

- First Wave BioPharma Merger with ImmunogenX
- Business Combination Creates A Best-In-Class, Late-Stage Pipeline of Targeted, Non-Systemic Therapeutics for Gastrointestinal Diseases
- Latiglutenase Therapeutic for Celiac Disease to be Advanced to Phase 3 Clinical Trial

(NASDAQ:FWBI)

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# Recent Developments: First Wave BioPharma Merges with ImmunogenX March 14, 2024

### Business Combination: Strong Strategic Fit

- First Wave (NASDAQ:FWBI) and privately-held ImmunogenX (IMGX)
- GI pipeline expansion into Celiac Disease with a Phase 3-ready asset
- Merged company has four gut-targeted, late-stage GI assets
- Robust pipeline to address key unmet medical needs afflicting millions of patients in multi-billion dollar markets

#### Transaction

- 100% equity transaction
- Non-binding commitment for significant financial investment from a strategic biopharmaceutical company in exchange for commercial rights to latiglutenase
- Potential financing commitments from several institutional investors

### Synergistic Integration of Management Teams

- FWBI: Operational, financial and commercial expertise
- IMGX: Scientific, clinical and regulatory affairs expertise
- Core competence in development of recombinant digestive enzymes



### Overview: GI Company with multiple late-stage clinical assets

**First Wave BioPharma** is a clinical stage biotechnology company currently focused on the development of targeted, non-systemic therapies for gastrointestinal diseases

**LATIGLUTENASE** 

Recombinant enzyme; dual-protease biologic for the treatment of Celiac Disease (CeD)

- · Targeting symptom relief and quality of life (QOL) improvements
- Phase 3 clinical trial initiation anticipated in 2025

**CAPESEROD** 

Re-purposed selective 5-HT4 receptor partial agonist for gastrointestinal indications, including gastroparesis

- Asset in-licensed from Sanofi
- Phase 2 Gastroparesis trial initiation anticipated in 2025

**ADRULIPASE** 

Recombinant enzyme; lipase biologic for the treatment of Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency (EPI)

- EPI in Cystic Fibrosis (CF) and Chronic Pancreatitis (CP)
- Phase 2 Bridging Study topline data 2H'23; FDA Type-C meeting to be requested 1H'24

**NICLOSAMIDE** 

Re-purposed small molecule drug with potent anti-inflammatory properties, proprietary micronized formulation

- IBD: Ulcerative Colitis-Proctitis and Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor-Associated Colitis
- Non-Binding Term Sheet Signed for Sale of Niclosamide Asset (December 2023)

Robust IP portfolio covering method, formulation and use indications; key patents secure for 15-20 years

Pipeline of gut-targeted GI therapies address significant unmet medical needs in billion-dollar markets



### First Wave BioPharma Management Team

### Combined Experience in Developing and Launching more than 25 Drugs



**James Sapirstein** Chief Executive Officer



Jack Syage, Ph.D. **Chief Operating Officer** 



















- Led Gilead's launch of Tenofovir/ Viread
- Director of BMS International Infectious Disease Group
- Founder of Tobira, sold to Allergan for \$1.7B
- Serial entrepreneur, closed four acquisitions
- >30 years developing innovative technologies
- 140 publications, 80 invited talks, 30 U.S. patents, Fellow of the American Physical Society, Tibbetts Award (SBIR), OC 500



Sarah Romano Chief Financial Officer



**Martin Krusin SVP Corporate Development** 



## **FWBI GI Clinical Pipeline (2023-2028)**

	Indications	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Latiglutenase	Celiac Disease			Phase 3 Dosing	5	se 3 fety	BLA
Capeserod	Gastroparesis			Phase 2*			
Adrulipase	<ul><li>EPI in CF</li><li>EPI in CP</li></ul>	Phase 2b					
Niclosamide**	Multiple Phase 2 Indications***		All Indication	ns Phase 2 ready	′		



<sup>\*</sup> Subject to FDA IND review

<sup>\*\*</sup> A non-binding term sheet has been signed for the sale of Niclosamide

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Ulcerative Proctitis/Proctosigmoiditis, Ulcerative Colitis, ICI-AC, Pouchitis, Crohn's Disease



# **LATIGLUTENASE**

Celiac Disease

### Latiglutenase: A First-to Market Opportunity in Celiac Disease

- Latiglutenase, a targeted Celiac Disease therapeutic to provide symptom relief and Quality of Life improvements, with first-to-market opportunity
- Addressing an unmet clinical need in a multi-billion dollar market, there are no commercially available therapies for Celiac Disease
- Compelling endpoint data from Phase 2 trials and solid FDA support
  - End-of-Phase 2 Meeting completed
  - Strong Peer Review Support \$7.7MM in NIH grants
  - FDA Support for Phase 3 Trial Endpoints and Fast Track Designation
- Phase 3 Trial initiation anticipated 2025; market entry 2027



# Celiac Disease (CeD) Large Unmet Need, No Therapies Available

- Genetically predisposed autoimmune disease caused by eating gluten; a protein found in wheat, barley, and rye
  - ~1% of the world's population<sup>1</sup>
  - ~3.3 million patients in the US alone
- Chronic and debilitating gastrointestinal problems and other long-term health issues
- Only current treatment is a gluten-free diet (GFD) which is impractical and often ineffective
- CeD patients typically consume 100's of mg/day of gluten where <50 mg/day is considered safe<sup>2</sup>
- Patients live in fear that a trace amount of gluten can unexpectedly trigger a painful and debilitating flare-up
  - 73% of CeD patients have exposure to gluten and symptoms once a year despite being on a GFD<sup>3</sup>
  - Nearly 40% of CeD patients reported accidentally ingesting gluten as often as 1-5 times month with over two-thirds having severe GI symptoms<sup>3</sup>



<sup>1</sup> P Singh, A Arora, Tor Strand, et al. Global Prevalence of Celiac Disease: Systematic Review and Meta-analysis. Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatolog. March 15, 2018 DOI: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cgh.2017.06.03">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cgh.2017.06.03</a>
<sup>2</sup> J A Syage, C.P Kelly, M A Dickason, A Cebolla-Ramirez, F Leon, R Dominguez, J A Sealey-Voyksner, Determination of Gluten Consumption in Celiac Disease Patients on a Gluten-Free Diet. Am. J. Clin. Nutr., 107, 201-207 (2018)



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.beyondceliac.org/celiac-news/73-percent-still-exposed-gluten/

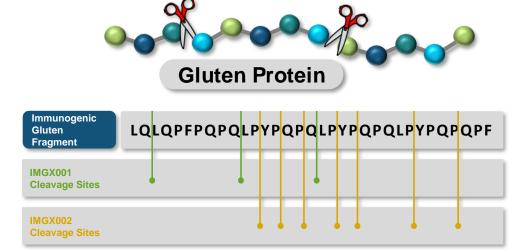
### Latiglutenase is a Potential Breakthrough Treatment Highly Differentiated Mechanism of Action

Latiglutenase is a non-systemic, orally-administered biologic enzyme treatment that degrades gluten

Latiglutenase

Latiglutenase

- Two recombinant gluten-specific enzymes (proteases) work together to break down the gluten protein in the stomach
- Gluten fragments are made too small (non-immunogenic peptides) to trigger the autoimmune response
- Safe, non-systemic drug
- It comes in a flavored powder form and is mixed together with water that CeD patients drink when eating food







### \$1.2 Billion Annual Market Seroactive Opportunity in Celiac Disease

- FDA Label for Latiglutenase: Symptom Relief for Seroactive Patients
  - Phase 2b and 3 primary endpoint: \$1.2B per year
  - 2035 projection for seroactive patients only:
    - 134,000 (US 30% penetration)
    - 180,000 (EU 18% penetration)
- IP through 2039, with 12 years biologics exclusivity (U.S.), 10 years Europe

 Payor support for higher price points, CeD severity viewed as being comparable to Ulcerative Colitis and Crohn's Disease



### Latiglutenase Phase 3 Plan – Alignment with FDA Established

- Label: FDA recommends symptom reduction and histologic non-worsening in active symptomatic Celiac Disease
- Dual (two replicate) 26-week Phase 3 efficacy trials with an additional 26-week safety run-out in symptom responders
- Efficacy endpoints (change from baseline to week 24)
  - Primary: Non-stool GI (abdominal pain, bloating, nausea) composite score reduction
  - Secondary: Histologic non-worsening as measured by VCIEL (Vh:Cd + IEL)
- Three cohorts (placebo, 600 mg, 1200 mg)
- Stratify to:
  - Seroactive, Vh:Cd < 1.8</li>
  - Seroactive, 1.8 ≤ Vh:Cd ≤ 2.8
  - Non-seroactive, Vh:Cd < 1.8</li>
- Total anticipated completed patients N = 900-1152 (total for both Phase 3 studies)

# All components of the Phase 3 Plan are agreed to by the FDA

- Type C Meeting (Aug 31, 2022) Minutes
- EOP2 Meeting (Apr 12, 2023)Minutes

Vh:Cd Villous Height/Crypt Depth IEL Intraepithelial Lymphocytes





## **CAPESEROD**

New GI Opportunity In-Licensed from Sanofi

## **ADRULIPASE**

Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency in Cystic Fibrosis & Chronic Pancreatitis

# Capeserod: Proprietary Mechanism of Action Applicable to New GI Indications

- Capeserod, a selective 5-HT4 receptor partial agonist small molecule, was in-licensed from Sanofi in September 2023
- In previous Sanofi Phase 1 and Phase 2 CNS trials, involving over 600 patients, Capeserod appeared safe and well-tolerated
- Research on Capeserod and subsequent artificial intelligence (AI)empowered analyses suggest that the drug possesses a mechanism of action that increases gastric motility that is applicable to several GI indications underserved by currently available therapeutics in multi-billion dollar markets.
- First Wave will repurpose Capeserod for gastrointestinal (GI) indications, and plans to initiate a Phase 2 gastroparesis clinical development program
- Sanofi retains the right of first refusal (ROFR) to develop and commercialize Capeserod



### **Adrulipase: Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency (EPI)**

A chronic nutritional deficiency – the pancreas is damaged and does not produce the digestive enzymes needed to break up food in the GI tract so that nutrients can be absorbed

#### **EPI related morbidities**

- Poor fat absorption
- Unable to gain or retain weight
- Frequent bowel movements & diarrhea
- Abdominal discomfort and pain

### Focus on two patient populations requiring treatment for EPI

### **Cystic Fibrosis**

#### **Genetic disease**

- ~40,000 patients U.S.,
   ~100K-160K\* worldwide
- Treatment begins for patients in first six months of life

### **Chronic Pancreatitis**

#### Heterogeneous disease

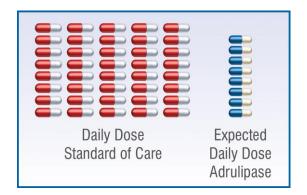
- ~95,000 patients U.S.,
   ~450K-600K worldwide
- Alcoholism
- Pancreatic cancer
- Pancreatic surgery

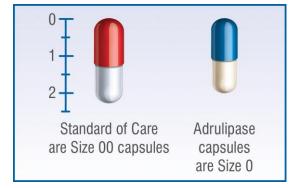


## Adrulipase: Fulfilling an Unmet Medical Need

Large Established U.S. Market Of ~\$1.8 Billion (\$2.3B Global)

	PERT	ADRULIPASE		
Drug Substance	<ul> <li>Porcine-derived         pancreatic enzyme         replacement therapy         (PERT)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recombinant yeast         (Yarrowia lipolytica) lipase- derived replacement therapy</li> </ul>		
Safety	<ul> <li>Adverse event: fibrosing colonopathy at high doses</li> <li>FDA black box warning</li> <li>~30% of CF patients are not well controlled on PERT</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Safe and well tolerated to date</li> <li>No fibrosing colonopathy</li> <li>No porcine allergies</li> </ul>		
Pill Burden	■ 25-40 pills per day (CF)	■ 5-8 pills per day (CF)		
Sourcing & Supply	<ul> <li>Subject to pig herd management</li> <li>Risk of transmission of animal pathogens</li> <li>Manufacturing + supply chain inconsistency</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>GRAS (Generally Regarded as Safe)</li> <li>No risk of animal pathogens</li> <li>Manufacturing + supply chain consistency</li> </ul>		





Differentiated mechanism of action

No dose-limiting safety issues to date on ~100 patients

Sources: Results from the Company's clinical trials, internal studies and management estimates.



## Four Therapeutic Assets and Multiple Phase 2 and 3 Clinical Indications

Program	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Next milestone			
Latiglutenase								
	Celiac Disease Phase 2b Topline	data: 2022		Phase 3 Initiation: 2025*				
Capeserod								
	Gastroparesis				Phase 2a Initiation: 2025*			
Adrulipase								
Monotherapy (FW-EPI)	Exocrine pancreatic insufficiency in cystic fibrosis  – enteric microgranule formulation  Phase 2b Bridging Study Topline data: Q3'23				FDA Type-C Meeting Request 1H'24*			
Combination (FW-EPI+ PERT)	Severe exocrine cystic fibrosis Phase 2 Topline of	pancreatic insuffi data: Q3'21	ciency in					
Niclosamide								
FW-UP	IBD: Ulcerative of Phase 2a Initiation	<u>-</u>			Phase 2 Topline data: 2H'22			
FW-ICI-AC	Immune checkp Phase 2 IND clea	oint inhibitor coliti arance: Q4'21	is		Phase 2a Initiation*			



<sup>\*</sup> Anticipated