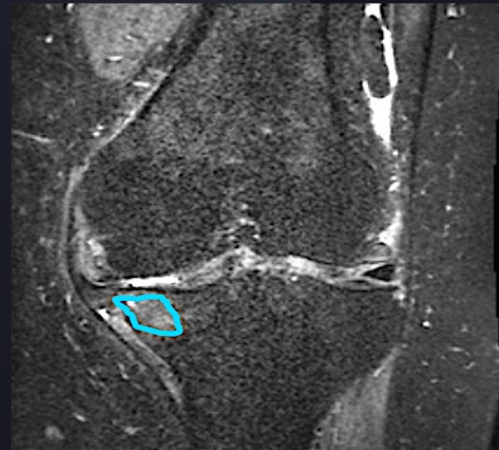
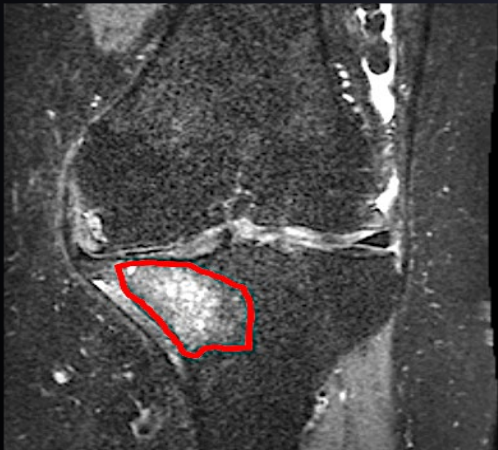
# PARA\_OA\_005

## Phase 2 Clinical Study

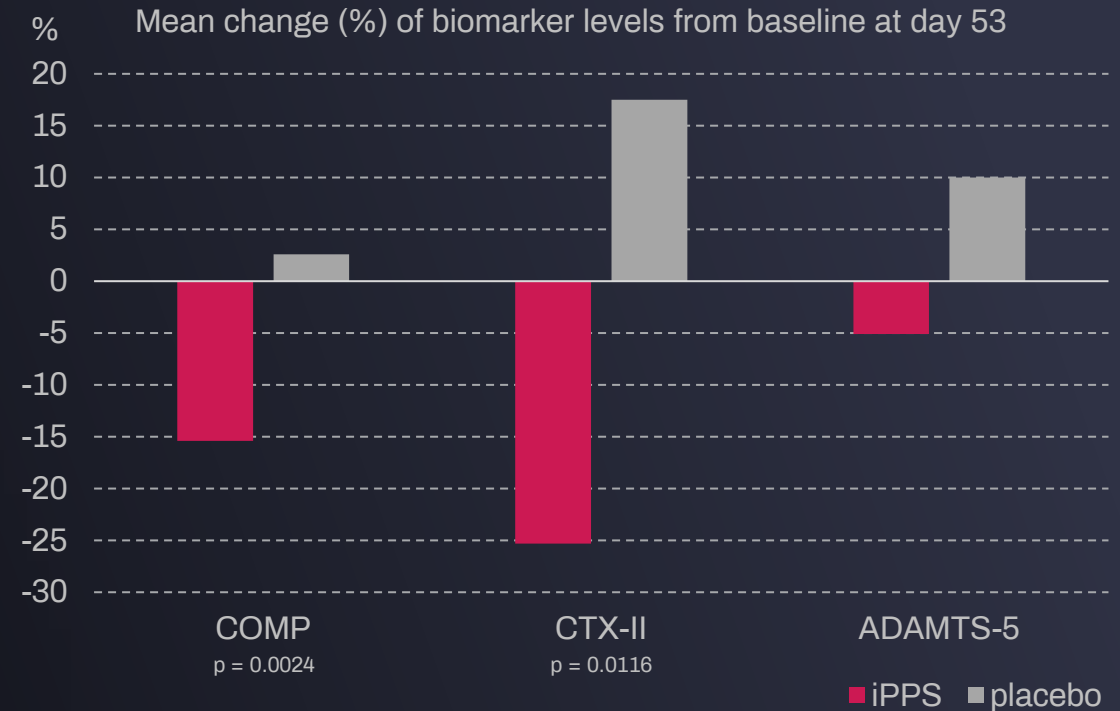
- iPPS showed significant reduction in **bone marrow lesion** size as compared with placebo controls.

Grade 3 medial tibial BML at baseline

Grade 2 medial tibial BML at follow-up day 53



- iPPS showed significantly reduced serum levels of cartilage degradation biomarkers **COMP**, **ADAMTS-5** & urine levels of **CTX-II**.
- A single measurement of **increased COMP** predicted subsequent **cartilage loss on MRI** in symptomatic knee OA subjects (Hunter et al. 2007).



# Potential Disease Modifying Osteoarthritis Drug

---

## Current programs investigating Zilosul<sup>®</sup> as a potential DMOAD

### PARA\_OA\_008 – AUSTRALIA



- Exploratory phase 2 study to assess iPPS effects on synovial fluid biomarkers and other objective measures associated with disease progression of OA.
- 60 participants received placebo or 2 mg/kg iPPS once- or twice-weekly for 6-weeks.
- Follow-up to 12 months.
- Interim analysis performed at 56 days.

### CANINE OA STUDY



- Aims to confirm the in vivo iPPS mechanism of action and to define potential disease modification outcomes.
- Dogs with OA of the stifle joint are treated with 3 mg/kg (1.7 mg/kg HED) iPPS weekly for 6 weeks.
- Pain and function will be assessed together with structural changes from baseline as determined by the Global OA Score measured by X-ray and bone marrow lesions (BMLs), and cartilage volume by MRI.
- Serum samples taken to measure biomarker levels associated with inflammation, cartilage degradation, and pain.
- 20-week follow-up period (equates on average to a period of 3 years in human lifespan)

# DAY 56 TOP-LINE RESULTS – CLINICAL OUTCOMES

Changes in Western Ontario and McMaster Universities Osteoarthritis (WOMAC) NRS 3.1 pain and function from baseline

## Study population

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Participants (N)              | 61  |
| OA history (years; mean)      | 6.8 |
| K-L Grade 3 or 4 (%)          | 80  |
| Baseline WOMAC NRS 3.1 (mean) | 6.7 |

K-L = Kellgren-Lawrence; NRS = Numeric Rating Scale; OA = osteoarthritis; WOMAC = Western Ontario and McMaster Universities Osteoarthritis (index).

## Clinical Outcomes

PARA\_OA\_008

- Participants in the study were asked to provide baseline pain scores using the WOMAC Osteoarthritis Index.
- iPPS treatment showed statistically significant improvements at Day 56 in pain, function, stiffness, and overall WOMAC scores for twice-weekly iPPS compared to the placebo arm.
- The proportions achieving  $\geq 30\%$  and  $\geq 50\%$  improvement in pain were 73% and 60%, respectively.

# Synovial Fluid Biomarkers

PARA\_OA\_008

## DAY 56 TOP-LINE RESULTS – BIOMARKERS

The synovial biomarker changes in iPPS-treated subjects at Day 56 were favorable overall compared to placebo control.

| Synovial Biomarker | iPPS compared to placebo | Biomarker Function                            |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---|
| NGF                | Reduced                  | Pain mediator                                 |
| IL-6               | Reduced                  | Pro-inflammatory cytokine                     |
| TNF- $\alpha$      | Reduced                  | Pro-inflammatory cytokine                     |
| COMP               | Reduced                  | By-product of cartilage degradation           |
| ARGS               | Reduced                  | By-product of cartilage degradation           |
| TIMP-1             | Increased                | Endogenous inhibitor of cartilage degradation |

ARGS = Aggrecan amino acids alanine, arginine, glycine, and serine; COMP = cartilage oligomeric matrix protein; IL-6 = Interleukin-6; NGF = nerve growth factor; TIMP-1 = tissue inhibitor matrix metalloproteinase 1; TNF- $\alpha$  = tumor necrosis factor alpha.



Phase 3 Program

---

OA



# Phase 3 Program

---

## PARA\_OA\_002

### PIVOTAL PHASE 3 TRIAL



A 2-stage, adaptive, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicentre study to evaluate dose and treatment effect of iPPS compared with placebo in participants with knee osteoarthritis pain

#### STUDY POPULATION

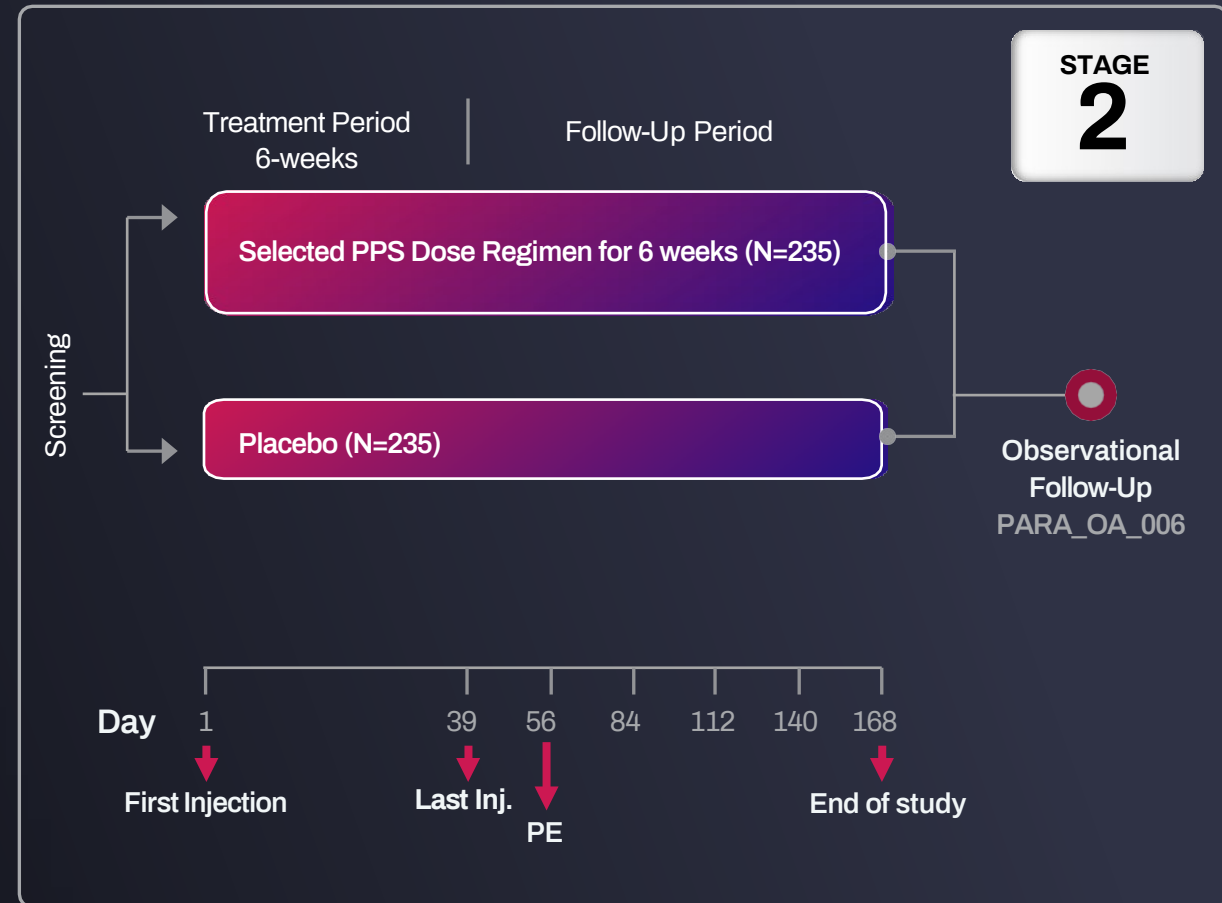
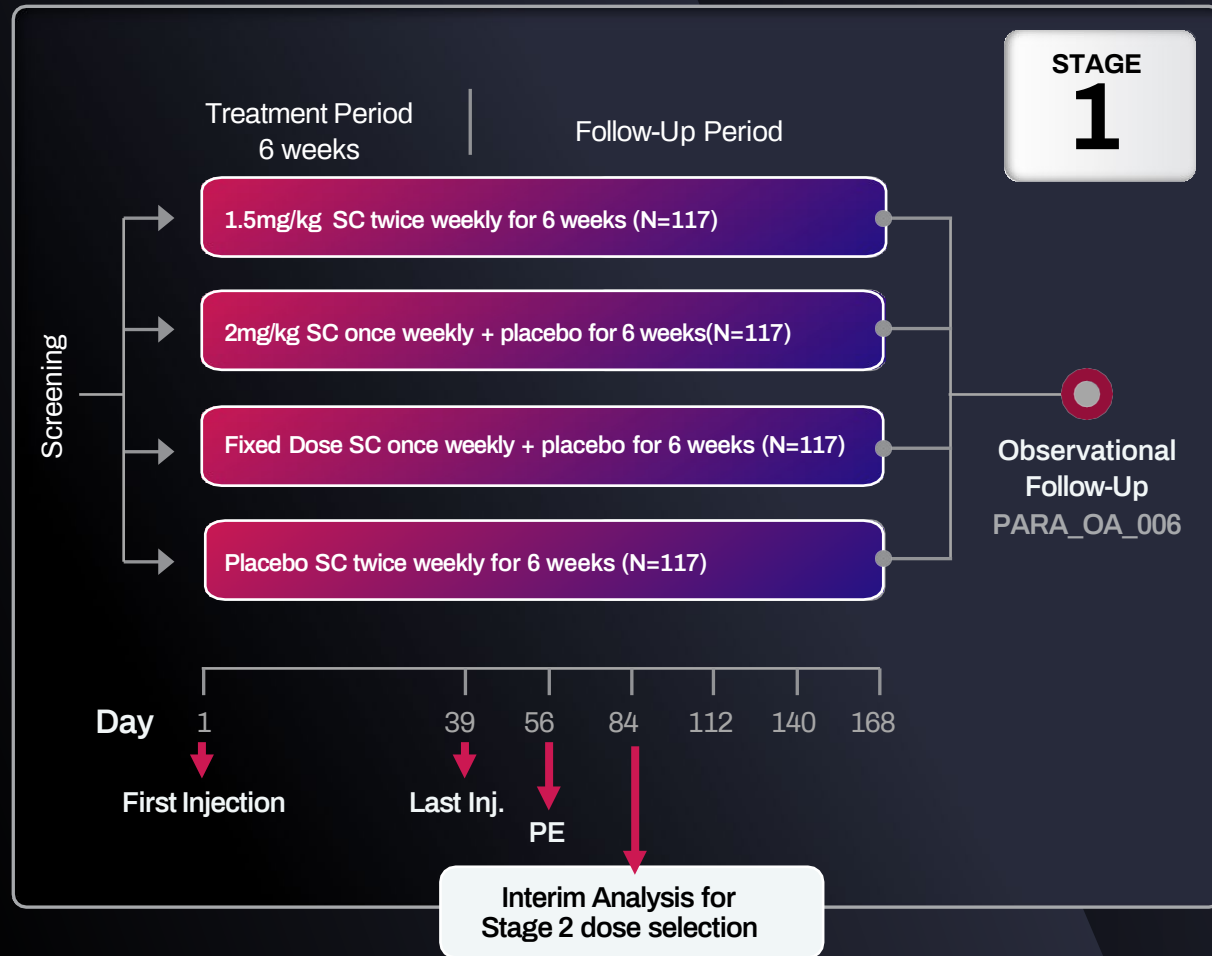
- Baseline K-L Grade 2 - 4 index knee.
- Baseline WOMAC NRS 3.1 pain score 4 - 10 and function score 4 - 10.
- Conservative treatment  $\geq$  6 months.
- Insufficient relief or intolerance to paracetamol and/or NSAID.

#### STUDY ENDPOINT

- Change from baseline at Day 56 in knee pain as assessed by the average pain subscale score of the WOMAC NRS 3.1 Index.

# PARA\_OA\_002

Phase 3 - Adaptive trial design to identify minimal effective dose, evaluate pain, and function



Note: Approximate recruitment numbers, may be subject to change.

# Osteoarthritis - Global Phase 3 Enrolment

---

- Harmonized clinical protocol to achieve simultaneous registration in key jurisdictions
- 120+ sites planned across the US, EU, UK, Canada and Australia



## PARA\_OA\_002 Global Progress



### USA

- Fast Track Designation
- 76 active sites
- 14 sites selected
- US enrolling

### Australia

- 4 active sites
- 12 sites selected
- AU enrolling

### UK and Europe

- 1 active site
- 12 sites selected
- UK enrolling

### Canada

- 5 active sites
- 6 sites selected
- CA enrolling

# Pentosan Polysulfate Sodium

---

## Safety Profile

Over 800 people have been treated with iPPS in the clinical and early access programs.

### Very common or common adverse events (AEs) observed in Paradigm clinical studies:

- Injection site reactions (bruising, erythema, pain, pruritus, swelling) and headaches, which were mild and self-limiting

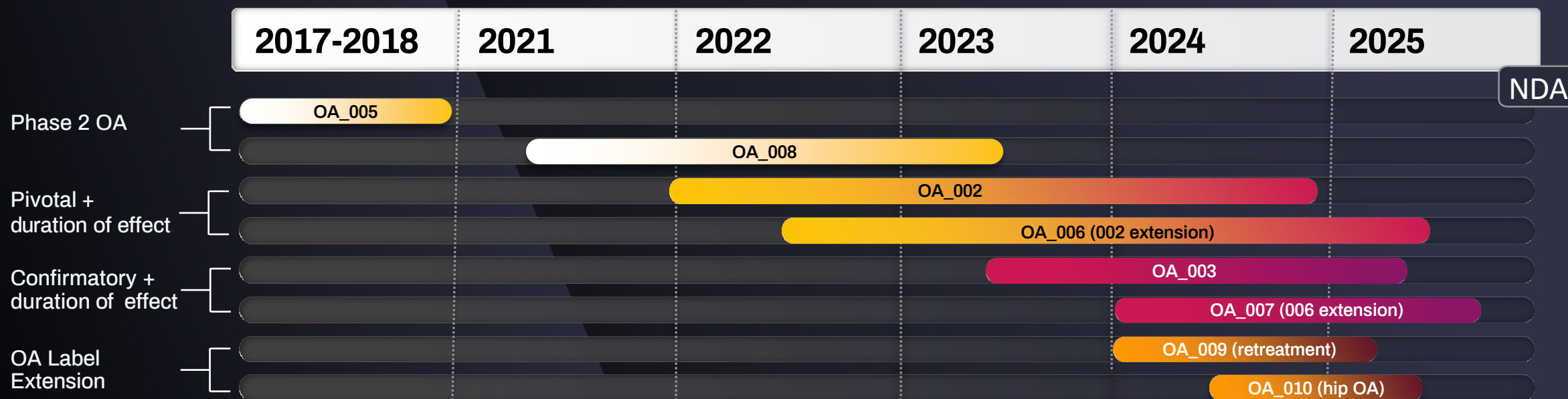
### Other adverse events:

- Thrombocytopenia, including heparin-induced thrombocytopenia. Has been observed in <2% of patients in Paradigm clinical studies and managed access programs.

### Other relevant information:

- Pigmentary maculopathy has been observed following long-term cumulative dosing of oral PPS.
- It has not been observed with iPPS in the Paradigm clinical and nonclinical programs. It is being monitored in the phase 3 iPPS program.

# OA Clinical Development





| Study     | Objective  | Status        |
|-----------|--|---------------|
| 005       | To evaluate the effects of PPS on knee OA pain, function, and disease modification biomarkers at Day 53                        | Complete      |
| 008       | To evaluate the effects of PPS on knee OA pain, function, and disease modification biomarkers up to Day 365                    | Ongoing       |
| 002 / 003 | To provide evidence of effect for treatment of pain and improvement of function knee OA at Day 183                             | 002 Enrolling |
| 006 / 007 | To evaluate the duration of treatment effect and safety up to 52 weeks from the last treatment in the parent study (002 / 003) | 006 Enrolling |
| 009       | To establish efficacy and safety data to support repeat dosing in the label.   | Planned       |
| 010       | To establish efficacy and safety data to support adding Hip OA to the label.   | Planned       |

**6 weeks** treatment duration in all OA studies

Timelines based on enrolment projections and may be subject to change.

# OA Clinical Development Challenges

- 
- Managing the placebo effect
  - Relationship of clinical and structural effects.
  - Concordance of biomarkers with outcomes-clinical and structural.
  - Pleiotropic mechanisms of action advantages and considerations.
- 

---

# References

- Bove et al. *Brain Res Reviews*. 2009;60:187-201.
  - Bwalya et al. *PLOS ONE*. 2017;12(5):e01771442017.
  - Ghosh et al. *Curr Ther Res Clin Exp*. 2005;66:552.
  - Hunter et al. *Arthritis Res Ther*. 2007;9:R108.
  - Kumagai et al. *BMC Clin Pharmacol*. 2010;10:7.
  - Kutlar et al. *Am J Hematol*. 2012;87:536–539.
  - Read et al. *J Small Anim Prac*. 1996;37:108-114.
  - Stapledon et al. *PLoS One*. 2019;14(9):e02226022019.
  - Sunaga et al. *J Vet Med Sci*. 2012;74:707–711.
  - Troeberg, Nagase. *Biochim Biophys Acta*. 2012;1824(1):133-145.
  - Troeberg et al. *Biochem J*. 2012;443(1):307-15.
  - Wijekoon et al. *Res Vet Sci*. 2019;122:179.
- 